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JOHN Earl *Poulett*, High Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, and One of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, To all, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Know ye, That I the ſaid Lord Steward, by virtue of my ſaid Office of Lord Steward, have conſtituted, named, and appointed, and by theſe Preſents do conſtitute, name and appoint, the Earl of *Hertford*; *Edward* Lord *Harley*; Sir *John Stonehouſe* Baronet; *Wm. Bromley* Eſquire; the Honourable *Spencer Compton*, *John Dawney*, *Dixie Windſor*, *Andrews Windſor*, *Francis Robartes*, *Heneage Finch*, *Henry Bertie*, *Simon Harcourt*, *Robert Bruce*, *Carr Harvey*, *Benedict Leonard Calvert*, Eſquires; Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Sir *Alex. Cummyns*, Sir *Tho. Clarges*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Sir *Chriſto. Muſgrave*, Sir *John Mordaunt*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *Gilbert Elliott*, Sir *John Erſkin*, Sir *Edward Godere*, Sir *Alexander Areſkine*, Sir *Tho. Mackworth*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *John Germayne*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Pynſent Chernocke*, Sir *Bourchier Wrey*, Sir *John Pakington*, Sir *John Conway*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Sir *Richard Child*, Baronets; Sir *Wm. Foreſter*, Sir *Wm. Withers*, Sir *Tho. Travell*, Sir *Henry Bellaſyſe*, Sir *Richard Hoar*, Sir *Jacob Bankes*, Sir *Edward Northey*, Sir *Robert Raymond*, Sir *Tho. Hardy*, Knights; *Charles Cæſar*, *Richard Hampden*, *John Stuart*, *Andrew Archer*, *Joſeph Addiſon*, *Edward Harley*, *John Pringle*, *John Bland*, *Frederick Tilney*, *Edward Jennings*, *Wm. Lowndes*, *Alexander Pendarves*, *Tho. Vernon*, *Tho. Harley*, *John Sharpe*, *John Conyers*, *Tho. Conyers*, *James Medlycot*, *Ralph Freman*, *Tho. Medlycot*, *Philips Gybbon*, *James Lowther*, *John Lade*, *John Burgh*, *Francis Anneſley*, *Benjamin Bathurſt*, *Hum. Morice*, *Robert Heyſham*, *Char. Oliphant*, *Francis Gwyn*, *John Rudge*, *Sidney Wortley*, *Edward Nicholas*, *Tho. Frankland*, *Richard Harnage*, *Henry Vincent*, *James Nicholls*, *John Aiſlabie*, *Robert Ecklyn*, *James Stanhope*, *Geo. Treby*, *Acton Baldwyn*, *John Gape*, *John Midleton*, *Charles Roſſe*, *Charles Eversfeild*, *Wm. Poultney*, *William Cadogan*, *Geo. Naylor*, *John Ward*, *Edmund Dunch*, *Tho. Maynard*, *Chriſto. Wren*, *Robert Monrow*, *Wm. Guidot*, *Tho. Chapman*, *Horatio Walpole*, *Richard Edgcombe*, *Arthur Moore*, *Edward Elliott*, *Charles Cholmondley*, *Tho. Brodrick*, *Robert Child*, *Richard Fleming*, *Leonard Smelt*, *Charles Aldworth*, *Henry Watkins*, *Edward Hopkins*, *Samuel Trotman*, *Thomas Liſter*, *Nicolas Carew*, *Wm. Stewart*, *John Hopkins*, *John Pugh*, *John Commyns*, *Eraſmus Lewis*, *Alexander Abercrombie*, *Edward Rolt*, *Richard Newdigate*, *Wm. Collier*, *Richard Creſwell*, *Thomas Pitt*, *Henry Campion*, *John Campbell*, *Richard Vaughan*, *James Littleton*, and *Phil. Papillon*; or any Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them; my Deputies, and Deputy, in my Place and Stead, to tender and adminiſter the Oaths mentioned in the Statute, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for removing and preventing all Queſtions and Diſputes concerning the Aſſembling and Sitting of this preſent Parliament; according to the Direction of the Statute, of the Sixth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line, and of all and every other Statute and Statutes, directing the Taking of the ſaid Oaths before me; to all and every Perſon, and Perſons, which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners of Shires or Burghs, for the preſent Parliament; and to take and receive the Oaths of all and every the ſaid Perſon, and Perſons, which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners for Shires or Burghs aforeſaid, for the ſaid Parliament; giving them, Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them, full Power and Authority to execute and perform the ſame; ratifying and confirming all and whatſoever my ſaid Deputies, or Deputy, any Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them, ſhall do and perform in this behalf, in as ample, perfect, and full, manner, as if I myſelf had perſonally been preſent, and done the ſame. In Teſtimony whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal. Given this Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, in the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* *Annoque Domini* 1714.

POULETT. (L. S.)

Sealed, and delivered, in the Preſence of

Bernard Hutchins,
William Paul,
Samuel Beard.

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Die Dominico, 1° *Auguſti*, 1714.
Poſt Meridiem.

IT having pleaſed Almighty God to call to his Mercy our late moſt gracious Sovereign Lady Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, this Morning between Seven and Eight of the Clock, at her Palace at *Kenſington*; and her late Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council having met at the Palace of *St. James's*, and having directed, That his Illuſtrious Highneſs the Elector of *Brunſwick-Lunenburgh* ſhould be proclaimed King; and the Privy-Council, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, of the City of *London*, having, between the Hours of Two and Four of the Clock, in the uſual Manner, publiſhed and proclaimed his ſaid Highneſs King, by the Name of *George*, King of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland* (the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, Lord Preſident of the Council, Lord Steward of the Houſhold, and others, Lords and Commons, going in the Proceſſion); about Six of the Clock in the ſame Afternoon, the Parliament met at *Weſtminſter*, purſuant to the Statute, made in the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line: And the Right Honourable *John* Earl *Poulett*, Lord High Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold, came into the Room, belonging to the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons, called the Inner Court of Wards, the uſual Place of adminiſtring the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members returned to ſerve in Parliament, before they go into the Houſe of Commons; and, *Paul Jodrell* Eſquire, Clerk of the Houſe of Commons, and Mr. *Stables*, Clerk-Aſſiſtant, and other Clerks, attending according to their Duty, the Lord High Steward did himſelf, in Perſon, adminiſter the ſaid Oaths appointed, to all ſuch Members as then appeared; and afterwards made a Commiſſion, or Deputation, under his Hand and Seal, hereunto annexed, impowering the Members, ſo ſworn, to adminiſter the Oaths to thoſe Members as are, or ſhould be, returned: Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the Houſe of Commons; where, being ſeated, they were acquainted, That Sir *Thomas Hanmer* Baronet, their Speaker, had been gone into the Country ſome time; but that a flying Packet was gone to him; and it was hoped he would be in Town ſpeedily: And therefore it was moved, That the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow, Twelve of the Clock.

Whereupon, the Clerk, to whom thoſe that ſpoke applied themſelves, according to former Practice, in the Abſence of a Speaker, by Direction of the Houſe, put the Queſtion for adjourning the Houſe till To-morrow, Twelve a Clock.

And the Houſe was adjourned till To-morrow, Twelve of the Clock, accordingly.

Lunæ, 2° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

THE Houſe being met; and Mr. Speaker being not come out of the Country; but it being ſuppoſed he would be in Town this Night; it was moved, That the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Whereupon, the Clerk, by Direction of the Houſe, put the Queſtion for adjourning the Houſe till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

And the Houſe was adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock, accordingly.

Martis, 3° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

THE Houſe being met; and Mr. Speaker being not yet come to Town; but the Houſe being informed, that he would certainly be in Town this Day; thereupon it was moved, That the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

And the Clerk, by Direction of the Houſe, put the Queſtion for adjourning the Houſe till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

And the Houſe was adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock, accordingly.

Mercurii, 4° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

MR. Speaker alone, and then the Members preſent, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

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Jovis, 5° die Auguſti;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords Juſtices, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords Juſtices command the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

A Bill for the better enforcing the Execution of the Law for preventing clandeſtine Outlawries was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended at the Houſe of Lords: Where the Lord Chancellor, being One of the Lords Juſtices of *Great Britain*, appointed and impowered by Act of Parliament to adminiſter the Government till his Majeſty ſhall arrive, did, in the Name of the ſaid Lords Juſtices, make a Speech to both Houſes of Parliament; of which, for preventing Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy.

Mr. Speaker read the Speech to the Houſe; which is as follows; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT having pleaſed Almighty God to take to himſelf our late moſt Gracious Queen, of bleſſed Memory, we hope, that nothing has been omitted, which might contribute to the Safety of theſe Realms, and the Preſervation of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, in this great Conjuncture: As theſe invaluable Bleſſings have been ſecured to us by thoſe Acts of Parliament which have ſettled the Succeſſion to theſe Kingdoms in the moſt Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, we have regulated our Proceedings by thoſe Rules which are therein preſcribed.

The Privy-Council, ſoon after the Demiſe of the late Queen, aſſembled at *St. James's*; where, according to the ſaid Acts of Parliament, the Three Inſtruments were produced and opened, which had been depoſited in the Hands of the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, and the Reſident of *Brunſwick:* Thoſe who, either by their Offices, or by virtue of theſe Inſtruments, had the Honour of being appointed Lords Juſtices, did, in Conjunction with the Council, immediately proceed to the Proclaiming of our lawful and rightful Sovereign, King *George*; taking, at the ſame time, the neceſſary Care to maintain the publick Peace.

In purſuance of the Acts before-mentioned, this Parliament is now aſſembled; and we are perſuaded, you all bring with you ſo hearty a Diſpoſition for his Majeſty's Service, and the publick Good, that we cannot doubt of your Aſſiſtance in every thing which may promote thoſe great Ends.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

We find it neceſſary to put you in mind, That ſeveral Branches of the publick Revenue are expired, by the Demiſe of her late Majeſty; and to recommend to you the making ſuch Proviſions in that reſpect, as may be requiſite to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of the Crown: And we aſſure ourſelves, you will not be wanting in any thing that may conduce to the Eſtabliſhing and Advanceing of the publick Credit.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

We forbear laying before you any thing that does not require your immediate Conſideration; not having received his Majeſty's Pleaſure: We ſhall only exhort you, with the greateſt Earneſtneſs, to a perfect Unanimity, and a firm Adherence to our Sovereign's Intereſt; as being the only Means to continue among us our preſent happy Tranquillity.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to condole with his Majeſty upon the ſad Occaſion of the Death of our late moſt gracious Sovereign; to congratulate his Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Throne; and to aſſure his Majeſty of the utmoſt Aſſiſtance of this Houſe to ſupport his Majeſty's undoubted Right to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, againſt the Pretender, and all other Perſons whatſoever; and alſo, to expreſs the impatient Deſires of his faithful Commons for his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival, and Preſence, in *Great Britain*; and the unanimous Reſolutions of this Houſe to maintain the publick Credit, and effectually make good all Funds which have been granted by Parliament, for the Security of any Sums of Money which have been, or ſhall be, advanced for the publick Service; and that they will uſe their utmoſt Endeavours, by all other Means, to make his Majeſty's Reign happy and glorious.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be drawn up, upon the ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee to draw up the ſaid Addreſs:

And it is referred to Mr. Secretary *Bromley*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Baldwyn*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Cholmondeley*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Compton*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Rowney*, Dr. *Paſke*, Mr. *Goulſton*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Mr. *Bridges*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Moor*, Mr. *Pulteney*, the Lord *Sherrard*, the Lord *Lumley*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, the Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Finch*, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Smelt*, Sir *Stephen Fox*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Cockborne*, Sir *John Mordaunt*, Sir *Tho. Mackworth*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Hervey*, Mr. *Campion*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Gore*, General *Stanhope*, General *Cadogan*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Sir *Henry Bunbury*, Mr. *Harley*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Michell*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Lowther*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, Lord *William Powlett*, Lord *Harley*, Mr. *Etterick*, Mr. *Rolt*, Sir *Wm. Barker*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *Southwell*, Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Gape*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Robert Kemp:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Speech of the Lords Juſtices be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, take into Conſideration the Lords Juſtices Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed by Mr. Speaker: And that he do appoint the Printing thereof: And that no other Perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 6° die Auguſti;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon

and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Religion do ſit every *Tueſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances do ſit every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Juſtice do ſit every *Saturday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade do ſit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, of Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Walpole*, General *Cadogan*, Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Everſfeild*, Mr. *Slater*, Mr. *Evelyn*, General *Stanhope*, Sir *Tho. Clarges*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Mountgomerie*, Mr. *Gape*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Freeman*, Dr. *Paſk*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Corſelles*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Sir *Henry Bunbury*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Campion*, Mr. *Foley*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Clarges*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Moore*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Compton*, Mr. *Cholmondeley*, Mr. *Cockburn*, Sir *Henry Bellaſyſe*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Jacob Bankes*, Lord *Harley*, Mr. Secretary *Bromley*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Sir *Gilbert Elliott*, Mr. *Finch*, Mr. *Snell*, Sir *Robert Furneſſe*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Jennings*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Sir *Fulwar Skipwith*, Mr. *Heron*, Mr. *Berkeley*, Sir *Alexander Cummyns*, Mr. Serjeant *Commyns*, Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Wallis*, Lord *Lumley*, Sir *Wm. Withers*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Guibons*, Mr. *Collyer*, Mr. *Calvert*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Goulſton*, Mr. *Rolt*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *John Mordaunt*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Hervey*, Sir *Wm. Barker*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Bertie*, Colonel *Cage*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *North*, Sir *Richard Hoare*, Sir *John Conway*, Sir *Wm. Lewen*, Sir *John Caſſe*, Mr. *Gore*, Mr. *Coteſworth*, Sir *Wm. Drake*, Mr. *Mitchell*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Chriſto. Muſgrave*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Mildmay*, Mr. *Etterick*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Aldworth*, Mr. *Sheppard:* And they are to meet upon *Monday* Sevennight at Five a Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber; and to ſit every *Wedneſday*, *Friday*, and *Monday*, in the Afternoon: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to take into Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges; and to proceed upon Double Returns in the firſt place; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe, from time to time: And all Perſons that will queſtion any new Returns, are to do it in Fourteen Days next after ſuch Return ſhall be brought in: And the Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information: And all Members who are returned for Two or more Places, are to make their Elections, within Fourteen Days next, for which of the Places they will ſerve, provided there be no Queſtion upon the Return for that Place: And if any thing ſhall come in Queſtion touching the Return, Election, or Matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate: And that all Members returned upon Double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Reſolved, That no Peer of this Realm hath any Right to give his Vote in the Election of any Member to ſerve in Parliament.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall judge any Petition, touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satisfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

Reſolved, That in caſe it ſhall appear any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected, or returned, as a Member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt Practice, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath been tampering with any Witneſs, in reſpect of his Evidence to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof; or directly, or indirectly, hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any Perſon from appearing, or giving Evidence; the ſame is declared to be a high Crime and Miſdemeanour; and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath given falſe Evidence, in any Caſe, before the Houſe, or any Committee thereof, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That it is a high Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of *Great Britain*, for any Lord of Parliament, or any Lord Lieutenant of any County, to concern themſelves in the Elections of Members to ſerve for the Commons in Parliament.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do, from time to time, take into his Cuſtody any Stranger, or Strangers, that he ſhall ſee, or be informed of, to be in the Houſe, or Gallery, while the Houſe, or any Committee of the whole Houſe, is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Back-door of the Speaker's Chamber be locked up every Morning at the Sitting of the Houſe, and the Key delivered to the Clerk, to be locked up by him; and that he do not preſume to deliver the ſame to any Perſon whatſoever, without Order of the Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care to clear the Speaker's Chamber every Day, before the Door is locked up.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to bring any Stranger, or Strangers, into the Houſe, or Gallery thereof, while the Houſe is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Conſtables and other Officers of *Middleſex* and *Weſtminſter* do take care, That, from Nine of the Clock in the Morning to Three in the Afternoon, during this Seſſion of Parliament, the Paſſages through the Streets, between *Temple-bar* and *Weſtminſter-hall*, be kept free and open; and that no Obſtruction be made by Cars, Drays, Carts, or otherwiſe, to hinder the Paſſage of the Members to and from this Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do give Notice of this Order to the Officers aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the Conſtables in Waiting do take care, there be no Gaming, or other Diſorders, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, or Paſſages leading to the Houſe, during the Sitting of Parliament; and that there be no Annoyance by Chairmen, Footmen, or otherwiſe, therein, or thereabouts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Orders be ſent to the High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter:* And that he do ſee the ſame put in Execution.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care, that no Footmen be permitted to be within the Lobby of the Houſe, or upon the Stairs leading thereto.

Mr. Secretary *Bromley* reported from the Committee appointed Yeſterday to draw up an humble Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having a juſt Senſe of the great Loſs the Nation has ſuſtained by the Death of our late Sovereign Lady

Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, humbly crave Leave to condole with Your Majeſty on this ſad Occaſion.

It would but aggravate our Sorrow, particularly to enumerate the Virtues of that pious and moſt excellent Princeſs: The Duty we owe to Your Majeſty, and to our Country, oblige us to moderate our Grief, and heartily to congratulate Your Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne; whoſe Princely Virtues give us a certain Proſpect of future Happineſs, in the Security of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties; and engage us to aſſure Your Majeſty, That we will, to our utmoſt, ſupport Your undoubted Right to the Imperial Crown of this Realm, againſt the Pretender, and all other Perſons whatſoever.

Your faithful Commons cannot but expreſs their impatient Deſire for Your Majeſty's ſafe Arrival and Preſence in *Great Britain*.

In the mean time, we humbly lay before Your Majeſty the unanimous Reſolution of this Houſe, to maintain the publick Credit of the Nation; and effectually to make good all Funds which have been granted by Parliament, for the Security of any Money which has been, or ſhall be, advanced for the publick Service; and to endeavour, by every thing in our Power, to make Your Majeſty's Reign happy and glorious.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, do preſent the ſaid Addreſs to the Lords Juſtices, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they do tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty with all convenient Speed.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into Conſideration the Lords Juſtices Speech to both Houſes of Parliament;

The ſame was read again by Mr. Speaker.

And a Motion being made, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 7° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Mr. Secretary *Bromley* reported to the Houſe, That he had, purſuant to their Order, preſented to the Lords Juſtices their humble Addreſs to his Majeſty, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they would tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty with all convenient Speed: And that the Lords Juſtices gave Anſwer, That they will tranſmit the Addreſs to his Majeſty, as the Houſe has deſired.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion, made Yeſterday, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown;

Ordered, That the Speech of the Lords Juſtices to both Houſes of Parliament be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference in the Committee, who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

After ſome time,

Mr. Speaker again left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 9° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 10° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſome Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 11° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for rectifying the Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: And that Mr. *Pugh*, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Conyers*, and Mr. *Strangways*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for the Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, the ſame Revenues which were payable to her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, during her Life, and had Continuance till the time of her Demiſe, be granted and continued, in like manner, to his Majeſty, during his Life; except the Revenue of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, which is, by Law, veſted in his Royal Highneſs the Prince, as Duke of *Cornwall*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Revenues be continued from the Death of her late Majeſty.

The Firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for the Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, the ſame Revenues which were payable to her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, during her Life, and had Continuance till the time of her Demiſe, be granted and continued, in like manner, to his Majeſty, during his Life; except the Revenue of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, which is, by Law, veſted in his Royal Highneſs the Prince, as Duke of *Cornwall*.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the ſaid Revenues be continued from the Death of her late Majeſty.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Compton*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 12° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Mr. *Conyers* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Pugh* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 13° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

A Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to impower the Lord High

High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, to iſſue the Sum of Sixty-five thouſand Twenty-two Pounds Eight Shillings and Eight Pence; being the Arrear due to the Troops of *Hanover*, for their Service in the *Low-Countries* in the Year 1712; out of the Three hundred thouſand Pounds granted, in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, to her late Majeſty, towards ſatisfying the Debt due, on Account, to the Land-Forces.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable and require the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, to iſſue, out of any Money granted by Parliament, the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, to be paid to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the Perſon of the Pretender, if ever he ſhould land, or attempt to land, in any of his Majeſty's Dominions.

A Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the continuing, until the End of the next Seſſion of Parliament, all ſuch Laws as would otherwiſe expire at the End of this Seſſion of Parliament.

A Meſſage from the Lords Juſtices, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords Juſtices command the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended in the Houſe of Peers: Where the Lord Chancellor did, in the Name of the Lords Juſtices of *Great Britain*, deliver a Speech to both Houſes of Parliament; of which, for preventing Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy.

Mr. Speaker read the Speech to the Houſe: Which is as follows; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction we can now tell you, That we have, this Morning, received a Letter from the King; wherein his Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to acquaint us, That his Majeſty is haſtening hither, to employ his utmoſt Care for putting theſe Kingdoms into a happy and flouriſhing Condition.

He has commanded us, in the mean time, to continue our Care of every thing that may conduce to the Peace and Safety of his Dominions: And we are aſſured, that, if this had required his more immediate Preſence, he would, without the leaſt Delay, have repaired hither, for the Support of ſo dutiful and faithful Subjects; for his Majeſty does very particularly expreſs his great Satisfaction in the Loyalty and Affection which his People have univerſally ſhewn upon his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown.

At the opening this Seſſion, we did not mention to you the Apprehenſions we then had, from the Smalneſs of the Sum at that time advanced, that the Lottery would not be full; being deſirous, in the firſt Place, to try to make it effectual in the manner the Parliament had eſtabliſhed it: But we are obliged now to acquaint you, That all our Endeavours have failed of the deſired Succeſs, though the Contributions have been thereby conſiderably increaſed.

We muſt therefore earneſtly recommend to you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, to take this into your Conſideration; and to give ſuch further Encouragement as you ſhall think proper, for raiſing the whole Sum which was intended, and is abſolutely neceſſary, for carrying on the Service of the Year.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return the humble Thanks of this Houſe for the Satisfaction his Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs in the Loyalty and Affection which his Subjects have univerſally ſhewn upon his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne; and for his gracious Intentions of making his People ſpeedily happy with his Royal Preſence; and alſo to aſſure his Majeſty of the Continuance of the ſame Zeal and Affection to his Majeſty, upon all Occaſions; and that this Houſe will contribute their utmoſt Endeavours for preſerving the publick Peace, until his Majeſty ſhall arrive.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Lords Juſtices, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they will tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty with all convenient Speed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Lords Juſtices by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of the Speech of the Lords Juſtices, which relates to the Lottery.

Ordered, That the Lords Juſtices Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 14° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

The Order of the Day being read;

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. Secretary *Bromley* reported to the Houſe, That, purſuant to their Order, he had preſented to the Lords Juſtices the humble Addreſs of this Houſe, of Yeſterday, to his Majeſty, with their Deſire, That the ſame might be tranſmitted to his Majeſty with all convenient Speed: And that the Lords Juſtices gave Anſwer, That they will tranſmit the Addreſs to his Majeſty with all convenient Speed.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of the Speech of the Lords Juſtices, delivered Yeſterday, which relates to the Lottery.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 16° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

The ſtanding Orders of the Houſe, for Re-committing of ſuch Perſons as were, the precedent Seſſion of Parliament, ordered to be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, and ſhould abſcond from Juſtice, being read;

And the Serjeant at Arms being called upon to give an Account what he had done in relation to the Perſons who were, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, ordered to be taken into Cuſtody;

He acquainted the Houſe, That he had ſent a Meſſenger, with Mr. Speaker's Warrant, into *Wales*, to apprehend Mr. *Wm. Waller*, who was ordered to be taken into Cuſtody, for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; but that the ſaid Mr. *Waller* ſo abſconded, that he could not be taken:

And that, as to Mr. *John Ord*, *William Ramſey* Eſquire, Mr. *John Mowbray*, *Philip Hazard*, *Nicolas Spark*, and *Henry Taylor*, who were ordered to be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, upon a Complaint of a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *George Pitt* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, he acquainted the Houſe, That he had not Mr. Speaker's Warrant till about Two Hours before the laſt Seſſion of Parliament was prorogued.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wm. Waller*, who was, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, ordered to be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, by entering upon the Poſſeſſion, and working the Lead-mines, of *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, and who has ſince abſconded from Juſtice, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, was committed, the Amendments which they had made to the Bill, and had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of that Part of the Speech of the Lords Juſtices to both Houſes, which relates to the Lottery, the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That for raiſing ſo much as is wanting to complete the full Sum of One million Four hundred thouſand Pounds, which was intended to be raiſed for the publick Service, by way of a Lottery, by virtue of the late Act of Parliament in that behalf, the Time for receiving the Contributions on that Act be prolonged.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of One hundred Five thouſand Pounds a Year, by that Act granted, be increaſed, and made up, to be a yearly Fund of One hundred Sixteen thouſand Five hundred Seventy-three Pounds Twelve Shillings, during the Term of Thirty-two Years therein mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the publick Monies which ſhall, from time to time, come into the Receipt of the Exchequer, not appropriated to any particular Uſe or Uſes by any Act or Acts of Parliament made before the Act for the ſaid Lottery, be made an additional Security (over and abov the Revenues and Branches ſettled by the ſaid Act) for making good the ſaid Fund of One hundred Sixteen thouſand Five hundred Seventy-three Pounds Twelve Shillings *per Annum*; and that the ſame unappropriated publick Monies, or ſo much thereof as ſhall, from time to time, be neceſſary for completing and making up the ſaid increaſed Fund, be, from time to time, applied thereunto.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Intereſt, after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, for the Blank Tickets in the ſaid Lottery, be increaſed by an Addition after the Rate of One Pound *per Cent. per Annum*; and allowed as well in reſpect of the Contributions which have been made, as thoſe which ſhall hereafter be made, in the ſaid Lottery, out of the ſaid increaſed yearly Fund.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, for confining the Number of Managers for putting in Execution the Powers and Truſts in them repoſed by the Lottery-Act to One-and-twenty; and for providing, That their Allowance ſhall not exceed One hundred Pounds each.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland:* And that Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Ward*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 17° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *George Godfry*, and his Son *John Scamberdine*, *John Jolley*, Mr. *Oſborne* Attorney at Law, Mr. *Prince*, *Valentine Moor*, and others, have made a forcible Entry upon *Purflet-Mills*, the Eſtate of Lieutenant-General *Robert Echlyn*, a Member of this Houſe; and do detain the Poſſeſſion thereof; and have arreſted the ſaid Mr. *Echlyn*'s Agent and Servants; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do meet upon *Friday* next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Anneſley* preſented to the Houſe a Bill to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Robarts*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Pugh*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Guibon*, Mr. *Aldworth*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Colemore*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Sir *Alexander Cumnyns*, Sir *Tho. Clarges*, Mr. *Northey*, Sir *Fulwar Skipwith*, Mr. *Winnington*, Mr. *Compton*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Leeſmere*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Clarges*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Wren*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Northmore*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 18° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to confer ſome Dignity in the Church upon the Reverend Doctor *Pelling*, Chaplain to this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Lords Juſtices by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they will tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Anneſley* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*, was committed, That they had made One Amendment to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill, and directed to be reported to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 19° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Anneſley* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for rectifying Miſtakes in the Commiſſioners Names for putting in Execution the Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That for avoiding any Doubt, or Queſtion, concerning the Grant to his Majeſty of certain Duties of Exciſe, and Cuſtoms, for Life, for Support of his Houſhold, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, ... and the ſame ſhall extend to ſuch Duties of Exciſe, and Cuſtoms, Import and Export, as were payable to her late Majeſty, after the Union of the Two Kingdoms, for and during her Life, and had Continuance till the Time of her Deceaſe; and to continue rated, levied, and paid, in the ſeveral Parts of the united Kingdom, during his Majeſty's Life, in the ſame manner only as they were payable to her Majeſty:

And the ſame was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill,

Pr. * L. * To inſert the Name of "*William Dix-*" "*well*" as a Commiſſioner for the County of *Warwick*:

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for rectifying Miſtakes in the Names of the Commiſſioners for the Land-Tax for the Year 1714; and for raiſing ſo much as is wanting to make up the Sum of One million Four hundred thouſand Pounds, intended to be raiſed by a Lottery for the publick Service in the ſaid Year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. Secretary *Bromley* reported to the Houſe, That he had preſented to the Lords Juſtices their humble Addreſs of Yeſterday to his Majeſty, relating to Dr. *Pelling*, Chaplain to this Houſe, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they will tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty; and that their Lordſhips were pleaſed to anſwer, That they will take care to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris 20° die Auguſti;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for rectifying Miſtakes in the Names of the Commiſſioners for the Land-Tax for the Year 1714; and for raiſing ſo much as is wanting to make up the Sum of One million Four hundred thouſand Pounds, intend d to be raiſed by a Lottery for the publick Service in the ſaid Year; without Amendment:

And alſo, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to Act of Parliament, the Accounts of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods, and Naval Stores, from *Michaelmas* 1713 to *Lady-day* 1714; *viz.*

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the ſeveral Warehouſes in the Port of *London*, at *Michaelmas* 1713; with what has been brought in ſince that time, what exported, and what remained at *Lady-day* 1714:

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt India* Goods remaining in the reſpective Warehouſes of the Out-Ports, at *Michaelmas* 1713; what brought in ſince that time, what exported; as alſo, what remained at *Lady-day* 1714:

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Port of *London*, from *Michaelmas* 1713 to *Lady-day* 1714:

And an Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Ports commonly called the Out-Ports, from *Michaelmas* 1713 to *Lady-day* 1714.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 21° die Auguſti;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords Juſtices, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords Juſtices command the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended in the Houſe of Peers; where the Lords Juſtices gave the Royal Aſſent to Three publick Bills; *viz.*

An Act for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*:

An Act for rectifying Miſtakes in the Names of the Commiſſioners for the Land-Tax for the Year 1714; and for raiſing ſo much as is wanting to make up the Sum of One million Four hundred thouſand Pounds, intended to be

be raiſed by a Lottery for the publick Service in the ſaid Year:

An Act to enable Perſons now reſiding in *Great Britain* to take the Oaths, and do all other Acts, in *Great Britain*, requiſite to qualify themſelves to continue their reſpective Places, Offices, and Employments, in *Ireland*.

And that afterwards the Lord Chancellor, in the Name of the Lords Juſtices, made a Speech to both Houſes: Which Mr. Speaker read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE cannot but expreſs our greateſt Satisfaction, and, in his Majeſty's Name, return you Thanks, for the convincing Proofs which you have given, in this Seſſion, of your Duty and Affection to his Majeſty, and of your Zeal for his Government.

We muſt particularly thank you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, for the Aids which you have granted to his Majeſty, for the better Support of the Honour of the Crown, and for preventing any Diſappointment in the Supplies, given in the laſt Seſſion, for the Service of this Year: You may be aſſured, That the Unanimity, the Chearfulneſs, and the Diſpatch, with which you have proceeded in granting theſe Aids, will render them yet more acceptable to his Majeſty; and you may depend upon our making a faithful Repreſentation thereof to him.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

All neceſſary Buſineſs being now happily concluded, it will be proper for us to put a ſpeedy End to this Seſſion: We think fit, at preſent, in his Majeſty's Name, to deſire you forthwith reſpectively to adjourn yourſelves until *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe accordingly adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 25° die Auguſti;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and alſo took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion of the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be deſired to print the Speech by him made on *Saturday* laſt, upon preſenting to the Lords Juſtices the Bill for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*; and the other Money-Bill which then paſſed the Royal Aſſent.

Mr. Secretary *Bromley* acquainted the Houſe, That the Lords Juſtices have received his Majeſty's Anſwer to the humble Addreſs of this Houſe at the Beginning of this Seſſion; and that they had directed him to preſent the ſame to the Houſe: And he preſented the ſame accordingly, ſigned by his Majeſty: Which Mr. Speaker read to the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

YOur dutiful and loyal Addreſs is very acceptable to me. The Unanimity and Affection my Commons have ſhewn, upon my Acceſſion to the Crown, are moſt agreeable Inſtances and Pledges of their Fidelity to me. I have a juſt Senſe of your inexpreſſible Loſs by the Death of your late Sovereign. You may be aſſured of my conſtant Endeavours to ſecure to you the full Enjoyment of your Religion, Laws, and Liberties; and that it will always be my Aim to make you an happy and flouriſhing People; to which your Reſolution to maintain the publick Credit of the Nation will greatly contribute. I am haſtening to you, according to your earneſt Deſire, and the juſt Expectations of my People.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the humble Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Majeſty, for his moſt gracious Meſſage in Anſwer to their Addreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Return of Thanks to his Majeſty be preſented to the Lords Juſtices, with the Deſire of this Houſe, That they will tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty.

A Meſſage from the Lords Juſtices, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords Juſtices command the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Lord Chancellor, in the Name of the Lords Juſtices, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Having, ſince your laſt Adjournment, received his Majeſty's moſt gracious Anſwer, under his Sign Manual, to your ſeveral Addreſſes, and, by his Majeſty's Command, ordered them to be delivered to you reſpectively; we do now, in his Majeſty's Name, prorogue this preſent Parliament to *Thurſday* the Twenty-third Day of *September* next: And this preſent Parliament is accordingly prorogued to *Thurſday* the Twenty-third Day of *September* next.

Jovis, 23° die Septembris;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

THE Houſe being met;

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the ſaid Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for Proroguing of the Parliament until *Thurſday* the Twenty-firſt Day of *October* next:

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued to *Thurſday* the Twenty-firſt Day of *October* next.

Jovis, 21° die Octobris,

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

THE Houſe being met;

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the ſaid Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until the Thirteenth Day of *January* next:

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Thurſday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next.

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OF THE

HOUSE *of* COMMONS.

* By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION

For Calling a new Parliament.

GEORGE R.

IT having pleaſed Almighty GOD, by moſt remarkable Steps of his Providence, to bring Us in Safety to the Crown of this Kingdom, notwithſtanding the Deſigns of evil Men, who ſhewed themſelves diſaffected to Our Succeſſion, and who have ſince, with the utmoſt Degree of Malice, miſrepreſented Our firm Reſolution, and uniform Endeavours, to preſerve and defend Our moſt excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State; and attempted, by many falſe Suggeſtions, to render Us ſuſpected to Our People; We cannot omit, on this Occaſion of Firſt ſummoning Our Parliament of *Great Britain* (in Juſtice to Ourſelves, and that the Miſcarriages of others may not be imputed to Us, at a time when falſe Impreſſions may do the greateſt and irrecoverable Hurt before they can be cleared up), to ſignify to Our whole Kingdom, That We were very much concerned, on Our Acceſſion to the Crown, to find the publick Affairs of Our Kingdoms under the greateſt Difficulties, as well in reſpect of Our Trade, and the Interruption of Our Navigation, as of the great Debts of the Nation, which we were ſurpriſed to obſerve, had been very much increaſed ſince the Concluſion of the laſt War: We do not, therefore, doubt, that if the enſuing Elections ſhall be made by Our loving Subjects with that Safety and Freedom which, by Law, they are intitled to, and We are firmly reſolved to maintain to them, they will ſend up to Parliament the fitteſt Perſons to redreſs the preſent Diſorders, and to provide for the Peace and Happineſs of Our Kingdoms, and the Eaſe of Our People for the future; and therein will have a particular Regard to ſuch as ſhewed a Firmneſs to the Proteſtant Succeſſion when it was moſt in Danger: We have, therefore, found it neceſſary, as well for the Cauſes aforeſaid, as for other weighty Conſiderations concerning Us and Our Kingdoms, to call a new Parliament; and We do accordingly declare, That, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We have this Day given Order to Our Chancellor of *Great Britain*, to iſſue out Writs, in due Form, for the Calling a new Parliament; which Writs are to bear *Teſte* on *Monday* the Seventeenth Day of this inſtant *January*, and to be returnable on *Thurſday* the Seventeenth Day of *March* next following.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Fifteenth Day of *January* 1714, in the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Note, That, in ſome of the Copies of this Proclamation which have been iſſued, *Monday*, inſtead of *Thurſday*, the Seventeenth of *March*, was by Miſtake, inſerted.

* This Proclamation is, by Miſtake, bound up in the Journal before the Lord High Steward's Commiſſion.

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HOUSE *of* COMMONS.

William Duke of *Devonſhire*, High Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, and One of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Know ye, That I, the ſaid Lord Steward, by virtue of my ſaid Office of Lord Steward, have conſtituted, named, and appointed, and, by theſe Preſents, do conſtitute, name, and appoint, the Right Honourable *Hugh Boſcawen*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, the Honourable *Francis Robartes*, *Reginald Calthorp*, *John Leigh*, *Owen Meyrick*, *Tho. Ferrers*, *Philip Papillon*, *Joſeph Earl*, *Tho. Miller*, the Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, *Henry Holmes*, *Richard Reynell*, *Wm. Helier*, *Anth. Morgan*, *Geo. Bridges*, *Wm. Aſh*, *Tho. Stephens*, *William Bray*, Sir *Tho. Read*, *Wm. Dowdſwell*, *Godfrey Clark*, *Samuel Bracebridge*, *Wm. Ward*, *Clement Corrance*, *Joſeph Herne*, *James Jennings*, *Charles Longueville*, Sir *Edward Williams*, *Wm. Forreſter*, *Charles Maſon*, *Richard Fleming*, *Richard Fowler*, *John Bigg*, *Wm. Edgerton*, *Wm. Thomſon*, *John Weſt*, *Geo. Trenchard*, *John Eden*, *Henry Trenchard*, *Tho. D'Grey*, *Tho. White*, *Richard Grantham*, Sir *John Rogers*, *John Henley*, *Tho. King*, *Walter Chetwynd*, *Maurice Berkley*, *Geo. Chaſin*, *Tho. Horner*, *Denzil Onſlow*, *Tho. Rowney*, *John Jennyns*, Sir *John Norris*, *Matthew Aylmer*, *John Pepper*, *Shelſton Calmady*, *Wm. Okeden*, *Tho. Lewis*, *William Stanhope*, *Tho. Poſk*, *John Hungerford*, *Tho. Onſlow*, Sir *James Bateman*, *Tho. Middleton*, Sir *John Coriton*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, *John Curzon*, *Wm. Inge*, *Tho. Brodrick*, *Horatio Townſend*, Sir *Robert Rich*, *Edward Nicholas*, *Henry Portman*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Sir *Robert Worſley*, Sir *Harry Goring*, *Wm. Newland*, *Tho. Wyld*, Sir *Nathanael Mead*, *John Digby*, *Daniel* Lord *Finch*, *Tho. Wilkinſon*, *John Selwyn*, *Henry Cartwright*, *Richard Wynn*, *John Anſtis*, *Francis Drew*, *Richard Hampden*, *William Ferrar*, *Joſeph Addiſon*, *Giles Earl*, *Thomas Lyddall*, *Wm. Lowndes*, *Richard Edgcomb*, *Wm. Shippen*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, *Francis Clark*, *Wm. Carr*, *Thomas Lewis*, *George Evans*, *Ralph Bell*, *Chriſtopher Wren*, *Robert Geyer*, *John Rolle*, *Wm. Sloper*, *Stephen Biſſe*, *Wm. Stephens*, *Charles Bertie*, *Wm. Northey*, Sir *Alexander Commyns*, and *Wm. Hucks*; or any Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them; my Deputies, and Deputy, in my place and ſtead, to tender and adminiſter the Oaths mentioned in the Statute, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for removing and preventing all Queſtions and Diſputes concerning the Aſſembling and Sitting of this preſent Parliament, according to the Direction of the ſaid Statute, and of all and every other Statute and Statutes directing the Taking of the ſaid Oaths before me, to all and every Perſon and Perſons which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners for Shires or Burghs, of the Parliament appointed to meet the Seventeenth Day of *March* inſtant; and to take and receive the Oaths of all and every the ſaid Perſon and Perſons which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners for Shires or Burghs, as aforeſaid, for the ſaid Parliament; giving them, Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them, full Power and Authority to execute and perform the ſame; ratifying and confirming all and whatſoever my ſaid Deputies, or Deputy, any Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them, ſhall do and perform in this behalf, in as ample, perfect, and full Manner, as if I myſelf had perſonally been preſent, and done the ſame. In Teſtimony whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal. Given this Seventeenth Day of *March*, in the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c. Anno Domini* 1714.

DEVONSHIRE. *(L. S.)*

Sealed and delivered
in the Preſence of
Will. Nelbye.

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Parliamentum inceptum et tentum apud Civitat' Weſtmonaſt' die Jovis, 17° die Martii, Anno regni Domini noſtri GEORGII, Dei gratia, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Regis, Fidei Defenſoris, &c. 1°, Annoque Domini 1714.

ON which Day, being the Firſt Day of the Meeting of this Parliament, purſuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed), and alſo to the Writs which had iſſued for that Purpoſe, the moſt Noble *Wm.* Duke of *Devonſhire*, Lord High Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold, came, about Eleven of the Clock, into the Rooms belonging to the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons, called the Inner Court of Wards, the uſual Place to adminiſter the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members returned to ſerve in Parliament: And, *George Wright* Eſquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered in a Book of the Names of the Members who had been returned; and *Paul Jodrell* Eſquire, Clerk of the Houſe of Commons, and Mr. *Stables*, Clerk-Aſſiſtant, and the other Clerks, attending, according to their Duty; the Lord Steward did himſelf in Perſon adminiſter the Oaths appointed to ſeveral of the Members who appeared; and afterwards made a Commiſſion, or Deputation, under his Hand and Seal, hereunto alſo annexed, impowering ſeveral of the Members who had before been ſworn, to adminiſter the ſaid Oaths to the reſt of the Members returned; who adminiſtred the ſame, accordingly, to ſuch other Members as appeared:

Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the Houſe of Commons.

After which,

A Meſſage was delivered from the King, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Gentlemen,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend him, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, the Houſe went up to attend his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers: Where the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, by his Majeſty's Directions, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am commanded by his Majeſty to acquaint you, That his Majeſty does not intend to declare the Cauſes of calling this Parliament, till there be a Speaker of the Houſe of Commons:

And therefore, you, the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, are to repair to the Place where the Commons uſually ſit, and there proceed to the Election of a fit Perſon to be your Speaker, whom you are to preſent to his Majeſty here, for his Royal Approbation, on *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

And the Houſe being returned;

The Right Honourable *Algernoon* Earl of *Hartford*, Son and Heir apparent to the moſt Noble *Charles* Duke of *Somerſet*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Northumberland*, ſaid;

That the Houſe having received his Majeſty's Commands to return, and immediately chooſe a Speaker; although he was himſelf very unfit to recommend any Perſon; yet he ſhould take upon him to name one, of whoſe Abilities and Virtues, he thought, no one need be better convinced, though it very ill became him to recommend: And thereupon the Honourable *Spencer Compton* Eſquire, who had already made known his Experience in the Houſe, and given ſo many Occaſions of knowing his Abilities in every thing of that Kind; and as he had already, with the greateſt Honour, filled the Chair of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, which, next to that of the Speaker's, is the higheſt we have; there was no Occaſion to ſay more of him; and therefore moved, That *Spencer Compton* Eſquire might take the Chair of the Houſe.

Then the Lord *Finch*, Son and Heir apparent to the Right Honourable *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Rutland*, ſaid;

That, after the honourable Mention, which the Noble Member had been pleaſed to make of Mr. *Compton*, whoſe Abilities were ſo well known to every Gentleman in the Houſe, his Addition would be a Miſ-ſpending of Time: But, however, on this Occaſion, he could not but take notice of him, as he was a Perſon deſcended of a very noble and honourable Family, in all Times famous for their ſteady Adherence to the Conſtitution in Church and State; for their inviolable Loyalty to a deſerving Maſter, though an unfortunate Prince; that he had eminently diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the true Intereſt of his Country, by his firmly adhering to, and ſupporting with Reſolution, thoſe Meaſures, that were neceſſary to maintain the Proteſtant Succeſſion, when in the utmoſt Danger; upon which alone the Security of the Church of *England*, the Proteſtant Religion abroad, and the Liberties of his Country, could depend; without which, they might not have had an Opportunity this Day to chooſe a Speaker: That, by theſe Virtues, and his great Abilities in Parliamentary Affairs, he had ſo well deſerved of his Country, as to merit all Marks of Eſteem that they could ſhew him: That he had already diſcharged the Duty of the Second Chair, when intruſted with the Rights and Liberties of the Commons, with ſuch Temper, Candour, and Impartiality, as muſt ſatisfy every Gentleman in the Houſe, that he will ſupport the Dignity of the Chair, and ſhew himſelf entirely equal to the Truſt they ſhould repoſe in him. Unleſs ſuch Merit fills the Chair, in vain would it be for a Speaker, at the Bar of another Houſe, to inſiſt upon the Rights and Privileges of Parliaments, Freedom of Speech, and Liberty of Debating; for it would ever be in the Breaſt of a Speaker to obſtruct that Freedom of Speech, which the Crown has not a Right to deny: Since, therefore, to complete his Character, he has already diſtinguiſhed himſelf by theſe Virtues, ſo neceſſary to every one who is to preſide in a free Aſſembly, he begged Leave to ſecond the Motion, That *Spencer Compton* Eſquire do take the Chair.

Then Mr. *Compton* ſtood up in his Place; and ſaid;

That Excuſes upon theſe Occaſions were generally ſo much ſuſpected, that, notwithſtanding the juſt Senſe he had of his own Inabilities, he ſhould have choſe to have ſat ſilent, and ſubmitted himſelf to the Pleaſure of the Houſe, had nothing but his own Reputation, however dear that was to him, been concerned in the Deciſion of this Queſtion: But when he conſidered, that the future Proſperity and Tranquillity of this Kingdom would entirely depend on many difficult and important Points, which muſt neceſſarily come under the Conſideration of this Parliament, he muſt own he trembled, leſt the juſt Expectation the Nation had of Relief, of Security, and of future Happineſs, from the Deliberations of this Houſe of Commons, ſhould be any-ways obſtructed, if not diſappointed, by his Want of Capacity; and that he ſhould therefore think himſelf inexcuſable, did he not lay before Gentlemen how unequal he found himſelf to ſo great a Weight: And ſince there were ſo many Gentlemen in this Houſe (he might venture to ſay there never were more in any Houſe of Commons), whoſe Experience, added to their Abilities, did fitly qualify them to promote thoſe

great and good Purpoſes, which, he was ſure, every Gentleman in the Houſe propoſed for the Service of his Country, from the Determination of this Parliament, he ſhould hope he might be allowed to ſit down, perfectly ſatisfied with the Honour of having been propoſed by Two Honourable Perſons, who were the Ornaments of the laſt Parliament; and whoſe ſteady Adherence to the true Intereſt of their Country added a Luſtre even to their Birth: And that Gentlemen would agree on ſome other Perſon, whoſe greater Abilities would enable him to diſcharge this high Truſt, with Reputation to himſelf, and Advantage to the Publick.

But, the Houſe calling upon Mr. *Compton*, To the Chair; he was taken out of his Place by the Earl of *Hartford*, and the Lord *Finch*; who led him from the Bar of the Houſe, up to the Chair: Where, upon the Steps, he ſaid;

That the undeſerved Honour he had received, by being brought thus far, require the utmoſt Return of Gratitude to the whole Houſe, and his moſt hearty Thanks to every Member of it; and would ſtop him from farther inſiſting on his own Inſufficiency, leſt he ſhould be thought to cenſure the Judgment of the Houſe: The real Senſe of his own Weakneſs ſtill urged him to intreat Gentlemen to deſiſt from ſo improper a Choice; and to give him Leave to return to his former Seat, where the Errors he might commit could be only unfortunate to himſelf; whereas, in the Chair, they might be prejudicial to the whole Kingdom:

But the Houſe cried, No, no.

Whereupon Mr. *Compton* took the Chair;

And, the Mace, which before lay under the Table, being laid upon the Table, he, ſtanding up, ſaid; Though the Houſe would not allow of his Excuſe, he hoped they would be pleaſed to permit him to intercede with his Majeſty to command them to proceed to another Election.

The Members cried, No, no.

And thereupon he ſat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* ſaid; His Majeſty having determined, That this Houſe ſhould attend his Majeſty, upon *Monday* next, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, at Twelve of the Clock, in order to preſent their Speaker to him; he therefore moved, That the Houſe would adjourn till *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned, accordingly, till *Monday* Morning next, at Eleven of the Clock.

Lunæ, 21° *die Martii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

THE Houſe being met, and Mr. Speaker Elect having taken the Chair;

A Meſſage was brought from his Majeſty by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend him, in the Houſe of Peers, immediately.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker Elect, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty: Where he ſpake to the Effect following; *viz.*

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

THE Commons of *Great Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled, have, in Obedience to Your Majeſty's Command, proceeded to the Choice of their Speaker; and now attend, with all Humility, to preſent me to Your Majeſty, as the Effect of that Choice.

It muſt be very ſurpriſing to Your Majeſty, that, from amongſt ſo many honourable, learned, and worthy, Perſons, who are every way qualified to diſcharge this great Truſt, any thing could induce Your Commons to preſent me, for Your Majeſty's Approbation, who have none of thoſe Endowments neceſſary for the Execution of this important Charge: I have neither Memory to retain, Judgment to collect, nor Skill to guide, their Debates; nor can I boaſt of any thing that could intitle me to the Favour of the Commons, but an unſhaken Fidelity to the Proteſtant Succeſſion: This, Sir, to your faithful Commons, ſupplied the Want of all Qualifications: By this Firſt Step, they deſign to convince the World, That a ſteady Adherence to the Intereſt of Your Majeſty's Royal Houſe is the only Recommendation to the Favour of Your Commons: This, Your Commons hope, may be ſome Excuſe for their preſuming to preſent to Your Majeſty a Perſon, whoſe Inſufficiency rendered him ſo improper for them to elect, or for Your Majeſty to approve: But though Your Majeſty ſhould be graciouſly pleaſed to allow this as a Juſtification for Your Commons, yet I ſhould be unpardonable, did I not, with all Humility, repreſent to Your Majeſty, That, though my Zeal be great, my Infirmities are greater: This Employment requires a Man of better Underſtanding, and ſtronger Judgment, than I am Maſter of; and I am therefore an humble Suitor to Your Majeſty, to accept my Excuſe, and to command the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, to return to their Houſe, and there to make Choice of ſome fitter Perſon to diſcharge the great Truſt, on the due Execution whereof the publick Welfare ſo much depends.

Then the Lord Chancellor, taking Directions from his Majeſty, ſaid;

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I AM to acquaint you, by his Majeſty's Command, That his Majeſty is perfectly well ſatisfied with the Choice you have made of Mr. *Compton* to be your Speaker: And therefore his Majeſty doth allow of, and confirm, you, Mr. *Compton*, to be Speaker of the Houſe of Commons.

Then Mr. Speaker ſaid;

THAT, ſince it is not Your Majeſty's Pleaſure to admit my Excuſe, it is my Duty to ſubmit, and chearfully to undergo this Burden, which Your Majeſty, and the Commons, have been pleaſed to lay on me; having an entire Confidence in Your Majeſty's Goodneſs for Pardon for my Errors and Infirmities; at leaſt, that they may not be imputed to Your faithful Commons: On whoſe behalf I lay Claim, by humble Petition to Your Majeſty, to all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly, That they may have Privilege from Arreſts, and Diſturbance, for their Perſons, Eſtates, and Servants; Liberty of Speech, for the better Management of their Debates; and free Acceſs to Your Majeſty's Royal Perſon, as Occaſion ſhall require.

Then the Lord Chancellor, receiving further Directions from his Majeſty, ſaid;

Mr. Speaker,

I AM commanded by his Majeſty to ſay, That his Majeſty, being fully aſſured of the Prudence, Loyalty, and good Affections, of the Houſe of Commons, does moſt willingly grant to them all their Privileges, in as full a manner as they have at any time been granted, or allowed, by any of his Majeſty's Royal Predeceſſors.

And, as to what you have prayed in relation to yourſelf, his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to put the beſt and moſt favourable Conſtruction upon your Words and Actions in the Execution of this great Truſt, as Speaker of the Houſe of Commons; being ſatisfied, by your paſt Conduct, of your good Intentions, and Zeal for his Service, and the true Intereſt of your Country, and of your Experience and Abilities in the Buſineſs of Parliaments.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers; where his Majeſty had been pleaſed to approve the Choice which they had made of him for their Speaker; whereby his Majeſty had given Proof, that he would never deny any thing that can be aſked of him by his faithful Commons; becauſe it will be impoſſible for them ever to make a Requeſt, that could be more reaſonably refuſed:

That he did, in their behalf, demand all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly, Freedom of Speech, Privilege from Arreſts, and Diſturbance, for themſelves, Servants, and Eſtates; and free Acceſs to his Majeſty's Perſon, as Occaſion ſhould require: And that his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſignify, by the Lord Chancellor, That they ſhould enjoy all their ancient Privileges, in as ample manner as any of their Predeceſſors.

After which, Mr. Speaker returned his hearty Thanks to the Houſe for the great Honour they had done him; aſſuring the Houſe, That he would endeavour to behave himſelf with the utmoſt Reſpect to the Houſe, and every Member of it; and would diſcharge his Duty uprightly and impartially; and, as long as he ſhould continue ſo to do, he hoped to have the Support and Aſſiſtance of the Houſe, and of every Gentleman in it:

That he recommended to Gentlemen the Obſervation of thoſe good Orders eſtabliſhed by their Predeceſſors, for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs; and that they would find great Eaſe in them: And that they were more particularly neceſſary to be obſerved at this time, the Seſſion beginning ſo late; and that it was to be wiſhed, Gentlemen would come early in the Morning:

That, he hoped, in their Debates, Gentlemen would confine themſelves to the Matter in Queſtion, and avoid Reflections; for one Reflection would beget another, and carry Gentlemen from the Argument.

After which, Mr. Speaker put the Houſe in mind, That the Firſt thing they had to do, was to take the Oaths appointed, and to make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, and to take and ſubſcribe the Oath of Abjuration, by Law required.

And thereupon, Mr. Speaker firſt, alone, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, accordingly.

And, after him, ſeveral other Members took the ſaid Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the ſaid Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Martis, 22° die Martii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 23° die Martii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That, on *Monday* laſt, when the Houſe attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to declare, from the Throne, That he had ordered the Lord Chancellor to declare the Cauſes of calling this Parliament, in his Majeſty's Name and Words: And that, accordingly, the Lord Chancellor did declare the Cauſes of calling this Parliament, as they are mentioned in a Speech delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne: Which Speech he read to both Houſes; and of which, to prevent Miſtakes, Mr. Speaker ſaid he had obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe; and is as follows;

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THIS being the firſt Opportunity that I have had of meeting my People in Parliament, ſince it pleaſed Almighty God, of his good Providence, to call me to the Throne of my Anceſtors, I moſt gladly make uſe of it, to thank my faithful and loving Subjects for that Zeal and Firmneſs that hath been ſhewn in Defence of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, againſt all the open and ſecret Practices that have been uſed to defeat it: And I ſhall never forget the Obligations I have to thoſe who have diſtinguiſhed themſelves upon this Occaſion.

It were to be wiſhed, that the unparalleled Succeſſes of a War, which was ſo wiſely and chearfully ſupported by this Nation, in order to procure a good Peace, had been attended with a ſuitable Concluſion: But it is with Concern I muſt tell you, that ſome Conditions even of this Peace, eſſential to the Security and Trade of *Great Britain*, are not yet duly executed; and the Performance of the Whole may be looked upon as precarious, until we ſhall have formed defenſive Alliances, to guaranty the preſent Treaties.

The Pretender, who ſtill reſides in *Lorrain*, threatens to diſturb us; and boaſts of the Aſſiſtance which he ſtill expects here, to repair his former Diſappointments.

A great Part of our Trade is rendered impracticable: This, if not retrieved, muſt deſtroy our Manufactures, and ruin our Navigation.

The publick Debts are very great; and ſurpriſingly increaſed, even ſince the fatal Ceſſation of Arms: My firſt Care was, to prevent a farther Increaſe of theſe Debts, by paying off, forthwith, a great Number of Ships, which had been kept in Pay, when there was no Occaſion for continuing ſuch an Expence.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I rely upon you for ſuch Supplies as the preſent Circumſtances of our Affairs require for this Year's Service, and for the Support of the publick Faith: The Eſtimates ſhall be laid before you, that you may conſider of them; and what you ſhall judge neceſſary for your Safety, I ſhall think ſufficient for mine.

I doubt not but you will concur with me in Opinion, That nothing can contribute more to the Support of the Credit of the Nation, than a ſtrict Obſervance of all Parliamentary Engagements.

The Branches of the Revenue formerly granted for the Support of the Civil Government, are ſo far incumbred and alienated, that the Produce of the Funds which remain, and have been granted to me, will fall much ſhort of what was at firſt deſigned, for maintaining the Honour and Dignity of the Crown: And ſince it is my Happineſs, as I am confident you think it yours, to ſee a Prince of *Wales*, who may, in due time, ſucceed me on the Throne; and to ſee him bleſſed with many Children, the beſt and moſt valuable Pledges of our Care and Concern for your Proſperity; this muſt occaſion an Expence to which the Nation has not of many Years been accuſtomed; but ſuch as, ſurely, no Man will grudge: And, therefore, I do not doubt, but you will think of it with that Affection which I have Reaſon to hope for from you.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Eyes of all *Europe* are upon you, waiting the Iſſue of this Firſt Seſſion: Let no unhappy Diviſions of Parties here at home divert you from purſuing the common Intereſt of your Country; let no wicked Inſinuations diſquiet the Minds of my Subjects: The eſtabliſhed Conſtitution in Church and State ſhall be the Rule of my Government; the Happineſs, Eaſe, and Proſperity, of my People ſhall be the chief Care of my Life: Thoſe who aſſiſt me in carrying on theſe Meaſures, I ſhall always

eſteem my beſt Friends: And I doubt not, but that I ſhall be able, with your Aſſiſtance, to diſappoint the Deſigns of thoſe who would deprive me of that Bleſſing which I moſt value, the Affection of my People.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to expreſs our juſt Senſe of the Divine Providence, in placing his Majeſty on the Throne of his Anceſtors: To return his Majeſty the Thanks of this Houſe for his moſt gracious Speech from the Throne; for his Aſſurances, that the eſtabliſhed Conſtitution in Church and State ſhall be the Rule of his Government; and for his Goodneſs expreſſed to thoſe who diſtinguiſhed themſelves by their Zeal and Firmneſs for the Proteſtant Succeſſion: To expreſs our Concern, that any Conditions of the late Peace, eſſential to the Security and Trade of *Great Britain*, are not yet duly executed; that ſuch Alliances have not been formed, as are neceſſary to render the Peace durable; that our Manufactures and Navigation are in ſuch Hazard, by the Difficulties brought upon our Commerce; and that the publick Debts are greatly increaſed, even ſince the Ceſſation of Arms: To declare our higheſt Reſentment againſt the preſumptuous Declaration of the Pretender, and the Encouragement he boaſts to have received from hence: And to aſſure his Majeſty, That we will demonſtrate our juſt Senſe of the great Bleſſings derived to theſe Nations in the Perſon of the Prince of *Wales*, and his Iſſue, by enabling his Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable Proviſion for the Royal Family; and that we will likewiſe grant ſuch Supplies as ſhall be requiſite for the Service of the Year, and for maintaining Parliamentary Credit; and will ſupport his Majeſty in ſuch Alliances as he ſhall judge neceſſary to make, for preſerving the Peace of *Europe*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the ſaid Reſolution, to be preſented to his Majeſty:

And it is referred to Mr. *Walpole*, Lord *Hinchinbrook*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Sir *Robert Raymond*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Edgcomb*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Steel*, Lord *Pagett*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *John Cope*, Lord *Hervey*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Baylie*, Sir *Wm. Humphryes*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Mr. *Trelawney*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Raſhleigh*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Sir *Wm. Whitlocke*, Mr. *Smith*, the Earl of *Hartford*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *Norris*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Mountague*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Guibbon*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Religion do ſit every *Tueſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances do ſit every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Juſtice do ſit every *Saturday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade do ſit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, of Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Selwin*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Bladen*, Lord *Hinchinbrook*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Herbert*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *John Rogers*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *D'Gray*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Sir *Montague Blundell*, Mr. *Feilding*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Monro*, Sir *Robert Raymond*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Randyl*, Mr. *Gayer*, Mr. *Stanyon*, Sir *John Hobbard*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Harry Hoghton*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Fownes*, Mr. *Cockbourn*, Sir *John Jennings*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Trevanion*, Sir *Geo. Bing*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Cotton*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Lord *Scudamore*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Northleigh*, Mr. *Bampfyld*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Chaplain*, Mr. *Geo. Pitt*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Ferrers*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Sir *Copleſton Warw. Bampfyld*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Thomſon*, Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Trevor*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Pagett*, Mr. *Steel*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Conyers*, Lord *Downe*, Lord *Hervey*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, General *Harvey*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Calvert*, Mr. *Wade*, Sir *Willoughby Hickman*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Smelt*, Lord *Shelburne*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Earle*, Sir *Robert Worſley*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Lord *Newport*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Ruſh*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Harris*, Sir *Arth Owen*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Harnage*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Sir *Alexander Cumings*, Sir *Harry Goreing*, Mr. *Newland*, Sir *Henry Oxenden*, Dr. *Paſke*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Aſh*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Churchill*, Lord *Sands*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Pultney*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Northey*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Mountague*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Bland*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Sclater*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Sir *Edward Williams*, Sir *Wm. Whitlocke*, Mr. *Trelawney*, Sir *Nath. Mead*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Morice*, Lord *Cavendiſh*, Mr. *Portman*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Urquhart*: And they are to meet upon *Monday* next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber; and to ſit every *Wedneſday*, *Friday*, and *Monday*, in the Afternoon: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to take into Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges; and to proceed upon Double Returns in the firſt Place; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe, from time to time: And all Perſons that will queſtion any new Returns, are to do it in Fourteen Days next after ſuch Return ſhall be brought in: And the Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information: And all Members who are returned for Two or more Places, are to make their Elections within Fourteen Days next for which of the Places they will ſerve, provided there be no Queſtion upon the Return for that Place: And if any thing ſhall come in Queſtion touching the Return, Election, or Matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate: And that all Members returned upon Double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That no Peer of this Realm hath any Right to give his Vote in the Election of any Member to ſerve in Parliament.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall judge any Petition, touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satisfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

Reſolved, That in caſe it ſhall appear any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected or returned as a Member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt Practice, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath been tampering with any Witneſs, in reſpect of his Evidence to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter, or hinder, any Perſon from appearing, or giving Evidence, the ſame is declared to be a high Crime and Miſdemeanor; and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath given falſe Evidence in any Caſe before the Houſe, or any Committee thereof, this Houſe will proceed, with the utmoſt Severity, againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That it is a high Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of *Great Britain*, for any Lord of Parliament, or any Lord Lieutenant of any County, to concern themſelves in the Elections of Members to ſerve for the Commons in Parliament.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do, from time to time, take into his Cuſtody any Stranger or Strangers, that he ſhall ſee, or be informed of, to be in the Houſe or Gallery, while the Houſe, or any Committee of the whole Houſe, is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Back-door of the Speaker's Chamber be locked up every Morning, at the Sitting of the Houſe, and the Key delivered to the Clerk, to be locked up by him: And that he do not preſume to deliver the ſame to any Perſon whatſoever, without Order of the Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care to clear the Speaker's Chamber every Day, before the Door is locked up.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to bring any Stranger or Strangers into the Houſe, or Gallery thereof, while the Houſe is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Conſtables, and other Officers, of *Middleſex* and *Weſtminſter*, do take care, that, from Nine of the Clock in the Morning to Three in the Afternoon, during this Seſſion of Parliament, the Paſſages through the Streets, between *Temple-bar* and *Weſtminſter-hall*, be kept free and open; and that no Obſtruction be made by Cars, Drays, Carts, or otherwiſe, to hinder the Paſſage of the Members to and from this Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do give Notice of this Order to the Officers aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the Conſtables in Waiting do take care there be no Gaming, or other Diſorders, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, or Paſſages leading to the Houſe, during the Sitting of Parliament; and that there be no Annoyance by Chairmen, Footmen, or otherwiſe, therein, or thereabouts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Orders be ſent to the High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*: And that he do ſee the ſame put in Execution.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care, that no Footmen be permitted to be within the Lobby of the Houſe, or upon the Stairs leading thereto.

Reſolved, That, notwithſtanding the Oath taken by any Candidate at, or after, any Election, his Qualification may be afterwards examined into.

Reſolved, That the Perſon whoſe Qualification is expreſly objected to, in any Petition relating to his Election, ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, give to the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons a Paper, ſigned by himſelf, containing a Rental, or Particular, of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereby he makes out his Qualification; of which any Perſon concerned may have a Copy.

Reſolved, That, of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof the Party hath not been in Poſſeſſion for Three Years before the Election, he ſhall alſo inſert in the ſame Paper, from what Perſon, and by what Conveyance, or Act, in Law, he claims and derives the ſame; and alſo the Conſideration, if any paid; and the Names, and Places of Abode, of the Witneſſes to ſuch Conveyance and Payment.

Reſolved, That if a Sitting-Member ſhall think fit to queſtion the Qualification of a Petitioner, he ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, leave Notice thereof, in Writing, with the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons; and the Petitioner ſhall, in ſuch Caſe, within Fifteen Days after ſuch Notice, leave, with the ſaid Clerk of the Houſe, the like Account, in Writing, of his Qualification, as is required from a Sitting-Member.

John Wallop Eſquire, being choſen Knight of the Shire for the County of *Southampton*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Andover*, in the ſaid County; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid County of *Southampton*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Andover*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Wallop*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town and County of *Haverford-Weſt*, in the room of *John Laugharn* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed by Mr. Speaker: And that he do appoint the Printing thereof: And that no other Perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 24° *die Martii*;
Anno 1° Georgi Regis, 1714.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes.

The Honourable *Spencer Compton* Eſquire, Speaker of this Houſe, being choſen a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Suſſex*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Eaſt-Grinſted*, in the ſame County; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Eaſt-Grinſted*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Compton*.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a Report of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, with the Accounts of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods, and Naval Stores,

Stores, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; *viz.*

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the ſeveral Warehouſes in the Port of *London*, at *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; with what has been brought in ſince that time, what exported, and what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: Alſo,

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the reſpective Warehouſes of the Out-Ports, at *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; what brought in ſince that time, what exported, as alſo what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: Alſo,

An Account of the Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Port of *London*, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: Alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Ports commonly called the Out-Ports, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

The Titles of the Report, and Accounts, were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, and Accounts, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report, and Accounts, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe taking Notice, by the Book of Returns, That the Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter* hath not returned any Knights of the Shire to ſerve in this Parliament for the ſaid County; and that he hath made a ſpecial Return, why he had not returned ſuch Knights; the ſaid Return was read; by which he certified, That he was aſſaulted in the Execution of the Writ; and that the Election was prevented by Riots:

Which ſaid ſpecial Return, or Certificate, is as follows; *viz.*

THeſe are to certify, That Sir *John Meeres* Knight, Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter*, has returned the Writ of Election for the preſent Parliament, to him directed; and that the Execution thereof appears by the Schedules annexed; by one of which, Sir *George Beaumont* Baronet, and *James Winſtanley* Eſquire, are elected Burgeſſes for the Borough of *Leiceſter*; by the other, That no Knights of the Shire are elected for the ſaid County.

A Copy of this Schedule here followeth; to wit;

POſtquam iſtud breve, mihi directum, deliberatum fuit, ego infra nominatus vicecomes breve illud cuidam Willielmo Bareſby generoſo, ſub-vicecomiti meo comitatus mei inframentionati, deliberavi, debita juris forma exequendum, ſecundum formam et exigentiam ejuſdem brevis; quodque, virtute brevis illius, idem Willielmus Bareſby, ſub-vicecomes comitatus mei, ut præfertur, exiſtens, ad proximum comitatum meum, poſt receptionem ſuam ejuſdem brevis tentum apud Caſtrum Leiceſtriæ, in comitatu meo, viceſimo die Januarii, anno in brevi prædicto mentionato, in pleno comitatu illo proclamari fecit omnia in iſto brevi contenta, ſecundum formam et effectum ejuſdem brevis; et poſtea adjournamentum fecit Caſtro prædicto, primo die menſis Februarii ſequente, ad electionem prædictam incipiendum: Ad quam diem tunc et ibidem incepit, et proceſſit de die in diem, ad eligi faciendum duos milites, gladiis cinctos, magis idoneos et diſcretos, comitatus mei, juxta exigentiam brevis illius; quodque poſt meridiem, die ſecundo Februarii prædicto, quidam Thomas Forſter generoſus, nuper de Thurnby, et Johannes Conyers generoſus, nuper de Blaiſton (aggregatis eis quamplurimis aliis malefactoribus ignotis, paciſque domini Regis nunc perturbatoribus, ad numerum quadraginta perſonarum, et amplius) adtunc et ibidem riotoſe, routoſe, et illicite, ſeipſos gerebant, ad electionem illam perturbandum et impediendum; et adtunc et ibidem, vi et armis, in ipſum Willielmum Bareſby, ſub-vicecomitem comitatus mei, ut præfertur, exiſtentem, in executione brevis illius, ejuſque officii et debiti, adtunc et ibidem, riotoſe, routoſe, et illicite, inſultum et affraiam fecerunt, et ipſum Willielmum adtunc verberaverunt, et maletractaverunt, ac eundem Willielmum electionem illam faciendum interpellaverunt, interruperunt, et diſturbaverunt, eidem Willielmo tales et tantas minas de vita ſua, et mutilatione membrorum ſuorum, adtunc et ibidem impoſuerunt, ipſumque talibus et tantis minis, gravaminibus, adtunc et ibidem affecerunt, atque tales et tantas riotas, routas, affraias, tumultus, et perturbationes, ad tunc et ibidem fecerunt, et perpetraverunt, ita quod ipſe duos milites eligi facere non potuit, juxta exigentiam brevis illius, nec duo milites de comitatu meo eligi potuerunt, juxta exigentiam ejuſdem brevis; et, propter cauſas prædictas, non eligi feci, nec eligi facere potui, duos milites, gladiis cinctos, de comitatu meo, juxta exigentiam atque formam et effectum ejuſdem brevis.

Johannes Meeres, Vic. Leiceſtriæ prædict'.

Given under my Hand this Seventeenth Day of *March*, *Annoque Domini* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

G. Wrighte, C. C.

And the Houſe being informed, That there have been Two Petitions left with the Clerk of the Houſe, purſuant to a ſtanding Order of the Houſe, relating to the Proceedings in the Execution of the Writ directed for the Election of Knights of the Shire for the ſaid County; *viz.*

A Petition of *George Aſhby* Eſquire, and *Thomas Byrd* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, with Sir *Geofrey Palmer*, and Sir *Thomas Cave*, ſtood Candidates for the County of *Leiceſter*, on *Tueſday* the Firſt of *February* laſt: And that, on the ſaid Day, and on *Wedneſday* the Second Day, the Freeholders, who offered to poll for the Petitioners, were inſulted by ſeveral Perſons unknown; and ſome, upon their Refuſal to vote for the ſaid Sir *Geofrey Palmer* and Sir *Thomas Cave*, for which they were offered conſiderable Sums of Money, were grievouſly wounded and ill-treated; and, on *Wedneſday* Night, the Under-Sheriff was inſulted by the Friends of Sir *Geofrey Palmer* and Sir *Thomas Cave*, and threatened with Death by ſeveral Perſons to him unknown, unleſs he would appoint a Deputy to carry on the Poll in his Abſence, whom they ſhould nominate; and, for fear of his Life, he was compelled to ſwear one Mr. *Buſby*, Brother-in-Law to Sir *George Beaumont*, a Member of the Houſe, as Deputy; and the Poll was carried on accordingly, in the Under-Sheriff's Abſence; but none were admitted to poll on the Petitioners Side: That the Petitioners had ſeveral Hundreds of Freeholders in Town, who came to vote for them; and a great many more came on *Thurſday* the Third of *February*, intending to do the ſame; and ſeveral more upon the Road, for that Purpoſe; ſo that the Petitioners doubt not, but, if the Freeholders who would have voted for them had been ſuffered to give their Votes, the Petitioners would have been duly elected Knights for the ſaid County: And praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in the Premiſes.

A Petition of Sir *George Beaumont* Baronet, *James Winſtanley*, *William Inge*, and *Samuel Bracebridge*, Eſquires, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other Freeholders of the County of *Leiceſter*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Leiceſter*, Sir *Thomas Cave* and Sir *Jeffrey Palmer*, Baronets, ſtood Candidates, together with *George Aſhby* and *Thomas Byrd*, Eſquires; and that Mr. *William Barſby* was Under-Sheriff, and Sir *John Meers* High-Sheriff, of the ſaid County; and that the Poll began on *Tueſday* the Firſt of *February* laſt; and, during the Poll, great Partiality, and illegal Practices, were uſed, in favour of the ſaid Mr. *Aſhby*, and *Byrd*, by the ſaid Under-Sheriff, and his Deputies, and by other Friends and Agents of the ſaid Mr. *Aſhby* and *Byrd*; and, on the *Wedneſday* following, about Eight in the Evening, the Poll was adjourned till Eight the next Morning; and, ... appearing upon the Books a Majority of Six hun-

dred for the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cave* and Sir *Jeffry Palmer*, the Under-Sheriff, or Deputies, did not return to the Place of Adjournment the next Morning, till late in the Evening; where was great Numbers of Gentlemen, and others, to give their Votes for the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cave* and Sir *Jeffry Palmer*; and that the High or Under-Sheriff hath not ſince proceeded any further, nor made a Return of the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cave* and Sir *Jeffrey Palmer*, notwithſtanding they had a great Majority: And praying Relief of the Houſe in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing Knights of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid County of *Leiceſter*.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid ſpecial Return for the County of *Leiceſter* be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Bareſby*, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter*, do attend this Houſe upon *Monday* Fortnight.

The Houſe taking notice, by the Book of Returns, That there is no Return made for the County of *Cumberland*;

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland* do forthwith attend this Houſe, to give an Account why there is no Return of Members for the ſaid County.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Committee appointed Yeſterday to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

YOur Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled, return Your Majeſty their unfeigned Thanks, for Your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

'Tis with inexpreſſible Joy that we approach Your Majeſty, peaceably ſeated upon the Throne of Your Royal Anceſtors; and, being thoroughly ſenſible of the many open and ſecret Practices that have, of late Years, been uſed, to defeat the Proteſtant Succeſſion, we cannot ſufficiently adore the Divine Providence, that ſo ſeaſonably interpoſed, and ſaved this Nation, by Your Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Crown.

Your faithful Commons receive, with the higheſt Gratitude, Your moſt gracious Aſſurances, That the eſtabliſhed Conſtitution in Church and State ſhall be the Rule of Your Government; and the Safety, Eaſe, and Proſperity, of Your People, the chief Care of Your Life: We are ſenſible of Your Goodneſs, expreſſed to thoſe who have diſtinguiſhed themſelves by their Zeal and Firmneſs for the Proteſtant Succeſſion: And as we doubt not, but the Wiſdom and Steadineſs of Your Government will unite the Hearts of all Your faithful Subjects in Duty and Affection to Your Sacred Perſon, ſo we moſt humbly beg Leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, That we not only highly reſent the wicked Inſinuations uſed to diſquiet the Minds of Your Subjects; but are reſolved, to the utmoſt of our Power, to ſuppreſs and extinguiſh that evil Diſpoſition that is ſtill at work to deprive Your Majeſty of the Affections of Your People.

We are ſenſibly touched, not only with the Diſappointment, but with the Reproach, brought upon the Nation, by the unſuitable Concluſion of a War which was carried on at ſo vaſt an Expence, and was attended with ſuch unparalleled Succeſſes: But, as that Diſhonour cannot, in Juſtice, be imputed to the whole Nation, ſo we firmly hope and believe, that, through Your Majeſty's great Wiſdom, and the faithful Endeavours of Your Commons, the Reputation of theſe Your Kingdoms will, in due time, be vindicated and reſtored.

We are under Aſtoniſhment to find, that any Conditions of the late Peace, eſſential to the Security and Trade of *Great Britain*, ſhould not yet be duly executed; and that Care was not taken to form ſuch Alliances, as might have rendered that Peace not precarious: And as no Care ſhall be wanting in Your loyal Commons to inquire into theſe fatal Miſcarriages, ſo we entirely rely on Your Majeſty's Wiſdom to enter into ſuch Alliances as You ſhall judge neceſſary to preſerve the Peace of *Europe*; and we faithfully promiſe to enable Your Majeſty to make good all ſuch Engagements.

It is with juſt Reſentment we obſerve, that the Pretender ſtill reſides in *Lorain*; and that he has the Preſumption, by Declarations from thence, to ſtir up Your Majeſty's Subjects to Rebellion: But that which raiſes the utmoſt Indignation of Your Commons, is, that it appears therein, that his Hopes were built upon the Meaſures that had been taken for ſome time paſt in *Great Britain*: It ſhall be our Buſineſs to trace out thoſe Meaſures whereon he placed his Hopes, and to bring the Authors of them to condign Puniſhment.

Your Commons are under the deepeſt Concern, that a great Part of our Trade is rendered impracticable, which, if not retrieved, muſt deſtroy our Manufactures, and ruin our Navigation: But, though we are too ſenſible of thoſe fatal Conſequences, we are not yet without Hopes, that Your Majeſty's great Wiſdom, by the Aſſiſtance of Your Commons, may find Means to extricate Your People from their preſent Difficulties.

The Bleſſings derived to theſe Nations from Your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign, are not confined to the preſent Times: We have a Proſpect of future and laſting Happineſs entailed upon Your People, by a long Succeſſion of Your Royal Progeny: And, as this is a Bleſſing which theſe Kingdoms have a long time wanted, ſo they could never hope to have ſeen it ſo well ſupplied, as in the Perſon of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, and his Iſſue: Your faithful Commons ſhall therefore think it their Duty to enable Your Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable Proviſion for the Royal Family.

The ſurpriſing Increaſe of the publick Debts, even ſince all Thoughts of carrying on the War were laid aſide, ſhall not diſcourage us from granting ſuch Supplies as ſhall be neceſſary for the Service of this Year, and for the Support of publick Faith: And we do entirely concur with Your Majeſty in Opinion, That nothing can contribute more towards preſerving the Credit of the Nation, than a ſtrict Obſervance of all Parliamentary Engagements; which we are firmly reſolved, upon all Occaſions, inviolably to maintain.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Addreſs be re-committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Snell*:	138.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Aſh*:	244.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, proceed to the reading the Petitions, which have been left with the Clerk of this Houſe, relating to controverted Elections.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris,

Veneris, 25° *die Martii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SEveral other Members preſent took the Oaths, and made and repeated the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been waited upon, humbly to know when he would pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to appoint this Day at Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *Saint James's*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Carnarvan*, in the room of *William Griffith* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Sir *Charles Wager* having been elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Portſmouth*, in the County of *Southampton*; and he having, ſince ſuch his Election, accepted the Office of Comptroller of his Majeſty's Navy;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Portſmouth*, in the room of the ſaid Sir *Charles Wager*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament;

The ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker.

And a Motion being made, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Reſolution of the Houſe, of the Twenty-third of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen; *viz.* That this Houſe will not receive any Petition for compounding any Sum of Money owing to the Crown, upon any Branch of the Revenue, without a Certificate from the proper Officer, or Officers, annexed to the ſaid Petition, ſtating the Debt, what Proſecutions have been made for the Recovery of ſuch Debt; and ſetting forth how much the Petitioner, and his Security, are able to ſatisfy thereof; be renewed: And that the ſame be declared to be a ſtanding Order of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 26° *die Martii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Gold and Silver has been coined, at his Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower* of *London*, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and alſo an Account of what Gold and Silver remained in the *Tower*, in order for Coinage, at *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and alſo an Account of the ſeveral Denominations and Species in which the ſaid Gold and Silver were brought into the *Tower*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did, Yeſterday, attend his Majeſty, and preſented their Addreſs: To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer:

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for the many kind Aſſurances you have given me in your dutiful and loyal Addreſs.

No Endeavours ſhall be wanting on my Part to promote your true Intereſt, and to endear myſelf to all my People; and I will depend on your Zeal and Affection to defeat all evil Deſigns that may tend to diſquiet the Minds of my People, and diſturb the Tranquillity of my Government.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return the moſt humble Thanks of this Houſe to his Majeſty for his ſaid moſt gracious Anſwer to their Addreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the reading the Petitions, left with the Clerk, relating to controverted Elections; *viz.*

A Petition of *Simon Harcourt* and *Philip Herbert* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Ayleſbury*, *in Com' Bucks*, the Petitioners, with Mr. Serjeant *Meade*, and *John Deacle* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioners were legally choſen; but the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, and *John Deacle*, by the Partiality of *Robert Todd* and *William Ray*, pretended Conſtables, they, by admitting many to poll who had no Right, and by the illegal Practices of the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Mead* and *John Deacle*, have procured themſelves to be returned; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Samuel Shepheard* junior and *John Jenyns* junior, Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cambridge*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Town of *Cambridge*, Sir *John Hynde Cotton* Baronet, and *Thomas Sclater* Eſquire, and the Petitioners, ſtood Candidates: That *Charles Chambers*, Mayor of the ſaid Town, with others, took upon themſelves to make ſeveral Perſons free, contrary to, and in Violation of, the ancient Conſtitution of the ſaid Town: And that the ſaid Sir *John Hynde Cotton*, and *Thomas Sclater*, and their Agents, are guilty of Bribery, and other Practices; by which Proceedings they were returned, although the Petitioners were duly elected, and ought to have been returned: And praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *George Evans* and *Charles Allanſon* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, *in Com' Wilts*, the Petitioners, with *Willoughby Bertie* and *Francis Anneſley* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid *Willoughby Bertie* and *Francis Anneſley*, and Agents, uſed illegal Practices to procure Electors for them; notwithſtanding which Practices, the Petitioners had the legal Majority; but *William Bourn* officiated as Mayor, but was not Mayor thereof, nor was there any; but the Conſtable, the chief Officer thereof, and the ſaid *Bourn*, polled ſeveral Perſons

ſons for the ſaid Mr. *Bertie* and *Anneſley*, who had no Right; and rejected others, for the Petitioners, who had a Right of polling; and returned the ſaid Mr. *Bertie* and *Anneſley*, though the Petitioners were returned by the Conſtable; which Proceeding is to the apparent Wrong of the Petitioners: And praying to have a Time appointed to make out their Allegations; and to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Willoughby Bertie* and *Francis Anneſley* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, *in Com' Wilts*; and, by a legal Majority, were elected and declared by Mr. *Bourne*, the uncontroverted Mayor of the ſaid Borough, to whom the Precept was directed; and annexed to it an Indenture, whereby the Petitioners were returned; but, notwithſtanding that Return, *George Evans* and *Charles Allanſon* Eſquires, the other Candidates, did procure the Conſtable of the ſaid Borough, and others, Voters, to ſign an Indenture in favour of the ſaid Mr. *Evans* and *Allanſon*, and prevailed with the Sheriff to annex the ſaid latter Indenture to the Writ, though the Conſtable never claimed to be the returning Officer: And that the ſaid Mr. *Evans* and *Allanſon* were abſolute Strangers till near the time of the Election; but, by themſelves, and Agents, ... illegal Practices in procuring Votes to be elected for the ſaid Borough, to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning next, with the Returns for the County of *Wilts*.

A Petition of Sir *William Jolliffe* Knight, and *Samuel Tufnel* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Members for the Borough of *Malden*, *in Com' Eſſex*, the Petitioners, Mr. Serjeant *Comyns*, and *Thomas Bramſtone* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates; and the Petitioners were duly elected by a Majority of legal Votes: That the Bailiffs of the ſaid Borough admitted ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* and Mr. *Bramſton* who had no Right; and refuſed to poll ſeveral Perſons who offered to vote for the Petitioners; and divers other irregular Practices were uſed, in order to procure the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* and Mr. *Bramſton* to be elected and returned: And the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* refuſed to take the Oath, directed by an Act of the Ninth of the late Queen, for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons; and the ſaid Bailiffs have returned the ſaid Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* and Mr. *Bramſton*, though not qualified; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Joſhua Lomax* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *St. Albans*, *in Com' Hertford*, the Petitioner, and *William Hale* and *William Grimſtone* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That, by Bribery, and other indirect Practices of the ſaid Mr. *Grimſtone*, and Agents, ſeveral Perſons were prevailed upon to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Grimſtone*, who would have voted for the Petitioner; by which means the ſaid Mr. *Grimſtone* was elected, notwithſtanding the Petitioner had a Majority of the ſaid Mr. *Grimſtone*, and ought to have been returned accordingly: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Edward Minſhul* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Bramber*, *in Com' Suſſex*, Sir *Thomas Styles*, Sir *Charles Keymes*, Baronets, Sir *Richard Gough* Knight, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That *John Jupp*, Conſtable of the ſaid Borough, was very partial on behalf of the ſaid Sir *Thomas Styles*, and admitted ſeveral Perſons to poll for him who had no Right; and refuſed others for the Petitioner who had a Right of polling: And the ſaid Sir *Thomas Styles*, and Agents, were guilty of illegal Practices, in procuring the ſaid Sir *Thomas* to be returned; who was returned accordingly; notwithſtanding the Petitioner was duly elected, and ought to have been returned: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Honourable *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Horſham*, *in Com. Suſſex*, the Petitioner *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire, Sir *Harry Goreing* Baronet, and *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That *Richard Vincent* and *John Bridger*, Bailiffs of the ſaid Borough, was very partial, in polling Perſons who had no Right to vote for the Sitting-Members; and refuſed others who had a Right to vote for the Petitioner: And the ſaid Mr. *Everſfeild*, and one Mr. *Michell*, Sir *Harry Goreing*, and Bailiffs, with one Mr. *John Linfeild* an Attorney, Agent for the Sitting-Members, were all guilty of other illegal Practices, in obtaining Votes for the Sitting-Members, and deterred others from voting for the Petitioners; but, notwithſtanding theſe Practices, the Petitioner had an equal Number of Votes with Sir *Harry Goreing*, and therefore had an equal Right to be returned; but, if the Bailiffs had polled all the undoubted Votes for the Petitioner, he had had a Majority of both the Sitting-Members, and ought to have been returned with *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Horſham*, *in Com' Suſſex*, the Petitioner *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire, Sir *Harry Goreing* Baronet, and *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That *Richard Vincent* and *John Bridger*, Bailiffs of the ſaid Borough, was very partial, in polling Perſons who had no Right to vote for the Sitting-Members; and refuſed others who had a Right to vote for the Petitioner: And the ſaid Mr. *Eversfeild*, and one Mr. *Michell*, Sir *Harry Goreing*, and Bailiffs, with one Mr. *John Linfeild* an Attorney, Agent for the Sitting-Members, were all guilty of other illegal Practices, in obtaining Votes for the Sitting-Members, and deterred others from voting for the Petitioners; but, notwithſtanding theſe Practices, the Petitioner had a legal Majority, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Jones* and *Charles Tooker* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Old Sarum*, *in Com' Wilts*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *January* laſt, the Petitioners, *Thomas Pitt* the elder, Eſquire,

Eſquire, and *Robert Pitt* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: And that by the illegal Practices of the ſaid *Thomas Pitt* and *Robert Pitt*; and *Robert Paine* Under-Sheriff of the ſaid County took upon himſelf Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, and admitting ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid *Thomas Pitt* and *Robert Pitt* who had no Right; and refuſing others who had a Right to vote for the Petitioners; but the ſaid *Thomas Pitt* and *Robert Pitt* were returned, in Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Francis Swanton*, *Thomas Lambert*, Eſquires, and *Nicolas Elliot* Gentleman, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners has a Right to vote in all Elections for the Borough of *Old Sarum*, *in Com' Wilts*: And, at the ſaid Election on the Twenty-eighth of *January* laſt, *Robert Paine* Gentleman, Under-Sheriff of the ſaid County, taking upon himſelf Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, in Partiality to *Thomas Pitt* and *Robert Pitt* Eſquires, together with *Richard Jones* and *Charles Tooker* Eſquires, were Candidates; who refuſed to admit the Votes of the Petitioners for the ſaid *Richard Jones* and *Charles Tooker*, in manifeſt Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be admitted to prove their Votes for the ſaid Borough.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Walter Hungerford* and *Samuel Robinſon* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Calne*, *in Com' Wilts*, Sir *Orlando Bridgman* Baronet, *Richard Chiſwell* Merchant, ſtood Candidates, and the Petitioners; where *Humphry Townſend* and *David Jefferys*.... Stewards; but, notwithſtanding the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes, yet Sir *Orlando Bridgman* and *Richard Chiſwell*, with *Humphry Townſend* junior, *John Haſkins*, *William Weeks*, and *Walter Forman*, by their illegal Practices, prevailed with the ſaid Stewards to return the ſaid... *Orlando Bridgman* and *Richard Chiſwell*, to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Henry James* and *John Clarke*, on behalf of themſelves, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of *Calne*, in the County of *Wilts*, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, with others, have a Right to vote for Members for the Borough of *Calne*, *in Com' Wilts*: And that, at the laſt Election, amongſt others, ſtood Candidates, *Walter Hungerford* and *Samuel Robinſon* Eſquires, for whom the Petitioners intended to vote for; but the Stewards, who are the Returning Officers there, refuſed them; whereby the ſaid Mr. *Hungerford* and *Robinſon* are greatly injured; and that Sir *Orlando Bridgman* and *Richard Chiſwell* are unduly returned: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Chapman* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Buckingham*, *Alexander Denton*, *Abraham Stanyon* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough refuſed ſeveral good and legal Votes for the Petitioner; and admitted ſeveral others for the ſaid Mr. *Stanyon* who had no Right to vote; and hath returned the ſaid Mr. *Stanyon*, to the Prejudice of the Petitioner, who had a greater Majority: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Elſon* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner ſtood as One of the Candidates for the City of *Chicheſter*, againſt Sir *Richard Farrington* Baronet; but Sir *Richard*, by Bribery, and other indirect Practices, obtained Votes for himſelf, contrary to the Petitioner's Right, who otherwiſe had been duly elected: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Brudenel* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *Chicheſter* the Petitioner ſtood Candidate with *Thomas Miller* Eſquire, another Candidate for the ſaid City; but, by the Mayor's illegal Practices, in refuſing to admit legal Votes for the Petitioner; and likewiſe Mr. *Miller*'s bribing others to vote for him, and deterred others from voting for the Petitioner: By which Practices the ſaid Mr. *Miller* is returned; but, notwithſtanding theſe Practices, the Petitioner had the Majority of legal Votes, and ought to have been returned: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Francis Chamberlain* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That, at the laſt Election for the Borough of *New Shorham*, *in Com' Suſſex*, the Petitioners, Sir *Gregory Page* Baronet, and *Nathanael Gould* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates; but, by ſeveral illegal Practices, the ſaid Sir *Gregory Page* hath procured himſelf to be returned for the ſaid Borough, to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Frederick Tylney* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Whitchurch*, *in Com' Southampton*, *Thomas Vernon*, *George Carpenter*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner had a great Majority of legal Votes of the ſaid Mr. *Carpenter*, and ought to have been returned; but *Laurence Turton*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, was very partial, in drawing up a Poll of what Perſons he thought fit ſhould vote for the ſaid Mr. *Carpenter*; and he admitted ſeveral of them to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Carpenter* who had no Right; and refuſed others who had a legal Right to vote, and offered to poll for the Petitioner; and the ſaid Mayor hath returned the ſaid Mr. *Carpenter*, to the manifeſt Injury of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved therein.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Fleming*, Mr. *Vernon*:	109.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Powlett*:	203.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Henry Aſhurſt* Baronet, and *Samuel Travers* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members for the Borough of *New Windſor, in Com' Berks*, the Petitioners, and *Chriſtopher Wren* and *Robert Gayer* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That, at the ſaid Election, the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes; but, by the illegal Practices of the ſaid Mr. *Wren* and Mr. *Gayer*, and Agents, and by the Partiality of Mr. *William Davis* the Mayor, who admitted Perſons to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Wren* and Mr. *Gayer* who had no Right; and refuſed others who had a Right, and offered to vote for the Petitioners; but the ſaid Mr *Wren* and Mr. *Gayer* procured themſelves to be returned, in Wrong to the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Bigg* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for *Wallingford, in Com' Berks*, the Petitioner, *Edmund Dunch*, *Thomas Renda*, and *William Hucks*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid *William Hucks*, with *Chriſtopher Crooke* junior, *John Smith*, *James Bennet*, *Richard Payne*, and others, his Agents, did, by Bribery, Promiſes, *&c.* procure a great Number of Votes for the ſaid Mr. *Hucks*, who would have voted for the Petitioner and Mr. *Renda*; and, by that means, the ſaid Mr. *Hucks* is returned, though the Petitioner had the legal Majority; and that the ſaid Mr. *Hucks* is not qualified to ſit: And praying, That the ſaid Mr. *Hucks* may make out his Qualification; and to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Moleſworth* and *John Holt* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Election came on, the Firſt of *February* laſt, for the Borough of *Aldburgh, in Com' Suffolk*, where the Petitioners polled Thirty-five; by which they have a Majority of Freemen, ... by the Intent of their Charter, have a Right to vote; yet the Bailiffs permitted a Number of People, called honorary Freemen, and Out-ſetters, to poll for Sir *Henry Johnſon* Knight, and *William Johnſon* Eſquire; by which Proceedings, with Threats, Bribery, *&c.* and by detaining Freemen Nine Days in the ſaid Sir *Henry Johnſon*'s Houſe, have procured themſelves to be returned for the ſaid Borough, in manifeſt Prejudice to the Petitioners, and deſtructive to the known Rights of the Corporation: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of great Numbers of the capital Burgeſſes, and other Freemen, Inhabitants within the Borough of *Aldeburgh*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was read; ſetting forth, That, upon the Firſt of *February* laſt, the Election came on, where *John Moleſworth* and *John Holt* Eſquires had a clear Majority of the Freemen Inhabitants; whereupon the Petitioners demanded a Return for the ſaid Mr. *Moleſworth* and Mr. *Holt*; but the Bailiffs permitted ſeveral Perſons, under the Title of honorary Freemen, or Out-ſetters, to vote; and hath returned Sir *Henry Johnſon* Knight, and *William Johnſon* Eſquire, pretending they had the Majority: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *George Wilcocks* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Hindon, in Com' Wilts*, Major-General *Wade*, *Reynold Calthorpe* Eſquire and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That *James Feild*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, was very partial on behalf of the ſaid Major-General *Wade* and Mr. *Calthorpe*, in refuſing ſeveral Perſons to poll for the Petitioner, who had a Right; and admitting others to poll for the ſaid Major-General *Wade* and Mr. *Calthorpe*, who had no Right: Beſides, ſeveral other illegal Practices were uſed, in procuring the ſaid Major-General *Wade* and Mr. *Calthorpe* to be elected for the ſaid Borough, in Prejudice to the Petitioner, who was duly elected, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Popham* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That, at the laſt Election for the City of *Wincheſter, in Com' Southampton*, the Petitioner, together with the Right Honourable the Lord *William Powlet*, and *George Bridges* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Lord *William Powlet*, and his Agents, together with the Mayor of the ſaid City, did, by Bribery, and other illegal Practices, procure divers of the Burgeſſes and Freemen to vote for the ſaid Lord *William Powlet*, who, otherwiſe, would have voted for the Petitioner: That, notwithſtanding, the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Votes, and ought to have been returned; and demanded the ſame, but was refuſed by the ſaid Mayor: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Benſon* and *Henry Andrews* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, together with *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire, and *Samuel Ruſh* Gentleman, ſtood as Candidates at the Election for the Borough of *Shaſton*, alias *Shafteſbury, in Com' Dorſet*: That the Petitioners had a Majority of the legal Voters that did and offered to vote for them; and they ought to have been returned for the ſaid Borough; but the ſaid *Edward Nicholas* and *Samuel Ruſh*, and their Agents, prevailed on many of the Voters to vote for them; and likewiſe influenced the Mayor of the ſaid Borough to admit many to vote, who had no Right; and to reject others, who had a juſt Right to vote for the Petitioners: That the ſaid Mayor, in purſuance of his unwarrantable Proceedings, hath returned the ſaid *Edward Nicholas* and *Samuel Ruſh*, in Prejudice of the Petitioners, who ought to have been returned: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Cockburn*, Mr. *Addiſon*:	201.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Murray*, Mr. *Eversfeild*:	135.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Twenty-ſixth Day of *April* next.

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A Petition of *John Baynton* and *John Norris* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, with *John Eyles* and *Giles Earle* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Chippenham, in Com' Wilts*, where the Petitioners were duly elected by a Majority of legal Votes: But the ſaid Mr. *Eyles* and Mr. *Earle*, by illegal and unwarrantable Practices of the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, procured themſelves to be returned; whereby the Petitioners are deprived of ſerving as Members for the ſaid Borough, and in Juſtice ought to have been returned: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Trevor Hill* and *Martin Bladen* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, *William Shippen* and *Shilſton Calmady* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Saltaſh*, in the County of *Cornwall:* That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a Majority of legal Votes, and ought to have been returned for the ſaid Borough; but, by the Irregularities and Partialities of the Mayor and Recorder of the ſaid Borough, in ſolliciting Votes for Mr. *Shippen* and Mr. *Calmady*, procured them to be returned for the ſaid Borough; in Wrong to the Petitioners, and in Prejudice to the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Thomas Clarke* Knight, and *John Boteler* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Hertford*, in the County of *Hertford*, the Petitioners ſtood Candidates againſt *Charles Cæſar* and *Richard Gulſton* Eſquires, Sitting-Members: That *Joſeph Calton*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, arbitrarily polled many Perſons for the Sitting-Members that had no Right, and refuſed others who had a Right for the Petitioners; and ſo declared the Election for the Sitting-Members, and returned them accordingly; notwithſtanding the Petitioners were duly elected by a legal Majority, and ought to have been returned: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

A Petition of *James Gatward*, *Samuel Randall*, *Philip Rielly*, *William Barfoot*, *Andrew Smart*, *Harriſon Green*, and *Harmer Offley*, Freemen and Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of *Hertford*, in the County of *Hertford*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members for the ſaid Borough Sir *Thomas Clarke* Knight, and *John Boteler* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates, againſt *Charles Cæſar* and *Richard Gulſton* Eſquires, Sitting-Members: That *Joſeph Calton*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, illegally polled a great Number of Perſons for the Sitting-Members who had no Right, and rejected many others who had a Right, and offered to poll for the ſaid Sir *Thomas Clark* and Mr. *Boteler:* But the ſaid Sir *Thomas Clark* and Mr. *Boteler* were duly elected; notwithſtanding which, the ſaid Mayor, in Violation of the ancient Rights and Privileges of the ſaid Borough, returned the ſaid Mr. *Cæſar* and Mr. *Gulſtone*, although they were not duly elected: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Grimſton:*	191.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Thomas Sebright*, Mr. *Foley:*	125.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Twenty-eight Day of *April* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 28° *die Martii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Curſon*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Morgan*, Lord *Ja. Cavendiſh*, Mr. *Wade*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Lord *Downs*, Mr. *Nevill*, Lord *Scudamore*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Wm. Aſhburnham*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bucks*, *Berks*, *Middleſex*, *Surrey*, *Eſſex*, and *Hertford:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That King *Charles* the Second, by Letters Patent, dated the Twentieth of *September*, in the Thirty-ſecond Year of his Reign, granted to the Petitioners, and their Survivors, the Office of Remembrancer of the Exchequer in *Ireland*, after the Deaths of *Richard Aldworth* and *Thomas Maule* Eſquires, and their Survivors, to hold the ſame during their Lives, and the Life of the Survivor of them; and the ſaid *Richard Aldworth* and *Thomas Maule* are both dead, whereby the Petitioners are intitled to the ſaid Office; and that the Petitioners urgent Buſineſs doth require them in *England*; ſo they cannot go into *Ireland* to take the Oaths of Office, and qualify them for the ſame: And praying, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to the Petitioners the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Thomas Pelham*, and Mr. *Onſlow*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. Comptroller reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt, returning the moſt humble Thanks of this Houſe to his Majeſty, for his moſt gracious Anſwer to their Addreſs, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty received the ſame very graciouſly.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt, relating to the Coinage of Gold and Silver, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had given Directions accordingly.

The Houſe being informed, That *John Richmond Webb* Eſquire deſires the Opinion of this Houſe, in relation to his taking his Place in the Houſe, in reſpect of his being conſtituted Governor of the Iſle of *Wight* by Letters Patents, which paſſed the Great Seal ſince his Election; but iſſued purſuant to a Warrant granted before the Election;

Ordered, That the ſaid Warrant, and Letters Patents, be laid before this Houſe.

The Clerk of the Crown, according to Order, attended, with the Returns for the County of *Wilts*.

The Sheriff's Precept, directed to the Mayor of the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the ſaid County; the Receipt given by the ſaid Mayor for the ſame; and the Return of *Willoughby Bertie* and *Francis Anneſley* Eſquires, by Indenture under the Common Seal of the ſaid Borough, ſigned by the Mayor; and alſo the Return of *George Evans* and *Charles Allanſon* Eſquires, by Indenture under the Hands and Seals of *John Turner*, Conſtable of the ſaid

ſaid Borough, and ſeveral other Burgeſſes; were ſeverally read.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do take off the File the ſaid Indenture, by which Mr. *Evans* and Mr. *Allanſon* are returned.

And he took off the ſaid Indenture accordingly.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mr. *Evans* and Mr. *Allanſon*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Petition upon *Saturday* the Thirtieth Day of *April* next.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion, made on *Friday* laſt, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Reading of Petitions left with the Clerk, relating to controverted Elections; *viz.*

A Petition of *Nathanael Curſon* and *Edward Mundy* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners being Candidates at the Election for the Borough of *Derby*, by virtue of a Precept, to the Mayor directed, to chooſe Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough; and the Lord *James Cavendiſh*, and *William Stanhope* Eſquire, being the other Two Candidates; that they the ſaid Lord *James Cavendiſh* and Mr. *Stanhope*, contriving together, with *Thomas Fiſher* Mayor, and others, did illegally and arbitrarily make, or cauſe to be made, and ſworn, great Numbers of the Tenants of the ſaid Lord *James Cavendiſh*, and Mr. *Stanhope*, and other Strangers, living remote, and at a great Diſtance, from the ſaid Borough, on Purpoſe to obtain a Majority of Votes at the ſaid Election for the ſaid Lord *James Cavendiſh*, and Mr. *Stanhope*: The ſaid Mayor did alſo refuſe to admit the Polls of ſeveral others, Burgeſſes by Birth, and by Service, who offered to vote for the Petitioners; pretending they were not ſworn, although they had before tendered themſelves at one or more Common Halls, and had been unjuſtly denied the Burgeſs-Oath: And though the Petitioners had a greater Majority of rightful Votes, and demanded to be returned; yet the ſaid Mayor refuſed; and returned the ſaid Lord *James Cavendiſh*, and Mr. *Stanhope*, who had no Right; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Henry Gorges* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, and *Edward Harley* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Leominſter*, *in Com' Hereford*, at the laſt Election of Members for the ſaid Borough; and the Agents for the ſaid *Edward Harley* did, by themſelves, Servants, and others, make Intereſt for the ſaid Mr. *Harley*; and did contrary to the Act, made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for preventing Charge and Expence in Election of Members; and thereby did influence great Numbers of the Electors of the ſaid Borough, and obtained the major Part of the ſaid Electors to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Harley*; by which means, the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough hath returned the ſaid Mr. *Harley* as Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough; in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Leominſter*, *in Com' Hereford*, was read; ſetting forth, That the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, Lord Lieutenant of the ſaid County of *Hereford*, has endeavoured, by himſelf and Agents, by Bribes, Threats, and other illegal Practices, not only to procure himſelf to be elected a Member; but alſo to procure *Henry Gorges* Eſquire, Brother-in-law to the ſaid Lord, to be elected Member for the ſaid Borough, at the laſt Election: And praying, That the Merits of the ſaid Election for the ſaid Borough may be heard.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the oppreſſed Inhabitants of the ſaid ancient Borough, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That by the arbitrary Proceedings of *Caleb Powell* Eſquire, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, and Receiver-General for the publick Taxes for the Shires of *Brecon*, &c. *James Caſwal* Eſquire, Receiver-General for the Counties of *Monmouth*, &c. and *Samuel Clark* Eſquire, Receiver-General of the County of *Hereford*; that the ſaid Three publick Officers have had the Command of publick Money; they have, in Combination with Mr. *Thomas Price*, Town-Clerk, in order to force the Petitioners to elect *Edward Harley* Eſquire; and, by the illegal Proceedings of the ſaid Three Receivers-General, Servants and Agents, have, by their lending either ſo much of the publick Money, or the ſaid Mr. *Harley*'s Money, as has got an Influence upon a great many Voters; and, by their Threats, and forcing the Voters to pay what they are not able, and to make them vote contrary to their Inclinations, and by other Threats, and Locking up of Voters the Night before the Election, on the behalf of the ſaid Mr. *Harley*; by the ſaid Receivers, *&c.* treating them with Liquor, that, when they voted, they did not underſtand who they voted for; and that, as ſoon as, when One of the Voters was led home, being in Drink, he was laid down upon his Bed, in his Cloaths, and declared, he was prevailed to vote againſt his Conſcience, and ſo died: And that the Bailiff admitted ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Harley* who had no Right; and refuſed to allow others to vote for Mr. *Gorges* who had a Right; and ſo declared the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, with the Lord *Coningsby*, to be duly elected: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Coteſworth* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the Borough of *Great Grimſby*, *in Com' Lincoln*, the Petitioner, *Arthur Moore*, *Robert Chaplain*, Eſquires, and *Joſeph Bankes*, ſtood Candidates: That before, and at, the ſaid Election, the ſaid Mr. *Chaplain* and Mr. *Bankes*, by themſelves and Agents, were guilty of notorious Bribery, and other illegal Practices, in order to procure them to be returned for the ſaid Borough; and are returned accordingly; notwithſtanding the Petitioner was duly elected by a Majority of Votes duly qualified; and therefore ought to have been returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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A Petition of Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet, and *Crew Offley* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Lyne, in Com' Stafford*, the Petitioners, *Henry Vernon*, and *Rowland Cotton*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates; and ſeveral Perſons who were born Burgeſſes, and others who had ſerved Apprenticeſhips within the ſaid Borough, and who had a Right to be admitted and ſworn Burgeſſes, did, before the *Teſte* of the Writ of Summons, apply themſelves to *John Fenton* Mayor, and demanded to be admitted and ſworn Burgeſſes; but were refuſed; and ſeveral others who had no Right were made Burgeſſes, and voted for the ſaid Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Cotton*; and that by Bribery, and other illegal Practices, the ſaid Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Cotton* procured themſelves to be returned Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough; although the Petitioners were duly elected, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Morgan*, Sir *Tho. Read:* } 153.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Newland:* } 148.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard upon *Tueſday* the Third Day of *May* next;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard upon *Tueſday* the Tenth Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *John Walter* and *George Vernon* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Members for the Borough of *Haſlemere, in Com' Surry*, the Petitioners, Sir *Mountague Blundell* and Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Baronets, were Candidates: That the Petitioners had a great Majority; and, upon the Scrutiny (the Perſons appointed on behalf of the Petitioners did not agree in diſqualifying any of them) the Bailiff did, by illegal Practices, take upon himſelf to reject many of the Petitioners Voters, though duly qualified; and allowed the Votes of ſeveral Perſons for the other Candidates, though not qualified to vote; and, at laſt, declared Sir *Mountague Blundell* and Sir *Nicolas Carew* to be duly elected; and made his Return accordingly; though the Petitioners were duly choſen by a greater Majority of legal Votes, and ought to have been returned: And praying Relief.

A Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, reſident within the Borough of *Haſlemere, in Com' Surrey*, who have a Right to vote in the Election of Members for the ſaid Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That, at the Election, *George Vernon* and *John Walter* Eſquires, Sir *Mountague Blundell* and Sir *Nicolas Carew* Baronets, ſtood Candidates; and there was a great Majority of legal Votes for the ſaid Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Walter:* But Mr. *Carter*, the Bailiff, took upon himſelf, not only to diſallow the Votes of ſeveral of the Petitioners for the ſaid Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Walter*, notwithſtanding they had voted at former Elections, and particularly for the ſaid Sir *Nicolas Carew* and *Thomas Onſlow* Eſquire, who both ſerved for the ſaid Borough; but allowed ſeveral Perſons who polled for the ſaid Sir *Mountague Blundell* and Sir *Nicolas Carew* to be good Votes, although they were not reſident within the ſaid Borough, or were otherwiſe diſqualified to vote at ſuch Election; and in Prejudice to the Rights of the Petitioners, and other Freeholders within the ſaid Borough: And the ſaid Bailiff declared the ſaid Sir *Mountague Blundell* and Sir *Nicolas Carew* to be duly elected; and made a Return accordingly; although the Petitioners believe the ſaid Sir *Mountague Blundell* is not duly qualified: And praying Relief.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Bertie:* } 136.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lade:* } 201.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Edward Harvey* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes for the Borough of *Clitherow*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, where *Thomas Liſter*, *Thomas Parker*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates; that the ſaid Mr. *Parker*, and Agents, were guilty of ſeveral illegal Practices, in order to procure the ſaid Mr. *Parker* to be elected: That ſeveral Perſons were admitted to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Parker* who had no Right; and ſeveral Perſons who offered to vote for the Petitioner, and had a Right, were rejected: That the Petitioner was declared to be duly choſen, and therefore ought to have been returned accordingly; yet a Double Return is made as to the Petitioner and the ſaid Mr. *Parker*; and that the ſaid Mr. *Parker* had an equal Number of Votes with the Petitioner; to the great Wrong and Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 29° die Martii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe proceeded in reading the Petitions, left with the Clerk, relating to controverted Elections; *viz.*

A Petition of *Acton Baldwyn* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *Francis Herbert* and *Humphry Walcott* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Ludlow, in Com' Sallop:* The Petitioner was duly choſen by a Majority of unbribed Voters, and others, duly qualified to vote at the ſaid Election; and therefore the Petitioner ought to have been returned to repreſent the ſaid Borough: But, by Bribery, and other illegal Practices, of the ſaid Mr. *Herbert* and Mr. *Walcott*, and Agents, the ſaid Mr. *Herbert* and Mr. *Walcott* are returned for the ſaid Borough; in Wrong to the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Birch*, Serjeant at Law, was read; ſetting forth, That *Charles Cornwall* Eſquire, *Paul Foley* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Weobley, in Com' Hereford:* That the ſaid Mr. *Foley*, and Agents, was guilty of Bribery, by offering Five Guineas apiece to every Burgeſs that would vote for him; all which ſaid Burgeſſes did accordingly vote for the ſaid Mr. *Foley:* That, by means of the ſaid illegal Practices, the ſaid Mr. *Foley* has procured himſelf to be returned; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner, who was duly choſen, and ought to have been returned: And the Petitioner believes, that the ſaid Mr. *Foley* was not qualified to be elected: And praying Relief therein: And alſo,

A Petition of *Simon Gough*, of the Borough of *Weobley*, *in Com' Hereford*, Butcher, and *John Moore*, of the ſame Borough, Yeoman, on behalf of themſelves, and others the Electors, Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough of *Weobley*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough, *John Birch*, *Paul Foley*, and *Charles Cornwall*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid *Charles Cornwall*, and Agents, did, by corrupt and other illegal Practices, procure himſelf ſeveral Votes, to the Number of Sixty and upwards; by which ſaid illegal Proceedings, the ſaid *Charles Cornwall* gained a Majority of Votes upon the Poll: And praying Relief.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Gibbon*: } 125.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Scudamore*, Mr. *Foley*: } 84.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *Henry Slingſby* and *Cyril Arthington* Eſquires, *John Clark*, *Richard Andrews*, *John Clark*, Joiner, and *Leonard Pickerſgill*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Knareſborough*, *in Com' York*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members for the ſaid Borough, the Petitioners, together with *Henry Coot* and *Robert Hitch* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: The Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes; but *John Fleſher*, pretending to be the Bailiff, and having taken upon himſelf the Execution of the Precept for the ſaid Election, has returned the ſaid Mr. *Coot* and Mr. *Hitch* as duly choſen, who has no Right, and refuſed the Petitioners, who had a Right, and ought to be returned: And the ſaid *Fleſher*, to ſerve the ſaid Mr. *Coot* and Mr. *Hitch*, ſome time before the ſaid Election, took upon him, without Authority, to impanel a Jury of Thirty Burgeſſes, the greateſt Number he knew to be in the Intereſt of the ſaid Mr. *Coot* and Mr. *Hitch*; all which Proceedings of the ſaid *Fleſher* highly tend to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion, made on *Friday* laſt, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Deficiency of the Money granted in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, with the Half-Pay of the Officers of the Navy and Marines, and what may be farther neceſſary for extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet in the ſaid Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of the Extraordinaries for Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and alſo, of the growing Charges for the Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance, for Land-Service, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a State of the Debt of the Navy, to *Chriſtmas* laſt, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of all the Ships in Sea-Pay, which have been employed, with the ſeveral Complements, or Number of Men, borne or muſtered in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Liſt of the Regimental and Warrant Officers, that are to be in Half-Pay for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of the ſeveral Officers in Half-Pay, for the laſt Year, that have been provided for, or are ſince dead, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of the Capital, and annual Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of what Ships have been diſcharged ſince the Ceſſation of Arms, by what Orders, the Date of ſuch Orders, and at what Times ſuch Ships were paid off, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſaid ſeveral States, Accounts, and Eſtimates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Warrant and Patent, conſtituting *John Richmond Webb* Eſquire Governor of the *Iſle of Wight*, being laid before the Houſe;

The ſame, and alſo ſeveral Sections of the Act, of the Sixth Year of Queen *Anne*, Chap. 7. intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line, were read:

After which, the ſaid Mr. *Webb* came and took his Place in the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Sheppard* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, with Sir *William Drake*, Sir *William Courtenay*, Baronets, and *William Young* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Honiton*, *in Com' Devon*: That the Petitioner was duly elected by a Majority of legal Voters; and that he, with Sir *William Drake*, ought to have been returned: but *George Blagdon* Gentleman, to whom the Precept was directed, and who executed the ſame as Portreeve; but he, by illegal Practices, hath taken upon him to return the ſaid Sir *William Courtnay* and Mr. *Younge*; in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *William Drake* Knight and Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That Sir *William Courtnay* Baronet, the Petitioner, *William Younge*, and *James Sheppard*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Honiton*, *in Com' Devon:* That the Petitioner, together with the ſaid *James Sheppard* Eſquire, had likewiſe a Majority, and ought to have been returned; but *George Blagdon* Gentleman, Portreeve, did, by illegal Practices, take upon him to return the ſaid Sir *William Courtnay* and Mr. *Young*; in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Pynſent* and *James Smith* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Taunton*, *in Com' Somerſet*, the Petitioners, Sir *Francis Warre*, and *Henry Portman* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: The Petitioners had a Majority of Votes, duly qualified, and ought to have been returned accordingly; but *Thomas Hayward*, Mayor, took upon himſelf to return the ſaid Sir *Francis Warre* and Mr. *Portman*, who had no Right, and returned them accordingly; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved: And alſo,

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Taunton*, *in Com' Somerſet*, in behalf of themſelves, and many other Inhabitants in the ſame Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That Sir *Francis Warr* Baronet, *Henry Portman*, *William Pynſent*, and *James Smith*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That *Thomas Hayward*, Mayor, did, in an arbitrary Manner, admit ſeveral Perſons to poll for the ſaid Sir *Francis Warr* and Mr. *Portman* who were unqualified, as Almſmen, *&c.*; by which means he refuſed the Votes of ſeveral qualified Perſons, who offered to poll for Mr. *Pynſent* and Mr. *Smith*; and that the ſaid Mayor did refuſe to grant a Scrutiny on the Poll, though it was demanded by Mr. *Pynſent* and Mr. *Smith*, and by ſeveral of the Petitioners: That the ſaid Sir *Francis Warre* and Mr. *Portman* are returned by the ſaid Mayor, although Mr. *Pynſent* and Mr. *Smith* were duly elected by a great Majority of qualified Votes; to the great Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Yonge:*	144.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Coppleſton Warwick Bampfyld*, Mr. *Drew:*	174.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Twenty-ſixth Day of *May* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 30° *die Martii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Thomas Pelham* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe proceeded in the Reading of Petitions, left with the Clerk, touching controverted Elections; *viz.*

A Petition of Sir *William Lowther* Baronet, and *Hugh Bethell* Eſquire, and *Chriſtopher Heyford*, *Thomas Gilpin*, *Timothy Kiplin*, *George Jennings*, *Benjamin Radcliffe*, *David Medley*, *Robert Wood*, *John Popplewell*, *John Kiplin*, *John Hutchinſon*, *Joſhua Cooper*, and *John Aſh*, Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Pontefract*, *in Com' York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members for the ſaid Borough, . . . *William Lowther* and *Hugh Bethell*, and the Honourable *John Dawney* and *Robert Frank* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: The ſaid Mr. *Lowther* and Mr. *Bethell* had the Majority of legal Votes; yet *Robert Lowther* Eſquire, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, has returned the ſaid Mr. *Dawney* and Mr. *Frank*; and the Mayor did reject a great many legal Votes who offered to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Lowther* and Mr. *Bethell*; and likewiſe refuſed ſeveral *Quakers*, who offered to give their Affirmation; and the ſaid Mayor admitted ſeveral illegal Votes to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Dawney* and Mr. *Frank*; and that the ſaid Mr. *Frank*, being Recorder, and during the ſaid Election, directed the Mayor what Votes he ſhould allow of, and what he ſhould reject; and the ſaid Mr. *Lowther* and Mr. *Bethell* demanded a Scrutiny, but the ſaid Mayor refuſed one: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *William Lowther* Baronet, and *Hugh Bethell* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Pontefract*, the Petitioners, and the Honourable *John Dawney* and *Robert Frank* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates; and the Petitioners had the Majority of legal Votes; though *Robert Lowther* Eſquire, Mayor, has returned the ſaid Mr. *Dawney* and Mr. *Frank*; and that the ſaid Mayor did reject many legal Votes for the Petitioners, and refuſed to admit the Perſons called *Quakers* to vote for the Petitioners, unleſs they would take the Abjuration-Oath, though ſeveral of them offered their ſolemn Affirmation; and the ſaid Mayor admitted ſeveral Perſons to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Dawney* and Mr. *Frank* who had no Right, and refuſed others to vote for the Petitioners who had a Right; and Mr. *Frank*, Recorder of the ſaid Borough, together with Mr. *Edmund Abbot*, Town-Clerk, directed the ſaid Mayor what Votes ſhould be allowed, and what rejected; who acted accordingly; and that the Petitioners, after the Cloſing of the Poll, demanded a Scrutiny, but the ſaid Mayor refuſed one; all which Matters are contrary to the Rights of the ſaid Borough, and a great Prejudice to the Petitioners: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Banks* and *Richard Fownes* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Corfe-Caſtle*, *in Com' Dorſet*, the Petitioners, *Dennis Bond* and *William Oakden* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes; but that Multitudes of pretended Votes, who had no Right, were allowed by the Mayor; and that the ſaid Mayor returned the ſaid Mr. *Bond* and Mr. *Oakden*; and that the ſaid Mr. *Bond* and Mr. *Oakden* were guilty of other illegal Practices, to procure themſelves to be elected; and the Peti-

Petitioners are informed, that the ſaid Mr. *Bond* is not qualified: And praying, That he may give in a Particular of his Qualification; and to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *William Pendarvis* Knight, and *Charles Statham* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Lanceſton*, *in Com' Cornwall*; and the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes; notwithſtanding which, *Thomas Bennet*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, by illegal and unwarrantable Practices, hath returned *Edward Herle* and *Joſhua Anſtis*, Eſquires; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Theodore Janſſen*, and Colonel *Antony Morgan*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *South-Yarmouth*, in the *Iſle of Wight*, the Petitioners, Sir *Robert Raymond*, and Colonel *Henry Holmes*, ſtood Candidates: That ſeveral Perſons who were illegally made free were admitted to poll for the ſaid Sir *Robert Raymond* and Colonel *Henry Holmes*; and by that means, and ſeveral undue and indirect Practices, were procured to be returned; in Wrong to the Petitioners, who had a Majority of legal Votes; and in Violation of the Rights of the ſaid Borough: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Clavering*, of the Town and County of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid Town and County, Sir *William Blacket* Baronet, *William Wrightſon* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Sir *William Blacket* and Mr. *Wrightſon* were returned by Mr. *Malſen*, Sheriff for the ſaid Town and County; but the ſaid Mr. *Wrightſon* was not qualified, according to the late Act of Parliament; and therefore the ſaid Election of the ſaid Mr. *Wrightſon* is void; and that the Petitioner, being qualified, and having polled Two hundred and Sixty-two legal Votes, was duly choſen, and ought to be returned in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Wrightſon:* And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Borough of *Reading*, *in Com' Berks*, who pay Scot and Lot within the ſaid Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the ſaid Borough, *William Cadogan* Eſquire was duly choſen; and that many Perſons who did not pay Scot and Lot, and divers others who had no Right, were permitted by Mr. *Wilder*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, to vote for *Robert Clarges* and *Felix Calvert* Eſquires; and that, by divers illegal Practices of the ſaid Mr. *Clarges* and Mr. *Calvert*, and Agents, have procured themſelves to be returned; in Prejudice to the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Wallis* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Steyning*, *in Com' Suſſex*, Major-General *John Pepper*, *Robert Leaves*, *John Middleton*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That by the Corruption, and other undue Practices, of the ſaid Major-General *Pepper* and Mr. *Leaves*, have procured themſelves to be returned for the ſaid Borough; to the great Injury of the Petitioner, who ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Salway Winnington* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was duly elected for the Borough of *Bewdley*, *in Com' Worceſter*; and accordingly was returned, by Mr. *Rock* Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, to Sir *Richard Lane* Knight, Sheriff of the ſaid County, who refuſed the ſaid Return; whereby the Petitioner is not returned to Parliament: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

A Petition of the Bailiff and Burgeſſes of the ancient Corporation of *Bewdly*, *in Com' Worceſter*, was read; ſetting forth, That Sir *Richard Lane* Knight, Sheriff of the ſaid County, ſent the Precept to one *Nicolas Ward*, who took upon him, as Bailiff, under colour of a new Charter, made the Twentieth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, for conſtituting a new Corporation; though *John Rock*, Bailiff of the ancient Corporation, had, before the Sending of the ſaid Precept, given Notice to the ſaid Sheriff, that he the ſaid *John Rock* was Bailiff of the ſaid Borough; and that he was the proper Officer to make the Return: And the ſaid Mr. *Rock*, being informed, that the Precept was ſent by the ſaid Sheriff, did, on the Twenty-fourth *January* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, cauſe publick Proclamation to be made, That the Election of a Burgeſs would be on the Twenty-ninth of *January* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and that the Petitioners did unanimouſly elect *Salway Winnington* Eſquire One of the Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough; and that the ſaid Petitioners, by Indenture, returned the ſaid Mr. *Winnington* to the ſaid Sheriff; he refuſing to accept the ſame; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Seventeenth Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *Herbert Rudhale Weſtfaling* and *Nicolas Philpot* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That *James* Lord Viſcount *Scudamore*, *Thomas Foley* Eſquire, and the Petitioners, ſtood Candidates at the Election for the City of *Hereford:* That the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley*, and Agents, were guilty of Bribery and Corruption, by giving ſeveral Sums of Money to the Freemen of the ſaid City for their Votes, and entertained the Freemen at their own Houſes, and at ſeveral other publick Houſes, after the *Teſte* of the Writ; and alſo, by Threats, *&c.* prevailed with ſeveral of the Freemen, who had promiſed the Petitioners their Votes, to turn from them, and give their Votes for the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley*; and that ſeveral of their Agents entered into a Combination, under their Hands, not to have any Dealings with any Perſon who ſhould not vote for the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley*; and that Sir *Thomas Morgan*, and others, have owned the Signing thereof; and that the Conſtables, being bribed by the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley*, or Agents, prevented the Votes of the Petitioners, by Blows, *&c.* from Polling, and admitted others who voted againſt the Petitioners; and, at the ſame time, the Mob were very numerous, and ſupported by Captain *Richard Foley*, and others; by which means, ſeveral Freemen were deterred to vote for the Petitioners; and by ſeveral other illegal Practices, by admitting to poll ſeveral Perſons for the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley* who had

had no Right; whereby the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley* have procured themſelves to be returned; although the Petitioners were duly choſen, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Freemen of the City of *Hereford*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other Freemen of the ſaid City, was read; ſetting forth, That *James* Lord Viſcount *Scudamore*, *Thomas Foley*, *Herbert Rudhale Weſtfaling*, and *Nicolas Philpott*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the City of *Hereford*: That the Petitioners, and others of the ſaid City, voted for the ſaid Mr. *Weſtfaling*; but the ſaid Lord *Scudamore* and Mr. *Foley*, and Agents, by Bribery, *&c.* and procuring new Freemen to be made, and by other illegal Practices, obtained a great Number of Freemen to vote for them; whereby they procured themſelves to be returned, although there was a Majority of legal Freemen, duly qualified, voted for the ſaid Mr. *Weſtfaling*: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *James Bateman* Knight, and *Edward Phelipps* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Ivelcheſter*, *in Com' Somerſet*: That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a great Majority, and ought to have been returned; but one *Thomas Smith*, taking upon himſelf Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, confederating with one *John Palmer* and *John Winter*, Two pretended Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough, took upon themſelves to return *William Bellamy* and *John Hopkins*, Eſquires; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And that the ſaid *Thomas Smith* cauſed ſeveral unneceſſary Adjournments, after the Poll had been duly taken, and the Majority declared; and made the Return in a clandeſtine manner; and other Inſtances of Partiality, to obſtruct the Return of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved: And alſo,

A Petition of the Inhabitants, Electors, and Voters, of and in the ſaid Borough of *Ivelcheſter*, *in Com' Somerſet*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid Borough, Sir *James Bateman* Knight, *Edward Phelipps* Eſquire, *William Bellamy* Eſquire, and *John Hopkins* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That, at the ſaid Election, the Petitioners were admitted to poll for the ſaid Sir *James Bateman* Knight, and the ſaid *Edward Phelipps* Eſquire; who had a great Majority of Votes, and ought to have been returned accordingly; but one *Thomas Smith*, taking upon himſelf Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, and confederateing with *John Palmer*, late Bailiff, and *John Winter*, a pretended Burgeſs, did, by illegal Practices, return the ſaid *William Bellamy* and *John Hopkins* Eſquires; to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame to the Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Wm. Aſhburnham*, Mr. *Earl:*	142.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Trevyllyan*, Colonel *Codrington:*	43.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Petition of Sir *Francis Head* Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Citizens for the City of *Canterbury*, the Petitioner, Sir *Thomas Hales* Baronet, *John Hardreſs* and *Henry Lee* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the Sheriff of the ſaid City behaved himſelf very partial on behalf of the ſaid Mr. *Hardreſs*: That ſeveral Perſons who were legally intitled to have their Freedom of the ſaid City, and would have voted for the Petitioner, but were refuſed the ſame: But when ſeveral of them had been prevailed upon, and had promiſed to poll againſt the Petitioner, they were admitted to have their Freedom; and they did vote accordingly for the ſaid Mr. *Hardreſs*; and that ſeveral Perſons were admitted to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Hardreſs* who had no Right; and the ſaid Mr. *Hardreſs*, by Threats, and other illegal Practices, procured himſelf to be returned; although the Petitioner was duly elected, and therefore ought to have been returned with the ſaid Sir *Thomas Hales*: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Samuel Edwin* and *James Milner* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*, *in Com' Somerſet*, the Petitioners, Sir *William Wyndham* and Sir *John Trevelian* Baronets, ſtood Candidates: That *Richard Bradford* and *Robert Slowly*, the preſent Conſtables of *Minehead*, behaved themſelves very partial in favour of the ſaid Sir *William Wyndham* and Sir *John Trevelian*; and that the Conſtables declared, ſome time before the Election, That the ſaid Sir *William Wyndham* and Sir *John Trevelian* ſhould be returned, if they had but Five Votes apiece; and that the Petitioners had a legal Majority of the Sitting-Members, and ought to have been returned; and the ſaid Sir *William Wyndham* and Sir *John Trevelian*, and Agents, by Bribery, *&c.* and the Conſtables being influenced by them, and by Mr. *Mogridge* Vicar of *Minehead*, and others, prevailed with ſeveral Voters for them, who had no Right to poll, and rejected others for the Petitioners; and that the ſaid Conſtables returned the ſaid Sir *William Wyndham* and Sir *John Trevelyan*; in Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Thirty-firſt Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *Edward Minſhull* and *John Bromhall* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, *Samuel Trotman* and *John Codrington* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates for the City of *Bath*; where the Petitioners were duly elected; but, by the Partiality of the Mayor, in Refuſing of ſeveral Perſons to vote for the Petitioners who had a Right, and by other illegal Practices of the ſaid Mr. *Trotman* and Mr. *Codrington*, and Agents, they have procured themſelves to be returned; in Wrong to the Petitioners: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *William Strickland*, of *Boynton*, *in Com' York*, Baronet, was read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the Borough of *New-Malton*, the Petitioner ſtood as One of the Candidates, and had a Majority of legal Votes; but, by the Corruption of *Thomas Wentworth* ſenior, Eſquire, and the arbitrary Proceedings of *William Barton*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, by admitting ſeveral Perſons to vote who had no Right; and took upon himſelf to make a falſe Return; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Burgeſſes Electors for the Borough of *New-Malton*, in the ſaid County of *York*, was read; ſetting forth, That purſuant to a Writ, directed to *William Barton* Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, for electing Burgeſſes for the ſame, that ſeveral Perſons were polled at the ſaid Election, who did not pay Scot and Lot; and others living without the Borough, pretending to be Freeholders within the ſaid Borough, were allowed to poll; all which Proceedings were prejudicial to the Privileges of the ſaid Borough: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Francis Wyndham* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *Glouceſter*, *John Snell*, *Charles Cox*, *John Hanbury*, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Mr. *Snell*, by Bribery, *&c.* obtained a Majority of Votes for himſelf againſt the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Citizens and Freemen of the Corporation and County of the City of *Glouceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and others Citizens and Freemen of the ſame, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid City, *Charles Cox*, *John Snell*, *Francis Wyndham*, and *John Hanbury*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Mr. *Cox* and Mr. *Snell*, by Bribery, *&c.* procured themſelves to be returned; though the ſaid Mr. *Wyndham* and Mr. *Hanbury* were duly elected; and that the ſaid Mr. *Cox* is not qualified to ſit: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Nicolas Corſellis* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Colcheſter*, *in Com' Eſſex*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow* Knight, *Richard Ducane*, *Samuel Ruſh*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That although the Petitioner was choſen by a Majority of Voters, duly qualified; yet, by the partial and illegal Practices of the Mayor of the ſaid Borough, in behalf of the ſaid Sir *Iſaac Rebow* and Mr. *Ducane*, in admitting ſeveral Perſons to poll for them, who had no Right, and refuſing others for the Petitioner who were duly qualified: That the ſaid Sir *Iſaac Rebow* and Mr. *Ducane* refuſed to take the Oath appointed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty, for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, *&c.* although requeſted to it at the time of the ſaid Election; notwithſtanding which, the Mayor hath returned the ſaid Sir *Iſaac Rebow* and Mr. *Ducane*; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That *Thomas Parker* Eſquire, who is returned in the Double Return for the Borough of *Clitherow*, *in Com' Lancaſter*, deſires not to conteſt the Matter of the ſaid Return with *Edward Harvey* Eſquire, who is alſo returned in the ſaid Double Return; and that thereupon the ſaid Mr. *Harvey* deſires to withdraw his Petition which complains of the ſaid Return and Election of the ſaid Mr. *Parker*;

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Harvey* be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to whom the Matter of the ſaid Return and Election were referred, be diſcharged from proceeding to hear the ſame.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, with the Return for the ſaid Borough of *Clitherow*, by which the ſaid Mr. *Parker* is returned; and amend the ſame, by raſing out the Name of the ſaid *Thomas Parker* Eſquire, and what is contained in the Return relating to him.

A Petition of *Richard Newdigate* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Newark*, the Honourable Brigadier *Richard Sutton*, and the Honourable *Conyers Darcy*, Eſquires, with the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Brigadier *Sutton* and Mr. *Darcy*, by Threats, Bribery, and other illegal Practices, procured themſelves to be returned; in Prejudice of the Petitioner, who had a Majority of legal Votes, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Coward* and *William Peirs*, Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *Wells*, *in Com' Somerſet*, *Thomas Horner* and *Maurice Berkley*, Eſquires, together with the Petitioners, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a Majority of legal Votes; but *Jacob Worrall*, Mayor, did debar ſeveral Perſons, legally qualified, from voting for the Petitioners; and did admit ſeveral others, not legally qualified, to give their Votes; whereby, and by other indirect Practices of the ſaid .... *Thomas Horner* and *Maurice Berkley* procured themſelves to be returned; in Prejudice of the Petitioners, who ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Comes*, *John Taylor*, *John Lovell*, *Joſeph Norton* the younger, and ſeveral others, Citizens, or Burgeſſes, and Freemen, Inhabitants of the City or Borough of *Wells*, *in Com' Somerſet*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the ſaid Election, *Jacob Worrall*, Mayor, did refuſe the greater Part of the Petitioners, who would have voted for *William Coward* and *William Piers* Eſquires; and did admit ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid *Thomas Horner* and *Maurice Berkley* Eſquires, who were not legally qualified; by which and other indirect Practices, they procured the ſaid *Thomas Horner* and *Maurice Berkley* to be returned; to the manifeſt Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Henry Manaton* Eſquire, One of the Candidates at the time of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Taviſtock*, *in Com' Devon*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid Borough, Sir *John Cope* junior, Knight, *Francis Henry Drake* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates; and the ſaid Sir *John Cope* and Mr. *Drake*, by themſelves and Agents, did uſe illegal Practices in order to procure their Election; and *William Sprye*, Portreeve of the ſaid Borough, rejected the Votes of ſeveral who would have polled for the Petitioners; and by admitting others, under pretended Titles, to poll for the Sitting-Members, although objected to by the Petitioners; and that the ſaid Portreeve has returned the Sitting-Members;

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to the Petitioner's Prejudice; notwithſtanding he was duly elected: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Gatehouſe*, *Nicolas Windover*, *Daniel Tongue*, *Hugh Goddard*, *Peter Chivers*, *Richard White* ſenior, *Henry Baldwin*, *Thomas Berne*, being Perſons duly qualified to give their Votes in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Stockbridge*, *in Com' Southampton*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid Borough, *Richard Jones*, *William Withers*, *Thomas Brodrick*, and * *Bladen*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That *Richard Jones* and *William Withers* were duly elected by a Majority of legal Votes: That *Edward Hopkins*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, and a known Agent for the ſaid *Brodrick* and *Bladen*, did prepare a Liſt of Electors, among whom were very many Perſons not qualified to vote; and that the ſaid Bailiff refuſed to hear any Objections againſt their illegal Proceedings, but declared openly, that he was reſolved to poll them; and produced ſeveral *Quakers*; and the Oath of Abjuration being required of them, he refuſed to tender the ſame; and that the ſaid Bailiff has returned the ſaid *Brodrick* and *Bladen*, to the Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others who have Right of Election for Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough, was read; ſetting forth, That the Right Honourable the Lord *Shelburne*, *James Chaſe* Eſquire, *George Bruere* and *Vincent Oakley* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates for the ſaid Borough: That, after a Poll was demanded, there was a private Agreement made, without the Conſent of the Petitioners, That *James Chaſe* and *Vincent Oakley* Eſquires ſhould deſiſt; and the ſaid Lord *Shelburn*, and *George Bruere* Eſquire, ſhould be declared elected: And that the Petitioners are very well aſſured, that the ſaid *George Bruere* Eſquire is not qualified according to Law; notwithſtanding which, the Conſtables have returned the ſaid *George Bruere*; in Prejudice of the Petitioners: And praying, That the Qualification of the ſaid *George Bruere* may be examined into.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Gray*, *Stephen Gray*, *Richard Halloway*, *John Martin*, and *John Webb*, Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot within the Borough of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the ſaid Borough, the Right Honourable the Lord *Shelburne*, *Vincent Oakley*, *George Bruere*, and *James Chaſe*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That a Poll being demanded by the Petitioners, but no Poll was taken: That the ſaid Lord *Shelburn* has procured himſelf to be returned; but the ſame was procured by Bribes, and other illegal Practices, of the ſaid Lord *Shelburne*, and Agents; nor that the ſaid Lord *Shelburne*, as the Petitioners believe, is not duly qualified to ſit: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Bryan Stapylton* Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Burrowbridge*, *in Com' York*, Mr. *Wilkinſon* and Mr. *Steele*, by Threats, *&c.* has procured themſelves to be returned for the ſaid Borough; and that, by the Aſſiſtance of a noble Earl, a Peer of this Kingdom, has very much influenced the ſaid Election: And that Mr. *Charles Wilkinſon*, Agent for the ſaid Earl, has been guilty of irregular Practices for the Sitting-Members, and in open Court inſulted and threatened the Petitioner's Counſel; and that the Bailiff arbitrarily rejected Votes for the Petitioner, and admitted others for the Sitting-Members; and other illegal Practices were uſed by the ſaid Bailiff; notwithſtanding which Practices, the Petitioner was duly elected by a legal Majority, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Chriſtopher Hales* and Sir *Fulwar Skipwith* Baronets was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, Sir *Thomas Samwell*, and *Adolphus Oughton*, ſtood Candidates at the laſt Election for the City of *Coventry*: That the Sheriffs of the ſaid City refuſed many Freemen who would have polled for the Petitioners; and admitted others to vote for the Sitting-Members who were not Freemen; and by theſe, and other arbitrary and illegal Practices, have returned Sir *Thomas Samwell*, and Mr. *Oughton*; in Prejudice to the Petitioners: And that Mr. *Oughton* was required to make Oath of his Qualification; which he did accordingly; but believes he is not qualified within the Meaning of the late Act of Parliament for that Purpoſe: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Hopkins*: } 182.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. *Palmer*: } 122.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Petition of *Gabriel Roberts* and *Francis Hayes* Eſquires was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Marlbrough*, in the County of *Wilts*, and was duly choſen by the Mayor and Burgeſſes thereof: And that *John Fowler*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, did, by Indenture duly executed between him and the ſaid Burgeſſes, of the one Part; and the Sheriff of the ſaid County, of the other Part; return the Petitioners; and delivered the ſame to the ſaid Sheriff, who accepted thereof: But one *Roger Williams*, pretended Mayor, though in no-wiſe qualified, got Poſſeſſion of the Precept, and ..... Sir *William Humfryes*, and *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire, the other Candidates, though not qualified according to the late Act of Parliament; and the ſaid *Roger Williams* annexed to the Sheriff's Precept a Return of the ſaid Sir *William Humfryes*, and *Joſhua Ward*, and hath returned them accordingly, although not duly qualified: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Fowler* the Mayor, and alſo of the Burgeſſes, of the Borough and Town of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, was read; ſetting forth, That *Gabriel Roberts* and *Francis Hayes* Eſquires ſtood Candidates for the ſaid Borough; and were duly elected: And the Petitioner *John Fowler*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, by

by Indenture duly executed and made between him and the Burgeſſes, of the one Part; and the Sheriff of the ſaid County, of the other Part; did return the ſaid Mr. *Roberts* and Mr. *Hayes* as duly choſen; notwithſtanding which, *Roger Williams* pretending to act as Mayor, though not qualified ſo to do, and having got Poſſeſſion of the Precept; and Sir *Wm. Humfryes*, and *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire, the other Candidates, are returned by the ſaid *Williams*, although not duly elected: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Harry Stirrling*, of *Ardoch*, Baronet, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Pearth*, a few of the Freeholders did illegally ſeparate themſelves before the Meeting was conſtituted; and retired, with the Sheriff's Deputy, who carried the Writ along with him, into another Room: That the ſaid ſmall Number preſumed to conſtitute themſelves a Meeting, and elected the Lord *James Murray*, notwithſtanding the Petitioner was legally choſen by a great Majority; and that the Petitioner conceives the ſaid illegal Separation, and the taking away the ſaid Writ by the Sheriff's Deputy, to be a great Violation and Encroachment upon the Privileges of the Commons of *Great Britain*; and the ſaid Election was carried, in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Wynn*, of *Melay*, in the County of *Denbigh*, Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Denbigh*, the Petitioner and *John Roberts* Eſquire ſtood Candidates: That, by the Threats and Bribery of the ſaid Mr. *Roberts*, and the Partiality of *John Middleton* and *Thomas Roberts*, Bailiffs of the ſaid Borough, the ſaid Mr. *Roberts* procured himſelf to be returned; notwithſtanding ſeveral good Votes for the Petitioner were rejected, and others were allowed in favour of the ſaid Mr. *Roberts*; and that the Petitioner had Fifty-nine good Votes more than the ſaid Mr. *Roberts*; and that Mr. *Middleton*, one of the Bailiffs, has returned the ſaid Mr. *Roberts*; to the Petitioner's Prejudice: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Midleton* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of a Member for the ſeveral Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſſe*, *Bruhan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, the Petitioner was choſen by the major Part of the legal Electors for the ſaid Diſtrict: That, without any Regard to the ſaid Election, the Repreſentative of *Aberbrothwick*, joining with the illegal Electors for the Towns of *Montroſſe* and *Bruhan*, did nominate Captain *James Erſkine*; and the Sheriff, moſt unwarrantably, returned the ſame; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſame be heard upon *Friday* the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *John Hinde Cotton*, Mr. *Tho. Conyers:*	61.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Grant:*	173.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard upon *Friday* the Tenth Day of *June* next.

A Petition of *Joſeph Moxon* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Warwick*, *in Com' Warwick*, the Candidates were *Doddington Grevill* and *William Colemore* Eſquires, together with the Petitioner: That, by the arbitrary Proceedings, and indirect Practices, of the Mayor, the ſaid *Doddington Grevill* and *William Colemore* procured themſelves to be returned; in Wrong to the Petitioner, who had a Majority of legal Votes; and in Violation of the Rights and Privileges of the ſaid Borough: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Campbell* Merchant in *Edinburgh* was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *Edinburgh*, *George Warrender*, Sitting-Member, by open and avowed Bribery, Threats, and other illegal and ſiniſter Practices, cauſed himſelf to be returned, under Pretence of a Majority of Three Votes, beſides his own; to the manifeſt Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Robert Pitt* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *New Sarum*, the Petitioner ſtood Candidate; but, through the arbitrary Proceedings of *Walter Barry*, Mayor, in admitting Perſons to vote, and by the corrupt Practices of their own, and Agents, *Francis Swanton* and *Edmund Lambert* Eſquires procured themſelves to be returned, although one of them not qualified to ſit; in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved: And alſo,

A Petition of ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, of the City of *New Sarum*, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are grieved and oppreſſed by the illegal and arbitrary Proceedings of the ſaid Combination, as their anticipating and determining, at their previous Meetings, all Acts and Things determinable by the whole Corporation in the Council-houſe; their agreeing, by Vote or Ballot, on the Choice of Members for the ſaid City; and their admitting ſuch Perſons only, upon Vacancies, into the Corporation, as will engage themſelves to act in the Meaſures of their Combination; whereby they are diveſted of the Benefit and Privileges of their Charter, the Government and Quiet of the Town interrupted, and the Freedom of Elections notoriouſly invaded: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Fifth Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *Francis Herbert* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Town or Borough of *Montgomery*, *in Com' Montgomery*, the Petitioner, with *John Pugh* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That, notwithſtanding the illegal and indirect Proceedings of the ſaid Mr. *Pugh*, his Friends and Agents, and their Corruption and Bribery, and other violent Practices, in order to procure his Election and Return; yet the Petitioner was duly elected by a Majority of ſuch Votes as had a Right to poll, and ought to have been returned accordingly; but the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough returned the ſaid Mr. *Pugh*; in Prejudice of the Petitioner, and the ſaid Burgeſſes: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Nathanael Hern* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That, at the Election for the Borough of *Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardnes, in Com' Devon, Joſeph Herne, John Fownes* junior, and *John Upton*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Mr. *Fownes* is returned, in Prejudice to the Petitioner, who, being duly qualified according to an Act of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, ought to have been returned, inſtead of the ſaid Mr. *Fowns*, who was not duly qualified, according to the true Meaning of the ſaid Act: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Webb* Serjeant at Law was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Ludgarſhall, in Com' Wilts*, the Petitioner, *John Ivory Talbot*, and *John Webb*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That *John Batt*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, has been, by Bribery, Promiſes, *&c.* prevailed upon .. the ſaid Mr. *Talbot* to act as Agent for him, and alſo prevailed upon other Perſons to vote for him; and that the ſaid Bailiff appointed the Day of Election without giving due Notice of it; and although the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Votes, yet the ſaid Bailiff returned the ſaid Mr. *Talbot* and Mr. *Webb* to be duly choſen: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Granado Pigot* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Cambridge*, the Petitioner, *John Jenyns*, and *John Bromley*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That before, and at, the ſaid Election, the ſaid Mr. *Jenyns* and Mr. *Bromley*, and Agents, were guilty of Bribery, in order to be elected; and they are returned accordingly, although the Sheriff never declared them to be duly elected; and the ſaid Mr. *Bromley* refuſed to take the Oath of his Qualification, he being requeſted to take the ſame: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Doctor *Paſk*, Mr. *North:*	42.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Middleton*, Mr. *Coventry:*	172.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Barlow* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Pembroke*, the Petitioner and Sir *Arthur Owen* ſtood Candidates: That the Sheriff of the ſaid County being promiſed great Rewards by the ſaid Sir *Arthur Owen*; and he behaving himſelf very partial, in admitting divers Perſons to vote for the ſaid Sir *Arthur Owen* who had no Right; and deterred and rejected others from voting for the Petitioner who had an undoubted Right ſo to do: And that Guards of Twelve Men were appointed, moſt of them Servants to Sir *Arthur*, armed with his Halberts, under the Notion of the Sheriff's Men, many of whom behaved themſelves very inſolent towards divers of the Freeholders, and beat them; whereby they had not the Opportunity of giving their Votes for the Petitioner: And that the ſaid Sir *Arthur Owen* is returned, without declaring the ſaid Election, for the ſaid County: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *George Barlow* Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Pembroke*, the Petitioner, ... *Thomas Ferrers* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That the Mayor of the ſaid Borough, being entirely in the Intereſt of the ſaid *Thomas Ferrers*, by Bribery, Promiſes of Preferment, *&c.* did, by undue and illegal Means, procure him to be returned, notwithſtanding the Petitioner had a very great Majority of legal Electors; and although the ſaid *Thomas Ferrers* is not legally qualified, in reſpect of Eſtate: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Burgeſſes inhabiting within the ancient Corporation of *Pembroke* and *Tenby*, in *Wales*, on behalf of themſelves, and other Burgeſſes of the ſaid Boroughs, was read; ſetting forth, That *Wiſton*, a ſmall Village, never pretended to be a Borough, or to have a Right of voting, till within theſe Four Years: That all the Colour of Right *Wiſton* had, is ſet forth in a Manuſcript under the Hand of the Deceaſed's material Evidence, ready to be produced: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Colonel *John Campbell* was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of the Diſtrict of the Boroughs of *Elgine, Bamf, Cullen, Kintore*, and *Inverurie*; and although the Majority of the Common-Council of *Elgine* did chooſe *Robert Dunbar*, of *Grangehill*, Eſquire, Commiſſioner for electing a Member for the ſaid Diſtrict of Boroughs; and the ſaid *Robert Dunbar*, and the Electors for the Boroughs of *Bamf* and *Cullen*, did chooſe the Petitioner; yet the Sheriff of *Aberdeen* did illegally return *James Murray* Eſquire; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner, who had the Majority of habile Electors, notwithſtanding Proteſts were taken againſt them: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, with the Return for the ſaid Boroughs.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 31° die Martii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Richard Sandford* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the Gold and Silver coined at his Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower* of *London*, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and of the Gold and Silver remaining in the *Tower*, in order for Coinage, at *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and of the Denominations and Species in which the ſaid Gold and Silver were brought into the *Tower*.

And the Title thereof was read.
The ſaid Account is as followeth; *viz.*

AN Account of the Gold and Silver coined at his Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower* of *London*, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and of the Gold and Silver remaining in the *Tower*, in order for Coinage, at *Lady-day* 1715; and of the Denominations and Species in which the ſaid Gold and Silver were brought into the *Tower*.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
From *Lady-day* 1713, to *Lady-day* 1715, there was coined 44,179 Pounds Troy Weight of Standard Gold; which, at 44 Guineas and an Half to the Pound Weight, and One Pound One Shilling and Six Pence to the Guinea, makes —	2,113,412	18	3
In the ſame time, there was coined 3,899 Pounds Weight of Standard Silver; which, at 3*l.* 2*s.* to the Pound Weight, makes — —	12,086	18	0
At *Lady-day* 1715, there remained in the *Tower*, to be coined, 6,464 Pounds Weight Eleven Ounces Two Peny-weight and Five Grains of Standard Gold; amounting, at the above Value, to — —	309,265	17	7
And 278 Pounds Four Ounces and Eleven Peny-weight of Standard Silver; amounting, at the above Value, to — — —	862	19	6
	2,435,628	13	4

All the Silver above-mentioned was extracted out of *Engliſh* Lead; and all the Gold came to the Mint in the Form of Bars, or Ingots, the ſeveral Denominations and Species of which are not entered in our Books; but, by the Shape and Aſſay of the Bars, we conceive great Part thereof to have been imported from *Portugal*, in the Form of Bars; and the reſt to have been melted into Bars by the Goldſmiths in *London*, from various Sorts of foreign Gold, and chiefly from the Monies of *France* and *Portugal*, before it came to the Mint.

Rich. Sandford,
Iſ. Newton,
Martin Bladen.

Mint-Office,
30 *March*, 1715.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Clitherow*, in the County of *Lancaſter*.

The Houſe proceeded in the reading the Petitions, left with the Clerk, relating to controverted Elections; *viz.*

A Petition of Sir *Ralph Hare* Baronet, and *Eraſmus Earl* Eſquire, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, and *Thomas De Gray* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates for the County of *Norfolk*: That, at the ſaid Election, a Majority of legal Votes appeared for the Petitioner; but, by allowing great Numbers to give their Votes who were not qualified; and by Bribery, and treating others; and Tumults aroſe in behalf of the ſaid Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, and Mr. *De Gray*, and by many other undue Practices; a Majority was obtained for the ſaid Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, and Mr. *De Gray*, and ſo returned accordingly by the Sheriff; in Wrong to the Petitioners; and in Violation of the Rights of the Electors: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Lockwood* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the City of *Worceſter*, the Petitioner, *Thomas Wyld*, and *Samuel Swift*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Mr. *Swift*, together with *Thomas Yardley*, Sheriff of the ſaid City, and his Agents, by notorious Bribery, *&c.* procured Votes for the ſaid Mr. *Swift*, who would have voted for the Petitioner; and the ſaid Sheriff refuſed to poll ſeveral Perſons for the Petitioner who were duly qualified; and polled ſeveral other Perſons for the ſaid Mr. *Swift* who had no Right: And that the Petitioner demanded a Scrutiny, but he was refuſed the ſame: Notwithſtanding theſe Practices, the Petitioner had a legal Majority of the ſaid Mr. *Swift*, and ought to have been returned; and that the ſaid Mr. *Swift* is not qualified: And praying, That he may make out his Qualification; and to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Waller Bacon Eſquire, being choſen a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City and County of the City of *Norwich*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *St. Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*; made his Election to ſerve for the City of *Norwich*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *St. Germans*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Bacon*.

A Petition of Sir *James St. Clare* Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Caitneſſe*, the Petitioner, and Sir *Robert Gordon*, of *Gordonſton*, Baronet, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Sir *Robert Gordon* hath not any Land in the ſaid County, neither is he of Age; but, notwithſtanding his ſeveral Incapacities, *John St. Clare* junior, Deputy-Sheriff of the ſaid County, has returned him; although the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Votes: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Harley* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That *Edward Fowler* Eſquire, High-Sheriff of the County of *Radnor*, proclaimed the Election for the ſaid County, to be held at *New Radnor*, on the Ninth of *February* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: That *Richard Fowler* Eſquire, combining with the ſaid High-Sheriff, Mr. *William Chamberlain* Under-Sheriff, Mr. *Matthew Davies*, and others, Confederates, did, by Promiſes, Threats, *&c.* endeavour to influence the Freeholders to vote for the ſaid *Richard Fowler*; but the Majority of them declared for the Petitioner: And that the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, with ſeveral Freeholders, demanded of the Deputy-Sheriff to proceed to Election, and return the Petitioner, who had the Majority of Votes; but refuſed the ſame: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of divers Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of *Radnor* was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, and the major Part of the Freeholders of the ſaid County, were reſolved to give their Votes for *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, for the ſaid County; but *Richard Fowler* Eſquire, in Confederacy with *Edward Fowler* Eſquire, High-

High-Sheriff, Mr. *William Chamberlain* Under-Sheriff, and others, did, by Bribes, Threats, and ſeveral other illegal Practices of themſelves, and Agents, endeavour to procure Votes for the ſaid *Richard Fowler*; and that *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, and other Freeholders, did demand of the ſaid Deputy-Sheriff to proceed to Election, and grant a Poll for the ſaid Mr. *Harley*; but he refuſed the ſame: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Murray* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Shire of *Kinroſſe*, the Petitioner ſtood Candidate, and was unanimouſly elected by all the Freeholders, except One, who declared he would not vote at the Election: And that, after the Election was over, ſeveral Perſons, who were never admitted into the Roll of the Freeholders, nor have the leaſt Pretenſions to vote, did, without any Authority, aſſemble themſelves where the Election had been made; and did, with that One ſingle Freeholder, pretend to chooſe *William Douglas* Eſquire; yet Colonel *John Hope*, Sheriff of the ſaid Shire, has illegally returned the ſaid *William Douglas*, upon the ſaid ſham Election: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Oley Douglas* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That the Lord *Morpeth*, the Lord Viſcount *Caſtlecomer*, *Thomas Renda* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates at the Election for *Morpeth*, *in Com' Northumberland*: That the ſaid Lord *Caſtlecomer* procured himſelf to be elected and returned by ſeveral indirect Practices, not only in getting the Agents and Servants of the Earl of *Carliſle* to make uſe of his Lordſhip's Name and Authority to command and influence the Voters of the ſaid Corporation, but likewiſe in giving Money, Meat, Drink, *&c.* and promiſing Rewards to the Burgeſſes or Freemen of the ſaid Borough: And that ſeveral Sons of Freemen, and ſeveral free Brothers, having, according to the uſual Cuſtom, legally demanded their Freedom, and did ſeverally tender their Votes for the Petitioner, but were rejected by the Bailiffs: And praying to ſet aſide the Election of the Lord *Caſtlecomer*, and reſtore the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Renda* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Morpeth*, *in Com' Northumberland*, the Lord *Morpeth*, the Lord Viſcount *Caſtlecomer*, *Oley Douglas* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the major Part of the legal Voters offered to poll for the Petitioner; but the Bailiffs refuſed them; to the manifeſt Injury of the ſaid Voters; and have returned the ſaid Lord *Morpeth* and Lord *Caſtlecomer*, notwithſtanding the major Part of the legal Votes tendered for the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Peter Walter* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for *Bridgport*, *in Com' Dorſet*, the Petitioner, *William Coventry*, *John Strangways*, and *William Harvey*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the Bailiffs of the ſaid Borough did admit and take, for and on behalf of the ſaid Mr. *Strangways* and Mr. *Harvey*, the Votes of more than Fifty Perſons who were diſqualified, and alſo of ſeveral other Perſons that received the common Alms; and that the ſaid Bailiffs, on the Poll, did reject more than Twenty Perſons who were duly qualified, and offered to vote for the Petitioners, under Pretence that ſome of them, being *Quakers*, refuſed to take the Abjuration-Oath, although they offered to make the ſolemn Affirmation, to the Effect of the ſaid Oath: That, when the ſaid Poll was taken, and a Scrutiny demanded, the ſaid Bailiffs refuſed to finiſh the ſaid Scrutiny, and unjuſtly declared the ſaid *John Strangways* to be duly elected; in Wrong to the Petitioners: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Third Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *John Cater* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of *Bedford*, the Petitioner, *William Hillerſdon*, Sir *Pincent Charnock*, and *John Harvey* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner and the ſaid Mr. *Hillerſdon* had a Majority of legal Votes; but, ſeveral Perſons voting for the ſaid Mr. *Harvey*, though not qualified, and by the illegal Practices uſed by the ſaid Mr *Harvey*, and Agents, there was procured a Majority of Sixteen for the ſaid Mr. *Harvey*, above the Petitioner, who otherwiſe would have had the Majority: And praying to be relieved: And alſo,

A Petition of Sir *Pynſent Chernocke* Baronet was read; ſetting forth, That at the ſaid Election for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, the Petitioner, *John Harvey*, *William Hillerſdon*, and *John Cater*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: The High-Sheriff did declare as duly elected, and has accordingly returned, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, notwithſtanding the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Votes: Several that polled for Mr. *Hillerſdon* had no Right ſo to do; though, by his indirect Means, did procure the Votes of others that had a Right to poll, to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petitions be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Nineteenth Day of *May* next.

A Petition of *Edward Harley* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Harley*, was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the laſt Election for the Borough of *New Radnor*, and the other Boroughs in that County; and that a great Majority of the legal Voters did appear, and tendered their Votes, for the Petitioner; but Mr. *Samuel Burton*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, refuſed to admit them, and returned *Thomas Lewis* Eſquire, junior, who is not qualified: And that the ſaid Bailiff, *Thomas Lewis* ſenior, and *William James*, have pretended to make ſome Hundreds of illegal Burgeſſes, and polled them for Mr. *Lewis* junior, declaring, It was to exclude the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the ſaid *Edward* Lord *Harley* was read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner ſtood Candidate at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Biſhop's-Caſtle*, *in Com' Salop*, and had a Majority of legal Votes; but *Charles Maſon* and *Richard Harneage* Eſquires, and Agents, did, by Bribes, and other illegal Practices, procure themſelves to be returned: And the Petitioner humbly repreſents, That the ſaid *Charles Maſon* was not qualified: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and re-

port the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Philip Freke* and *Thomas Edwards* junior, Eſquires, was read; ſetting forth, That Sir *William Danes*, *Joſeph Earle*, and the Petitioners, ſtood Candidates for the City of *Briſtol:* That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a great Majority; but, notwithſtanding that Choice, the Sheriffs have unduly returned the ſaid Sir *William Danes*, and *Joſeph Earle:* And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Earl:* } 186.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Wyndham*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe:* } 108.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Petition of *Thomas Johnes* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the County of *Cardigan*, the Petitioner, and *Lewis Price* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That ſeveral qualified Perſons would have polled for the Petitioner, but were, by Threats, *&c.* hindered from ſo doing; and others admitted to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Price* who refuſed to take the Oaths: And the ſaid Mr. *Price*, or Agents, were guilty of many other illegal Practices, in order to procure him to be elected and returned; who is returned accordingly, notwithſtanding the Petitioner had the Majority of qualified Votes: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Andrews Windſor* Eſquire was read; ſetting forth, That, in purſuance of the Writ under the Great Seal, a Precept of the Sheriff of *Monmouth* was delivered to Mr. *Barns*, Mayor of the Borough of *Monmouth*, for the Election of a Burgeſs for that Borough; and he, according to the Precept, gave due Notice of the Election; and the Electors appeared accordingly; and the Petitioner was choſen to repreſent the Borough, and ſo declared by the Mayor: And an Indenture of the Return of the Petitioner was ſealed, and affixed to the Precept; and given to the Sheriff, who ſigned the ſame; but, pretending that he had ſent his Return for the County to *London*, deſired the Petitioner to carry the Petitioner's Return to his Under-Sheriff in *London*; giving the Petitioner a Letter to him, or his Deputy, with Directions to receive the Return and Precept, and annex the ſame to his General Return for the County: Which Letter, with the Return ſo affixed, the Petitioner delivered, according to the Sheriff's Direction, here in Town: And that Perſon was deſired to annex the ſame accordingly; who acquainted the Petitioner, that the General Return was not then come to Town: Upon which the Petitioner left the Letter and Return with the Perſon: But the Petitioner finds, that the General Return for the County is delivered to the Clerk of the Crown, without the Petitioner's Return on the Precept, and with an Indenture ſigned by the Mayor of *Newport*, and others, to whom the Precept was not directed, of *Wm. Bray* Eſquire; to the great Injury of the Petitioner, and the ſaid Borough: And praying, That the Houſe would take this extraordinary Abuſe of the Sheriff, in his Office, into Conſideration, and give the Petitioner Relief therein.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, with the Returns for the County of *Monmouth*, upon *Thurſday* the Twelfth Day of *May* next.

Ordered, That the High-Sheriff of the County of *Monmouth*, and his Under-Sheriff, and Mr. *Thomas Morgan*, his Agent here in Town, do then attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Petition of the ſaid Mr. *Windſor* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon the ſaid Twelfth Day of *May*.

Sir *James Bateman*, from the *South-Sea* Company, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the capital and annual Fund of the *South-Sea* Company for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read:

And the ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The capital Stock of the *South-Sea* Company, as *per* Particulars delivered in to the Treaſury, amounts to	9,177,967	15	4

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The annual Fund on the above Sum	550,678	1	0
Charges of Management	8,000	0	0
	558,678	1	0

Ja. Bateman, Sub-Governor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That all Powers, Inſtructions, Memorials, Letters, and Papers, relating to the late Negotiations of Peace and Commerce, and to the Ceſſation of Arms, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be pleaſed to direct, That the Proceedings relating to the Demolition of *Dunkirk* be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be pleaſed to direct, That the Repreſentations from the *Ruſſia* Company, and the Merchants trading to the Eaſt Country, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be pleaſed to direct, That the Repreſentations and Memorials from the Merchants trading to *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be pleaſed to direct, That an Account of the Proceedings at the Courts of the *South-Sea* Company, relating to the *Aſſiento*, and *South-Sea* Trade, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That the ſeveral Memorials of the Clothiers to the Commiſſioners of Trade; and what Directions the ſaid Commiſſioners received, relating to ſuch Memorials; be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That the Repreſentations and Memorials of the *Turkey* Company, and of the *Italian* Merchants, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 1° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the Supply granted for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and the Deficiencies of the ſame:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, for Land-Service:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, for the Year 1715.

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
N° 1.	Allowances and Wages to the Maſter-General, principal Officers, Storekeepers, Engineers, Clerks, Labourers, Gunners, Fire-maſters, Fire-workers, Petardiers, Bombardiers, *&c.* daily attendant and employed in the Office at the *Tower*, *Berwick*, *Carliſle*, *Chatham*, *Cheſter*, *Graveſend*, *Guernſey*, *Hull*, *Jerſey*, *Plymouth*, *Portſmouth*, *Sheerneſs*, *Tilbury*, *Tinmouth*, *Upnor-Caſtle*, *Windſor*, &c. with the Rent of Houſes for Officers, Governors, Clerks, Labourers, *&c.* and of Storehouſes in *Goodman's-fields*, *Plymouth*, *Portſmouth*, &c. — — — — — — — —	13,235	7	6
2.	The incident Charge of the Office in taking Remains of Stores, paying extraordinary Labourers, Books, Paper, Coals, Candles, Cartage, Meſſages, Poſtage of Letters, at the *Tower*, and other Gariſons, and Abroad — — — —	6,600	0	0
3.	Repairing of Platforms, making of new, and repairing of old, Carriages, at the ſeveral Forts, Caſtles, and Gariſons, in *Great Britain*, *Guernſey*, and *Jerſey* — — —	4,000	0	0
4.	Rebuilding and Repairing of Storehouſes, Barracks, Bridges, Gates, Paliſadoes, *&c.* at the ſaid Forts, Caſtles, and Gariſons — — — — —	10,000	0	0
5.	For furniſhing Beds, Bedſteads, Sheets, *&c.* and repairing the ſame, at the ſaid Forts, Caſtles, and Gariſons — — — — — — —	1,500	0	0
6.	The Expence of Powder, Shot, Ladles, Sponges, Flags, and other ſmall Stores, for the Guards and Gariſons in *Great Britain* — — — —	3,500	0	0
7.	The yearly Charge of the Officers, *&c.* at *Port-Mahon* — — —	3,504	0	0
8.	The yearly Charge of the Officers, *&c.* at *Gibraltar* — — — —	3,175	10	0
9.	The yearly Charge of the Officers, *&c.* at *Annapolis Royal* — — —	730	0	0
10.	The yearly Charge of the Officers, *&c.* at *Placentia* — — — —	1,076	15	0
11.	The yearly Charge of the Officers belonging to the Train of Artillery in *North Britain*	1,475	18	9
12.	For ſtocking and ſetting up 8,000 new Arms, and for Stocking, Cleaning, and Repairing, of old Arms, returned ſince the Peace — — — — —	10,000	0	0
13.	For 10,000 new Arms contracted for, and ordered to be brought into the Stores —	11,000	0	0
14.	For 300 Tons of Saltpetre, having but 200 Tons in Store; whereas there was kept in Store, during the laſt Peace, near 1,000 Tons — — — — —	13,500	0	0
15.	For putting the battering and travelling Trains of Artillery in a proper Condition; of which 110 Guns have always been maintained in the Out-Gariſons; *viz.* *Berwick*, *Cheſter*, *Hull*, *St. James's* and *Whitehall*, *Plymouth*, *Portſmouth*, Iſle of *Wight*, and *Edenburgh*, beſides the Royal Artillery in the *Tower* — — — — —	5,000	0	0
16.	The extraordinary Expences incurred upon the Demiſe of her late Majeſty, by Order of the Regency, at the ſeveral Forts and Caſtles in *South* and *North Britain* — —	2,500	0	0
	£.	90,797	11	3

Tho. Erle, *M. Richards.* — *Edw. Aſhe*, *Tho. Frankland*, *John Armſtrong.*

Memorandum: That the Fortifications for *Port-Mahon*, *Gibraltar*, *Annapolis*, and *Placentia*, are not included in the foregoing Eſtimate.

Memorandum: That the Repairing of the Fortifications of *North Britain* (as eſtimated by the Engineer ſent thither ſince the Demiſe of her late Majeſty), for ſecuring the ſame from an Inſult, and for lodging the Soldiers and Stores, amounts to 15,423 *l.* 10 *s.* 3 *d.* ½.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer, That an Eſtimate of the Half-Pay may be laid before this Houſe of the Officers and Chaplains who have ſerved well in the Trains of Artillery in *Flanders* and *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions; with what Allowances they have on the Eſtabliſhment in the Office of Ordnance; and what will be required to complete their Half-Pay.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That Doctor *Awbrey* be deſired to preach before this Houſe upon the Twenty-ninth Day of *May* next, being appointed, by Act of Parliament, for a Day of Thankſgiving for the Reſtitution of the Royal Family, and Reſtoration of the Government: And that Mr. *Cholmly* and Mr. *Nevill* do acquaint him therewith.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That the Clerk of the Houſe had, the Thirtieth of *March* laſt, received a Letter from Sir *Alexander Areſkin*, Lord *Lyon*, dated the Fifteenth of the ſame *March*, with a Petition incloſed therein; complaining of an undue Election of a Commiſſioner to ſerve for the Shire of *Fife*; and deſired to know the Pleaſure of the Houſe thereupon, in regard it came to the Clerk's Hands ſince the Speaker was choſe:

And, the Petition mentioning that the Election was on the Tenth of *February* laſt, the Houſe did not think fit to do any thing thereupon.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account of the capital and annual Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, the ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of what may be neceſſary for the extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Money, Taliies, *&c.* remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands on the Thirty-firſt of *December* 1714, over and above the Aſſignments on them from the Navy-Board; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the Debts of the Navy, in caſe it ſhall be applied to the Service thereof: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood the 31ſt *December* 1714.

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Three Eſtimates are as follow; *viz.*

Admiralty-Office, 31ſt of *March* 1715.

AN Eſtimate of what may be neceſſary for the extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet in the Year 1715: Prepared in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, upon an Addreſs from the Honourable Houſe of Commons.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy, Rebuilding of Ships, and other extraordinary Works; as alſo completing the Furniture and Stores of the Ships in Repair, and to be repaired; in the Year 1715 — — — —	237,277	0	0

Geo. Dodington,
J. Jennings,
Cha. Turner,
A. Stanyan,
Geo. Baily.

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Navy-Office, 7th *February* 17$\frac{14}{15}$.

AN Account of the Money, Tallies, &c. remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31ſt *December* 1714, over and above the Aſſignments on them from the Navy-Board; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the Debt of the Navy, in caſe it ſhall be all applied to the Service thereof: Prepared by the Direction of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, of the 5th Inſtant.

In what Treaſurer's Hands.	In Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.	On the Heads of: Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.	Seamens Wages.	Victuals.	Reſerved for ſuch Uſes as the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury ſhall direct.	Total.
		l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
Executors of Sir *Thomas Littleton.* — —	In Money — — — —	456 2 0$\frac{1}{4}$	2,044 19 10$\frac{1}{2}$	110 11 5$\frac{3}{4}$	— — — —	7,715 13 4$\frac{1}{2}$
	In Tallies on Reverſions of Annuities — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	5,104 0 0	
The Right Honourable *Robert Walpole* Eſquire — —	In Money — — — — —	3,317 11 8	343 10 11$\frac{1}{4}$	0 8 11	— — — —	4,081 2 10$\frac{1}{4}$
	In Tallies on the 5th general Mortage, *Anno* 1709 —	62 18 9	— — — —	102 8 1	— — — —	
	on Candles — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	93 19 11$\frac{3}{4}$	
	on Malt, *Anno* One thouſand Seven hundred and Ten — — —	— — — —	— — — —	160 4 6$\frac{1}{4}$	— — — —	
Charles Cæſar Eſquire	In Money — — — — —	96 15 4$\frac{1}{4}$	10,498 1 5$\frac{3}{4}$	170 5 1	4,672 5 5	85,780 15 6
	In Tallies on Hops, *Anno* 1711 — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	3,000 0 0	
	on Malt, *Anno* 1712 — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	5,000 0 0	
	on Malt, *Anno* 1713 — — —	1,400 0 0	— — — —	— — — —	11,840 19 0	
	on the 3d 2 *s.* Aid — — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	7,490 10 2$\frac{3}{4}$	
	on Reverſions of Annuities — —	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —	39,389 0 0	
	In *South-Sea* Stock — — — —	78 16 6$\frac{1}{4}$	— — — —	2,144 2 5	— — — —	
John Aiſlabie Eſquire	In Money — — — — —	13,168 0 6$\frac{1}{2}$	147,618 15 11$\frac{1}{2}$	1,870 11 7	— — — —	162,657 8 1
		18,580 4 10$\frac{1}{4}$	160,505 8 3	4,558 12 1	76,590 14 7$\frac{1}{2}$	260,234 19 9$\frac{3}{4}$

R. Burton, *Cha. Sergiſon,*
J. Fawler, *D. Lyddell.*

Navy-Office, 2d of *February* $17\frac{14}{15}$.

AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1714.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars, Before this Reign.	Particulars, Since this Reign.	Total.
Wear and Tear; Ordinary and extraordinary Repairs:	*l. s. d.*	*l. s. d.*	*l. s. d.*
Due to pay off and diſcharge all the Bills entered on the Courſe of the Navy, for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof — — — — — — — —	— — — —	35,542 19 10	
For the Freight of Store-Ships and Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 31ſt *December* 1714; as alſo to ſeveral Bills of Exchange — —	13,764 3 3	13,726 19 11	307,506 3 0
To his Majeſty's Yards, and Rope-Yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — — —	167,108 0 0	62,364 0 0	
For the Half-Pay to the Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by her late Majeſty in Council on that behalf — — — — — — — — — —	2,400 0 0	12,600 0 0	
Seamens Wages:			
Due to pay the Men unpaid, on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — — — — — — — —	154,558 5 7	1,523 18 8	
To Ships in Sea-Pay on the aboveſaid 31ſt *December* 1714 — — — — —	663,593 0 0	63,911 0 0	885,225 6 6
To diſcharge and pay off all the Bills entered in Courſe, for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties to Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — — —	— — — —	1,639 2 3	
Victualing-Debt; As *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:			
Due for Short-Allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off — —	97,342 6 3	5,600 0 0	
For Bills on their Courſe, and alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extra-neceſſary Money, and Wages to the Officers, Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.* — —	20,182 13 10	37,656 19 5	160,781 19 6
Sick and Wounded; The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:			
Due for the Service of ſick and wounded Seamen ſerving on board his Majeſty's Fleet, *&c.* — — —	4,965 17 5	1,796 2 4	67,611 19 9
Totals —	1,123,914 6 4	236,361 2 5	1,360,275 8 9

The Total amounts to the Sum of One million Three hundred Sixty thouſand Two hundred Seventy-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Nine Pence.

Cha. Sergiſon, *D. Lyddell,* *J. Fawler.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Ordinary Eſtimate for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That the reſpective Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms for *England* and *Scotland* do lay before this Houſe an Account of all Woollen Manufactures, and of all Lead, Tin, and Fiſh, that have been exported from *Great Britain* in the ſeveral Years, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, reſpectively; and to what Places, and in what Ships, exported: And alſo an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms for the ſame time: And alſo an Account of the Produce of the Cuſtoms for Wine and Brandy for the ſame time: And alſo an Account of all Woollen Manufactures exported from *England* from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-ſeven to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-nine.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That the Propoſitions of *France*, to exclude themſelves from all Trade of their Subjects and Ships to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*, with a Reſervation of the *Aſſiento* Contract, and licenſed Ships, granted to *Great Britain*, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That an Account of the Fiſhing-Ships and Saicks employed at *Newfoundland* from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and alſo a State of the Trade there for the ſame time; with all Memorials and Repreſentations relating thereunto, and to the Ceſſion of Cape *Breton* to *France*; and alſo a Repreſentation of the Fiſhery and Trade of the Iſland of *St. Peter's*, yielded on the Peace from *France* to *Great Britain*; be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That all Repreſentations and Memorials preſented, in the Four laſt Years, by the *Swediſh* Miniſter reſiding here, relating to the Navigation and Trade of the *Baltick*; and alſo all Repreſentations and Memorials preſented by him, relating to fitting out Ships of War here for the Service of the Czar of *Muſcovy*; be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That an Account of what Logwood, Fuſtick, Indigo, and other Materials or Drugs for Dyeing, have been ſent to *France* ſince the late Peace concluded at *Utrecht*, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Exciſe and Cuſtoms in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, ſince the Union of the Kingdoms, and to what Uſes the ſaid Revenues have been applied, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 2° *die Aprilis*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* reported to the Houſe, That their ſeveral Addreſſes of the Thirty-firſt of *March*, and of Yeſterday, had been preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the ſeveral Accounts and Matters therein mentioned to be laid before this Houſe; and that his Majeſty had been graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions for the laying the ſame before this Houſe accordingly.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Ten thouſand Men be allowed for the Sea-Service for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, beginning from the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four Pounds *per* Man *per* Month, be allowed for maintaining the ſaid Ten thouſand Men for Thirteen Months; including the Ordnance for Sea-Service.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Five hundred thirty-eight thouſand Six hundred Seventy-eight Pounds One Shilling, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good, for the Services of the Navy, the like Sum which, in the Year commencing from *Chriſtmas* 1714, is to be paid, by the Treaſurer of the Navy, by quarterly Payments, to the *South-Sea* Company, purſuant to the Act of Parliament in that behalf.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Petition of *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his Majeſty, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, granted unto the Petitioner the Office, or Offices, of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of the City of *Dublin*, in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and of all the Ports, Creeks, and Bays, thereunto belonging, to hold during his Majeſty's Pleaſure: And that the Petitioner is now in *England*, and his urgent Affairs requires him to continue ſome time; ſo that he cannot, at preſent, go over into *Ireland* to take the Oaths of Office, and ſubſcribe the Declaration, to qualify him there for the ſaid Office: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to One or more of the Barons of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to the Petitioner the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the ſaid Office, and for other Purpoſes.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Edward Hopkins* and Mr. *London* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 4° die Aprilis;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

GEorge *Pitt* Eſquire, being elected a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Southampton*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Wareham*, in the County of *Dorſet*; made his Election to ſerve for the County of *Southampton*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Wareham*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Pitt*.

A Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Tho. Pelham*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Pelham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Bridges*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Morgan*, Sir *Mountagu Blundle*, Mr. *London*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, Mr. *Aſh*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Longneville*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Conyers*, Lord *Murray*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Mr. *Fane*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Lord *Sondes*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Mountague*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Diſton*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Richard Parker*, *Richard Evans*, and one *John Kidder*, a Sheriff's Bailiff, have, the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* laſt, entered upon, and taken Poſſeſſion of, a Piece of Ground, called *Sydenham-Frith*, in the Poſſeſſion of *Richard Clowder*, Tenant to *Hugh Cholmly* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; and turned out ſeveral Men that were at Work on behalf of his Tenant; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they have directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That the Mayor of the Town of *Cambridge* being ſerved with an Order of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, for permitting Mr. *Shepheard* and Mr. *Jenyns*, or their Agents, to inſpect the Records, Charters, and publick Books and Writings, of the ſaid Town .....

Mr. *Joſeph Pyke* and Mr. *John York* were called in; and examined at the Bar:

And the Order of the Committee was read.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. *Charles Chambers*, Mayor of the Town of *Cambridge*, having refuſed to obey the Order of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, for permitting *Samuel Shepheard* junior, and *John Jenyns* junior, Eſquires, or their Agents, to inſpect the Records, Charters, and publick Books and Writings, of the ſaid Town, be, for the ſaid Contempt, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Hinchingbrooke*, Sir *Richard Sandford*: } 182.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Willoughby Hickman*, Mr. *Colemer*: } 142.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That the Under-Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, who executed the Writ for electing Knights of the Shire for the ſaid County, hath not made any Return thereof by the Seventeenth of *March* laſt, being the Day appointed for ſuch Return; by which means, none of the Members choſen to ſerve for the ſaid County, or the Boroughs therein, can be admitted to give their Attendance in this Houſe;

Reſolved, That *Thomas Crosby*, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, having neglected to return the Writ for electing the Members of the ſaid County by the Seventeenth Day of *March* laſt, being the Day appointed for the Return thereof, is guilty of a great Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Crosby* be, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 5° die Aprilis;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That the Clerk of this Houſe had this Day received a Certificate from the Clerk of the Crown, That the Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland* had made his Return of the Members of the ſaid County.

The Houſe being informed, That a Perſon attended at the Door, from the Truſtees appointed by an Act made the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for the ſpeedy and effectual preſerving the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, by ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, in the County of *Eſſex*; and for aſcertaining the Coal-meaſure;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act, *Dagenham-Breach* Account, and *Dagenham-Breach* Contract.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Account and Contract were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account and Contract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account and Contract are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Pulteney*, Secretary at War, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, and the Plantations, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, and *Flanders*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Eſtimates are as follows; *viz.*

Eſtimate

ESTimate of his Majeſty's Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, and the Plantations; with the Charge thereof, for the Year 1715.

		Numbers.		Charge *per Annum*.			Total.		
				l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Horſe.	First Troop of Guards	181							
	Second Troop of Guards	181							
	Third Troop of Guards	181							
	Fourth Troop of Guards	181							
	First Troop of Grenadier Guards	176							
	Second Troop of Grenadier Guards	177							
	Royal Regiment of Guards	355							
	General *Lumley*'s Regiment	337							
	Lord *Windſor*'s Regiment	226							
			1,995	154,048	5	0			
Dragoons.	Royal Regiment	237							
	Earl of *Portmore*'s Regiment	237							
	Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*'s	237							
	Another Regiment	237							
	Colonel *Kerr*'s Regiment	237							
			1,185	55,860	4	2			
Foot.	First Regiment of Guards	1,386							
	Second Regiment of Guards	694							
	Third Regiment of Guards	890							
	Colonel *Kirk*'s Regiment	485							
	Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s	485							
	Brigadier *Hamilton*'s	485							
	Lord *Shannon*'s	445							
			4,870	122,119	17	6			
			8,050						
	General and Staff Officers			11,870	19	2			
	Contingencies			10,000	—	—			
	Gariſons, including 12 Companies of Invalids			31,653	14	6			
	Three Independent Companies in *North-Britain*			2,847	—	—			
	Fire and Candle for Guards and Gariſons			2,758	—	—			
							391,158	—	4
	In the Plantations.								
Foot.	Colonel *Alexander*'s Regiment	445							
	Four Independent Companies at *New-York*	449							
	Four Independent Companies at *Annapolis Royal*	364							
	Four Independent Companies at *Placentia*	364							
	One Independent Company at *Bermudas*	58							
	Two Independent Companies in *Jamaica*	226							
		1,906		32,731	7	6			
	Gariſons at *Placentia*, and *Annapolis Royal*			2,011	6	8			
							34,742	14	2
	Total, for Guards, Gariſons, and the Plantations						425,900	14	6

Wm. Pulteney.

ESTimate of his Majeſty's Forces in *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, and *Flanders*; with the Charge thereof, for the Year 1715.

		Numbers.		Charge *per Annum*.			Total.		
	In *Minorca*.			*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Foot.	Royal Regiment of Fuſiliers	625							
	Colonel *Phillips*'s Regiment	625							
	Major-General *Whetham*'s	625							
	Lieutenant-General *Sankey*'s	625							
			2,500	50,874	18	4			
	Officers of the Gariſon			6,884	16	3			
							57,759	14	7
	In *Gibraltar*.								
Foot.	Major-General *Pearce*'s Regiment	500							
	Earl of *Barrymore*'s	500							
	Lieutenant-General *Meredith*'s	500							
			1,500	33,443	2	6			
	Officers of the Gariſon			3,749	12	$3\frac{1}{2}$			
							37,192	14	$9\frac{1}{2}$
	In *Flanders*.								
Foot.	Colonel *Harriſon*'s Regiment	669							
	Lord *North and Grey*'s	613							
	Brigadier *Stern*'s	613							
			1,895				35,912	19	2
	Total of the Forces in *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, and *Flanders*						130,865	8	$6\frac{1}{2}$

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Eſtimate of the Half-Pay of the Officers and Chaplains who have ſerved well in the Train of Artillery in *Flanders* and *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions; with what Allowance they have on the Eſtabliſhment in the Office of Ordnance, and what will be required to complete their Half-Pay:

And the Title of the ſaid Eſtimate was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the Half-Pay of the Officers and Chaplains who have ſerved well in the Train of Artillery in *Flanders* and *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions; with what Allowance they have on the Eſtabliſhment in the Office of Ordnance, and what will be required to complete their Half-Pay.

Employments.	Perſons Names.	Half-Pay.	Salary on the Eſtabliſhment.	What will make up their Salary, Half-Pay.
		l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
Colonels.	*John Henry Hopkey*	228 2 6	200 0 0	28 2 6
	James Pendlebury	228 2 6	226 10 0	1 12 6
	Richard King	228 2 6	100 0 0	128 2 6
Lieutenant-Colonels.	*Jonas Watſon*	182 10 0	54 15 0	127 15 0
	Roger Davis	182 10 0	— — —	182 10 0
	John Jeffreys	182 10 0	— — —	182 10 0
Majors.	Lieutenant-Colonel *Lewis Duterne*	136 17 6	— — —	136 17 6
	James Petitt	136 17 6	— — —	136 17 6
	George Spencer	136 17 6	80 0 0	56 17 6
Engineers.	*George Vane*	91 5 0	— — —	91 5 0
	Francis Hawkins	91 5 0	50 0 0	41 5 0
	John Redknapp	91 5 0	— — —	91 5 0
	John Chardellou	91 5 0	— — —	91 5 0
	Maximilian Faviere	91 5 0	— — —	91 5 0
	John Gruel	91 5 0	— — —	91 5 0
	John Romer	73 0 0	— — —	73 0 0
Sub-Engineers.	*Bloom Williams*	50 0 0	— — —	50 0 0
	Francis Seys	50 0 0	— — —	50 0 0
	Nicolas Dubois	50 0 0	— — —	50 0 0
	Edward Ridley	50 0 0	— — —	50 0 0
	Noel Marchand	50 0 0	— — —	50 0 0
Captains.	*Peter Gylmoiden*	91 5 0	36 10 0	54 15 0
	Thomas Marwood	91 5 0	36 10 0	54 15 0
	James Richards	91 5 0	18 5 0	73 0 0
	Thomas Pattiſon	91 5 0	18 5 0	73 0 0
	Zachariah Smith	91 5 0	40 0 0	51 5 0
Fire-maſter.	*Thomas Heydon*	73 0 0	40 0 0	33 0 0
Lieutenants.	*Godfrey Franks*	54 15 0	36 10 0	18 5 0
	Thomas Holman	54 15 0	36 10 0	18 5 0
	Francis Hull	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	Henry Pillar	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	Thomas Hughes	54 15 0	36 10 0	18 5 0
	James Deal	54 15 0	36 10 0	18 5 0
	Peter Stepkins	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	John Roope	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	Joſeph Burton	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
Adjutants.	*George Minnens*	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	James Gernon	54 15 0	— — —	54 15 0
Quarter-maſters.	*George Aikenhead*	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
	Jonathan Lewis	54 15 0	18 5 0	36 10 0
Gentlemen of Ordnance.	*Thomas Saliſbury*	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	John Brooks	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Richard Summerfeild	36 10 0	— — —	36 10 0
	Henry Garnett	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
Maſter-Gunner from *Barbados*.	*James Fawcett*	45 12 6	— — —	45 12 6
Fire-workers.	*Abraham Carpenter*	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Burnet Godfrey	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Humphry Hutchenſon	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Edward Backhouſe	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Michael Crofts	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	Thomas Baſſett	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	John Mellidge	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	John Humphreys	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
	John Cartwright	36 10 0	18 5 0	18 5 0
Surgeons.	*John Pawlett*	60 16 8	— — —	60 16 8
	John Scott	45 12 6	— — —	45 12 6
	Thomas Leaſke	45 12 6	— — —	45 12 6
Chaplain.	*Joſiah Sandby*	60 16 8	— — —	60 16 8
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Tho. Erſe. *M. Richards.* *D. Windſor.* *Edw. Aſhe.* *Tho. Frankland.* *John Armſtrong.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That all Powers, Inſtructions, Memorials, Letters, and Papers, relating to the Negotiations of Peace at the *Hague* in One thouſand Seven hundred and Nine; and the Preliminaries negotiated at *Gertruydenberg*; together with the ſaid Preliminaries, and the Ratification of them; be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed:* And that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed:* And that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Motion being made, That the Houſe will appoint a Day to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's Royal Proclamation, of the Fifteenth of *January* laſt, for the Calling of a new Parliament;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Proclamation be read.

And the ſame was accordingly read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

G. *R.*

IT having pleaſed Almighty God, by moſt remarkable Steps of his Providence, to bring us in Safety to the Crown of this Kingdom, notwithſtanding the Deſigns of evil Men, who ſhewed themſelves diſaffected to our Succeſſion, and who have ſince, with the utmoſt Degree of Malice, miſrepreſented our firm Reſolution, and uniform Endeavours, to preſerve and defend our moſt excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State; and attempted, by many falſe Suggeſtions, to render us ſuſpected to our People; we cannot omit, on this Occaſion of firſt ſummoning our Parliament of *Great Britain* (in Juſtice to ourſelves, and that the Miſcarriages of others may not be imputed to us, at a time when falſe Impreſſions may do the greateſt and irrecoverable Hurt before they can be cleared up), to ſignify to our whole Kingdom, That we were very much concerned, on our Acceſſion to the Crown, to find the publick Affairs of our Kingdoms under the greateſt Difficulties, as well in reſpect of our Trade, and the Interruption of our Navigation, as of the great Debts of the Nation, which, we were ſurpriſed to obſerve, had been very much increaſed ſince the Concluſion of the laſt War. We do not, therefore, doubt, that if the enſuing Elections ſhall be made by our loving Subjects with that Safety and Freedom which, by Law, they are intitled to, and we are firmly reſolved to maintain to them, they will ſend up to Parliament the fitteſt Perſons to redreſs the preſent Diſorders, and to provide for the Peace and Happineſs of our Kingdoms, and the Eaſe of our People, for the future; and therein will have a particular Regard to ſuch as ſhewed a Firmneſs to the Proteſtant Succeſſion, when it was moſt in Danger: We have, therefore, found it neceſſary, as well for the Cauſes aforeſaid, as for other weighty Conſiderations concerning us, and our Kingdoms, to call a new Parliament; and we do accordingly declare, That, with the Advice of our Privy-Council, we have this Day given Order to our Chancellor of *Great Britain*, to iſſue out Writs, in due Form, for the calling a new Parliament; which Writs are to bear *Teſte* on *Monday* the Seventeenth Day of this inſtant *January*, and to be returnable on *Monday* the Seventeenth Day of *March* next following. Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the Fifteenth Day of *January* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, in the Firſt Year of our Reign.

GOD ſave the King.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put That the Houſe do now adjourn;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Cotton:* } 134.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr *Bladen*, Mr. *Strickland:* } 212.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then a Queſtion being propoſed, That Sir *William Windham*, having reflected upon his Majeſty's Proclamation, of the Fifteenth of *January* laſt, for calling a new Parliament; and having refuſed to juſtify his Charge, although often called upon ſo to do; is guilty of a great Indignity to his Majeſty, and a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

An Amendment was propoſed, by inſerting, after the Word "Charge," the Word "immediately:"

The Queſtion was put, That the Word "immediately" be inſerted;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Dawny:* } 130.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Maynard:* } 208.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then Sir *William Wyndham* was heard in his Place.

And being called upon to withdraw;

He did not ſo do.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Sir *William Wyndham* do now withdraw;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Cholmly:* } 206.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Hern:* } 127.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And he withdrew accordingly.

Then the Queſtion being put;

Reſolved, That Sir *William Wyndham*, having reflected upon his Majeſty's Proclamation, of the Fifteenth of *January* laſt, for calling a new Parliament; and having refuſed to juſtify his Charge, although often called upon ſo to do; is guilty of a great Indignity to his Majeſty, and of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Sir *William Wyndham* be, for the ſaid Offence, reprimanded in his Place by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That Sir *William Wyndham* do attend this Houſe, in his Place, To-morrow Morning.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, according to Order, with the Return for the Boroughs of *Elgine*, *Bamf*, *Cullen*, *Kintore*, and *Inverurie*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe with the ſaid Return, upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 6° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, and other chief Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the River *Kennet*, in *Berkſhire*, from *Reading* to *Newbury* aforeſaid, is capable of being made navigable for Barges, and other Veſſels; which, in caſe the ſame may be effected, will be of publick Advantage, and tend very much to the Preſervation of the Highways, Improvement of Trade, and Increaſe of Watermen: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for making the ſaid River navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury* aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Mr. *Packer*, Mr. *London*, and Mr. *Sloper*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Right Honourable Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, being choſen a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Alborough*, in the County of *York*; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Cockermouth*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Aldborough*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*.

Ordered, That the Agents for Taxes do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Money has been paid in, for the Firſt Half-year, of the Land-Tax and Window-Tax, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and what remains in Arrear of former Years; diſtinguiſhed under the proper Heads; and of what remains in the Hands of the Receivers; and what is uncollected; and what are the Cauſes thereof.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of his Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels which have been paid off ſince the Eighth of *Auguſt* One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, the Time of the Ceſſation of Arms; by what Order, when dated, and at what Times paid off: And alſo,

An Abſtract of the Complements of and Number of Men monthly borne and muſtered on board his Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels in Sea-Pay, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Account and Abſtract are as follows; *viz.*

Admiralty-

Admiralty-Office, 31th *March* 1715.

AN Account of his Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels which have been paid off ſince the 8th *Auguſt* 1712, the Time of the Ceſſation of Arms; by what Order, when dated, and at what times paid off: Prepared in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, upon an Addreſs from the Honourable Houſe of Commons.

Date of Orders from the Admiralty.	Rate, or Nature.	Names of Ships and Veſſels.	When put out of Pay.
24 *April* 1712	Yacht	*Iſle of Wight*	9th *Auguſt* 1712.
24 *June*	5	*Guarland*	9th *Auguſt* 1712.
8 *Auguſt*	4	*Jerſey*	12th *September* 1712.
11th	6	*Speedwell Prize*	3d *September* 1712.
21ſt	3	*Cambridge*	23d *September* 1712.
		Firme	9th *September* 1712.
		Warſpight	13 *September* 1712.
28th	6	*Cruizer*	24 *September* 1712.
		Delight	15 *November* 1712.
		Diligence	20 *September* 1712.
		Diſcovery	20 *September* 1712.
		Lively	1ſt *October* 1712.
		Margate	27th *September* 1712.
		Otter	24th *November* 1712.
		Swann	4 *December* 1712.
	Sloops	*Drake*	25 *September* 1712.
		Happy	30 *September* 1712.
		Hound	9 *June* 1714. 30 *September* 1712, ordered to continue on her former Station; and, 11th *May* 1714, ordered to be paid off again.
		Merlin	17th *September* 1712.
		Swift	25 *September* 1712.
28 *Auguſt* 1712	Sloop	*Weazle*	22 *September* 1712.
	Advice-Boat	*Expreſs*	30 *October* 1712.
1 *September*	4	*Rocheſter*	13 *October* 1712.
18	Hulk	*Content*	16 *March* $17\frac{12}{13}$.
23d	4	*Oxford*	22 *October* 1712.
		Severne	10 *October* 1712.
	5	*Bedford Gally*	13 *October* 1712.
		Lynn	23d *October* 1712.
6 *October*	4	*Norwich*	22 *October* 1712.
7th	5	*Portſmouth*	24 *October* 1712.
		Strombolo	11 *May* 1713.
28	3	*Berwick*	2 *December* 1712.
		Bredah	29 *December* 1712.
		Kent	6 *January* 1712.
		Swiftſure	23 *December* 1712.
	4	*Deptford*	19 *December* 1712.
		Falkland	4 *February* 1712.
		Kingſton	27 *November* 1712.
		Medway	11 *December* 1712.
		Portland	15 *December* 1712.
		Sunderland	31 *January* 1712.
	5	*Haſtings*	12th *June* 1713.
		Pearle	3d *December* 1712.
15th *November*	3	*Lenox*	20 *December* 1712.
	4	*Leopard*	18 *December* 1712.
		St. Albans	5 *January* 1712.
20th	6	*Penzance*	11th *May* 1713.
25th	Store-Ships	*Fortune*	2d *March* 1712.
		Succeſſe	2d *March* 1712.
		Suffolk Hag-boat	2d *March* 1712.
9th *December* 1712	4	*Montague*	12th *June* 1713.
	Fire-Ship	*Hawke*	17th *January* 1712.
16	Hoſpital	*Pembroke*	8th *June* 1713.
17	4	*Wincheſter*	8th *February* 1714.
26th		*Hampſhire*	20th *May* 1713.
	Hoſpital	*Dæliciæ*	16 *February* 1712.
31ſt	Fire-Ship	*Griffin*	14 *May* 1713.
3d *January*	Bombs	*Carcaſſe*	14 *May* 1713.
5th	3	*Defiance*	17 *June* 1713.
		Hampton-Court	13 *February* 1712.
9th	4	*Chatham*	20 *May* 1713.
3d *February*	5	*Arrundell*	12 *May* 1713.
9	4	*Nonſuch*	19th *February* 1712.
17th		*Burlington*	13 *October* 1713.

Date of Orders from the Admiralty.	Rate, or Nature.	Names of Ships and Veſſels.	When put out of Pay.
		Panther	25 *May* 1714.
18th		*Cheſter*	22 *June* 1713.
	5	*Poole*	28 *February* 1712.
		Tartar	13 *May* 1713.
6 *March*	6	*Dunwich*	22 *September* } 1714.
7	4	*Litchfeild*	8 *February* }
18	Bomb	*Salamander*	15th *May*
29 *April* 1713	3	*Boyne*	5th
		Elizabeth	29th
		Grafton	5th *June* 1713.
		Somerſett	23d
	4	*Falmouth*	6th
	5	*Diamond*	19th *May*
		Roebuck	
12th *June*	4	*Saliſbury Prize*	9th *December* 1714. 22th *January* 1713, ordered to be fitted as a Guard-Ship; and, 28 *October* 1714, ordered to be paid off again.
17th *June* 1713	5	*Sweepſtakes*	30th *October* 1714.
22d	4	*Bonaventure*	28th *July*
	5	*Shoreham*	16 *October* } 1713.
25th	3	*Monmouth*	23d *July*
26th	5	*Hector*	21ſt *September* 1714.
3 *July*	4	*Auguſt*	2d *October* 1713.
10		*Saliſbury*	3d *December* 1714.
16		*Weymouth*	4 *January* 1714. } 21ſt *January* 1713, theſe
18		*Centurion*	19th *November* 1714. } Ships ordered to be fitted out for Chanel-Service; and, 28th *October* 1714. to be paid off.
24	3	*Northumberland*	4 *November* } 1714.
25		*Sterling-Caſtle*	15th *October* }
27th	4	*Dartmouth*	25th *September* 1713.
		Nottingham	18 *November* 1714.
11th *Auguſt*	6	*Medway Prize*	9th *October*
28th	Hoſpital	*Suffolk Hag-boat*	
	Bombs	*Baſiliſke*	25th *September* 1713.
		Furnace	
	4	*Tilbury*	22d *October*
1 *September*	6	*Albrough*	27th *September*
3d	3	*Cumberland*	9th *October*
		Yarmouth	24th *September* 1714.
5th	5	*Lyme*	3 *November* 1713.
7th	4	*Dover*	12 *June* 1714. 28th *October* 1713, ordered to fit for Chanel-Service; and, the 11th *May* 1714, to be paid off.
9th		*Dunkirke*	24th *March* $171\frac{4}{5}$.
		Yorke	4th *January* $171\frac{4}{5}$. 22d *January* 1713, ordered to lie Guard-Ship; and, 28 *October* 1714, ordered to be paid off.
25th	5	*Enterprize*	11th *December* } 1713.
	6	*Tryton's Prize*	3d *November* }
29th	3	*Cornwall*	7th } *September* } 1714.
		Captain	25th }
	4	*Lyon*	12 *November* }
29th *September* 1713	Store-Ship	*Succeſſe*	25th *October*
30th	4	*Mary*	16 *November* } 1714.
		Superbe	21ſt } *September*
	5	*Goſport*	22d }
		Winchelſea	4 *November* 1713.
20th *November*	4	*Canterbury*	24 *December* 1714.
		Dreadnought	8th *December* 1714. 23d *January* 1713, ordered for a Guard-Ship; and, the 28 *October* 1714, to be paid off.
		Glouceſter	15th *December* 1713.
18th *December*	2	*Blenheim*	6 *September* }
	4	*Colcheſter*	12 *October* } 1714.
22d *January*	4	*Reſerve*	19th *November* }
26th	Yacht	*Wm. and Mary*	16 *March* 1713.
30 *April* 1714	6	*Jolly*	2d *June*
11th *May*	4	*Guernſey*	1 *November* } 1714.
		Ormond	4 *October* }

Date

Date of Orders from the Admiralty.	Rate, or Nature.	Names of Ships and Veſſels.	When put out of Pay.
	5	*Sheerneſſe*	7 *December*
		Royal Anne Gally	16 *November*
		Ludlow-Caſtle	5 *October*
		Charles Gally	21ſt } *September*
		Loweſtoffe	22d } *September*
		Rye	19th *July*
	6	*Glaſcow*	4 *November*
		Lizard	1ſt } *June*
		Maidſtone	7th } *June*
		Newport	2d } *June*
21ſt — —	5	*Mary Gally*	18th *November*
26 *October* —	6	*Gibraltar*	4th *January*
	Sloop	*Sharke*	27th } *December*
		Woolwich	8th } *December*
28 — —	4	*Newcaſtle*	1ſt *December*
28 *October* 1714 —	4	*Experiment*	10th } *January*
	5	*Saphire*	5th } *January*
	6	*Fox*	30 *December*
23d *December* —	Yachts	*Fubbs*	4 *February*
		Peregrine	18 *January*
		Catharine	9th } *March*
		Iſabella	3d } *March*
24th — —	5	*Adventure*	29th
		Looe	21ſt *January*
		Sorlings	21ſt *January*
6th *January* —	4	*Briſtol*	21ſt *January*
14th — —	Yacht	*Cleaveland*	26th

All 1714.

Orford,
Geo. Dodington,
J. Jennings,
Cha. Turner,
A. Stanyan,
Geo. Baillie.

Admiralty-Office, 2d *April* 1715.

AN Abſtract of the Complements of and of the Number of Men borne and muſtered on board his Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels in Sea-Pay, monthly, in the Year 1714: Prepared in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, upon an Addreſs from the Honourable Houſe of Commons.

Months.	Complement.	Number of Men Borne.	Number of Men Muſtered.
January —	17,822	14,704	13,381
February —	17,678	14,543	13,295
March —	17,667	14,518	13,240
April —	17,706	14,573	13,230
May —	17,697	14,464	13,053
June —	16,085	13,404	12,354
July —	15,810	13,351	12,310
Auguſt —	16,922	13,661	13,176
September —	15,955	13,333	12,655
October —	13,026	11,206	10,392
November —	10,892	10,378	9,506
December —	9,633	9,043	8,159

Year.	Complement.	Number of Men Borne.	Number of Men Muſtered.
Which, for the ſaid 12 Months, make a Medium of — — —	15,573	13,098	12,062

Orford,
Geo. Dodington,
J. Jennings,
Cha. Turner,
A. Stanyan,
Geo. Baillie.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account and Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, and the Plantations, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, and *Flanders*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of what may be neceſſary for the extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, for the Land-Service, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Half Pay of the Officers and Chaplains, who have ſerved well in the Train of Artillery in *Flanders* and *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions; with what Allowance they have on the Eſtabliſhment in the Office of Ordnance; and what will be required to complete their Half-Pay; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Sir *William Wyndham* attending in his Place, according to Order;

Mr. Speaker called upon him by his Name (Mr. Speaker ſitting in the Chair covered); and, Sir *William Wyndham* ſtanding up in his Place uncovered, Mr. Speaker ſpoke to him to the Effect following;

Sir *William Wyndham*,

I AM to acquaint you, That Yeſterday, after you were withdrawn, the Houſe came to this Reſolution;

"That Sir *William Wyndham*, having reflected upon "his Majeſty's Proclamation, of the Fifteenth of *January* "laſt, for calling a new Parliament; and having refuſed "to juſtify his Charge, although often called upon ſo to "do; is guilty of a great Indignity to his Majeſty, and "of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe."

Sir, The arraigning a Proclamation, iſſued by his Majeſty, for calling this preſent Parliament; and refuſing to aſſign any Cauſe, why ſuch Proclamation is blameable; the Houſe thought an Indignity to his Majeſty, and ſo unwarrantable an Uſe of that Freedom of Speech, which is the undoubted Privilege of Parliament, that the Houſe thought they could not let it paſs without Animadverſion: But, being willing their Moderation ſhould appear, notwithſtanding their Lenity has been too much deſpiſed and contemned, they have inflicted the mildeſt Cenſure your Offence was capable of; and have commanded me to reprimand you in your Place; and, in Obedience to their Command, I do reprimand you accordingly.

Whereupon Sir *William Wyndham* ſaid,

Mr. Speaker,

I Very truly return my Thanks to you for performing that Duty which is incumbent upon you, from your Office, in ſo candid and gentleman-like a Manner.

As I am a Member, I know I muſt acquieſce in the Determination of the Houſe; but, as I am not conſcious to myſelf of having offered any Indignity to his Majeſty, or of having been guilty of any Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, I have no Thanks to return to thoſe Gentlemen, who, under a Pretence of Lenity, have brought me under this Cenſure.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 7° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Knights of the Shires, and other Members of this Houſe, do prepare Liſts, fairly written, of Commiſſioners Names for executing the ſaid Act, for the reſpective Counties, Cities, and Places, for which there have been uſed to be Commiſſioners: And that the Chriſtian and Surnames of the ſaid Commiſſioners be written at Length.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct an Account to be laid before this Houſe of the Deficiency at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen of the yearly Fund of One hundred Eighty-Six thouſand Six hundred and Seventy Pounds of the *Claſſis* Lottery of Two Millions in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct an Account to be laid before this Houſe of the Deficiency at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen of the yearly Fund of One hundred and Sixty-eight thouſand and Three Pounds for the *Claſſis* Lottery of One million Eight hundred thouſand Pounds in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Clerk of the Crown attending, according to Order, with the Return for the Burghs of *Elgine*, *Bamf*, *Cullen*, *Kintore*, and *Inverurie*;

The Return was read.

And the Minutes of the *Sederunt*, taken at *Kintore*, the Sixteenth Day of *February* laſt, at the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burghs, having been left with the Clerk;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Minutes be now read;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Campbell:* } 222.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *George Warburton*, Mr. *Conyers:* } 132.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The ſaid Minutes were read accordingly; and are as follow; *viz.*

*AT *Kintore*, the Sixteenth Day of *February* [One thouſand Seven hundred and] Fifteenth Years: This being the Day appointed, by his Majeſty's Proclamation, for the ſeveral Diſtricts of Boroughs in *Scotland* to elect Members to repreſent them in the enſuing Parliament; and this being the Place appointed for the Diſtrict of *Elgin*, *Banff*, *Cullen*, *Kintore*, and *Inverury*, to chooſe their Repreſentatives for the preceding Burghs, *James Murray* Eſquire produced a Commiſſion, bearing Date the Fourteenth Inſtant, ſigned by the Provoſt and Town-Council of *Kintore*, impowering him to vote as their Commiſſioner for a Member to repreſent them in the enſuing Parliament; as alſo *John Mark*, [preſent] Provoſt of *Banff*, produced a Commiſſion impowering him to vote

* The Words incloſed between [ ] are ſupplied from the Minutes which were left with the Clerk of the Houſe.

for

for that Town in common Form; as alſo Captain *Alexander Abercromby*, of *Glaſſoch*, produced a Commiſſion impowering him to vote as Commiſſioner for the Burgh of *Cullin*; to which there was no Objection made; as alſo *John Ferguſon*, Ballize of *Inverury*, produced a Commiſſion, bearing Date the Eleventh Inſtant, fully impowering him, as a Commiſſioner, to vote for that Burgh; as alſo there was Two Commiſſions produced for the Burgh of *Elgin*, bearing both of the Date Fourteenth Inſtant; the one appointing *Archbald Dunbar*, [preſent] Provoſt of *Elgin*, to be their Commiſſioner, ſigned by the Clerk, by the Order of the Town-Council, Seal of the Borough appended [thereto,] in Name of the ſaid *Archbald Dunbar*, *Kenneth M. Kenize*, One of the [preſent] Ballizes of that Town, *James Charels* Dean of [Guild,] *George* [*Innes*,] of *Dunkenlie*, *John Hay*, and *James Finlay*, Counſellors there; the [other] Commiſſion appointing *Robert Dunbar*, of *Grangehill*, to be their Delegate, ſigned by the Town-Clerk, with the Town-Seal appended thereto, by the Order of the Provoſt and Town-Council, in the Name of the Perſons following, ſubſcribing thereto; *William Roſs*, *Thomas Craig*, Ballizes there; *John Gordon*, Treaſurer; *James Anderſon*, *James Innes*, *John Duff*, *James Duncan*, *James Warden*, *Michael Black*, Conveenes; and *James Bannerman*, Deacon; all Counſellors; being Ten in Number, the Council conſiſting of Seventeen, whereof Sixteen being [preſent,] which is in the Terms of their Commiſſion: The ſaid *Robert Dunbar* craved, under Form of Inſtrument, that he might be received as Commiſſioner for the Town of *Elgin* to chooſe a Member for the enſuing Parliament, with the other Towns, by virtue of the above Commiſſion, and the Plurality therein mentioned; and proteſts againſt the Town-Clerk of *Kintore*, in caſe he ſhall make any Return which is not founded upon this Commiſſion: And the ſaid *Archbald Dunbar* proteſts, That his Commiſſion ſhould be received, and he be allowed to vote by virtue thereof, it being the only legal Commiſſion; the other having been procured by Practices forbidden by Law; as to which, and the Objections made againſt theſe Practices, and the Commiſſion procured by them, he refers to the Minutes of the Town-Council of *Elgin*; and he proteſts againſt the Clerk, That he make no Return founded upon the other Commiſſion, illegal as aforeſaid, in regard alſo that it was objected, that the ſaid *Robert Dunbar* ſhould not be choſen Delegate, in regard he threatened ſeveral of the Members of the Council of that Town, as is more fully contained in the Minutes of the ſaid Meeting, to which he refers: To which it is anſwered by *Robert Dunbar*, of *Grangehill*, That he never was guilty of any undue Practices in procuring the Delegacy of the Town of *Elgin*; nor that he ever threatened any Member of the Council of *Elgin*; but that he undertakes to prove, that there was undue Practices uſed upon the other Side; and that there was Threatenings againſt ſeveral of the Council; and granting, that either Whole or Part of theſe Objections were true, as they are all falſe, the Delegate from the other Towns, nor the Returning-Clerk, are not the proper Judges; but that his Commiſſion ſhould be received, being ſigned by the Majority, as above, and the Return made according: In Anſwer to which, *Archbald Dunbar*, of *Thunderton*, repeated his Proteſtation: *James Murray* Eſquire proteſted, That no Commiſſion in favour of *Robert Dunbar*, of *Grangehill*, could be received as by Authority, the above-mentioned *William Roſs*, *John Gordon*, *James Anderſon*, *James Innes*, *John Duff*, *Michael Black*, *James Bannerman*, *James Warden*, unleſs it is in order to vote for the ſaid *James Murray*; becauſe they were under Obligation ſo to do, ſigned under their Hands, at *Elgin*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *September*; which I deſire to be read, and anſwered, as the Ground of my ſaid Proteſtation:—Our Provoſt, *Dunkenlie*, did, ſome time ago, ſignify to ſeveral of us his Inclinations of your ſucceeding him as Provoſt of that Burgh; and the Propoſal was ſo reliſhing and well-pleaſing, that nothing but inſupportable Difficulties could have interrupted our aſking the Favour of ſuch a worthy and honourable Countryman to have done us the Honour to have accepted of the Trouble of that Office; but we are ſo hemmed in by a Set, and ſuch Eyes of our common Enemies upon us, as that we would utterly riſk a total Depravation of our Council, in caſe we give them Opportunity, or the leaſt Foundation of a Proceſs, at this Juncture; and we hope this Matter, and the quiet Settlement of this Burgh, is what you will think concerns yourſelf; and you would not be pleaſed, that we ſhould give any Occaſion or Opportunity to a certain Set of People to reign over us; and therefore it is expected you will weigh our Intereſt in the ſame Balance with your own, and not in the leaſt have any Thought of us, as that we will not, in any thing lies in our Power, contribute for your Intereſt, eſpecially as to your continuing to your being Member of Parliament for this Diſtrict of Boroughs; and, in as far as concerns us, we hope, ye will not neglect your own Friends; but will accept an unanimous Vow for you to repreſent this Diſtrict in the enſuing Parliament; and you may be aſſured, and by theſe we do, as one Man, certify and declare to you, that no Delegate ſhall go from this Borough, but ſuch as ſhall be aſſured by your own; for we have ſuch fixed Reſolutions as to this Matter, which ſo nearly concerns us and the Nation, that nothing ſhall ſhake us from the ſame: We wiſh you good Succeſs in your good and virtuous Inclination; and we give you hearty Thanks for the Trouble and Pains you were at to ſerve ſome of our Friends, and we are much honoured: Your moſt humble Servants, the Provoſt, Ballizes, and Council, of *Elgin*, *Sic ſubſcribitur*; *George Innes*, *Kenneth* [*M'Kenize*,] *William Roſs*, *John Gordon*, *Alexander Talconer*, *James Anderſon*, *James Innes*, *John Duff*, *James Redder*, *Robert Gibſon*, *Michael Black*, *James Finlay*, *James Bannerman*, *James Charles*, *John Hay* junior, *James Warden*.—*Robert Dunbar*, of *Grangehill*, proteſts againſt the receiving the Commiſſions of the Burgh of *Kintore* and *Inverury* in favour of the Delegates therein named, in reſpect it does not appear, that the ſaid Councils did take the Oaths requiſite by Law before they proceeded to the Nominations of the Delegates: To which Proteſtation *John Mark* for *Banff*, and *Alexander Abercromby* for *Cullin*, adheres; and offers to produce the Extracts of the Acts of the reſpective Towns, of their having duly qualified before chooſing their Delegates: To which it is anſwered by *James Murray* Eſquire, and Ballize *Ferguſon*, for the Towns of *Kintore* and *Inverury*, That the Members of both the Town-Councils did qualify in due Form, according to Law, before they proceeded to chooſe their Delegates; and that it was never demanded at any former Election for this Diſtrict of Boroughs, that the Oaths ſigned by the Counſellors ſhould be produced, elſe they ſhould have come prepared to have it; and makes the ſame Objection againſt *Cullin* and *Banff*: The Delegates for *Banff* and *Cullin* oppoſes their Acts of their reſpective Councils in the Clerk's Hands, for verifying the Premiſes:—After all which, the Delegate took the Oaths required by Law, and ſubſcribed the ſame.—It was agreed, whoever ſhould be choſen Member of Parliament for this Diſtrict, ſhould ſerve upon his own proper Charges: After which, they proceeded to Election; and the Candidates were, *James Murray* Eſquire, and Colonel *John Campbell* younger, of *Mamore*; and the Poll ſtood thus:

For *James Murray* Eſquire;	For Colonel *John Campbell*;
James Murray, for *Kintore*,	*Robert Dunbar*, for *Elgin*,
Archbald Dunbar, for *Elgin*,	*John Mark*, for *Banff*,
John Ferguſon, for *Inverury*.	*Alexander Abercromby*, for *Cullin*.

And it appearing, by the Poll as above, that the Votes by the Two Candidates was equal, the ſaid *James Murray* Eſquire, as Commiſſioner for *Kintore*, and [Preſes] of the ſaid Meeting, did take the Caſting-Vote to himſelf, as allowed by Law to himſelf; which plainly makes a Majority in his favour: And he does proteſt, that the Clerk of *Kintore*, and the Sheriff of *Aberdeenſhire*, may return him as Member choſen for the ſaid Diſtrict of Boroughs upon the Majority above-mentioned, as is directed by Act of Parliament; thereupon took Inſtruments: In Anſwer to which,

which, *John Mark* and *Alexander Abercromby* proteſts againſt the Returning of *James Murray*, either by the Clerk or Sheriff of *Aberdeen*, for the Reaſons of the Proteſtation above taken by *Robert Dunbar*, as Delegate from *Elgin*, and the ſaid *John Mark* and *Alexander Abercromby*; and that no Regard ought to be had to the Commiſſion produced by *Archbald Dunbar*, of *Thundertown*, and conſequently can be no Place for Mr. *Murray*'s taking the deciſing Vote for himſelf: and therefore the ſaid *Robert Dunbar*, *John Mark*, and *Alexander Abercromby*, proteſts for all Coſts, [Skaith,] and Damage, againſt the Clerk of *Kintore*, and Sheriff of *Aberdeen*, in caſe they ſhall return any other than the ſaid *John Campbell*, for whom they have voted: To which it is anſwered, That the Proteſtation is moſt incongruous; for the Meeting received both Commiſſions from *Elgin* before they proceeded to vote, without preſuming to determine between them; which gave an Occaſion for the Preſes' Caſting-Vote, which cannot be diſputed; and therefore the ſaid *James Murray* proteſts, that the Returning-Officers do return him as the Member elected by the Majority in the Terms of Law, upon their Peril: To which it is replied, That *Robert Dunbar*'s Commiſſion and Proteſtation, to which *John Mark* and *Alexander Abercromby* adhered * * by *James Murray* Eſquire, the Commiſſion produced by *Archbald Dunbar*, and the Proteſtations made by him, to which the Commiſſioners of *Kintore* and *Inverury* adhered, as ſufficient to caſt the other Commiſſion alleged upon: After which, *James Murray*, Preſes of the ſaid Meeting, and Mr. *George Scot*, Clerk to the Town of *Kintore*, ſigned theſe Minutes, in Preſence of the other Commiſſioners; and ordered Extracts to be given to all concerned, if required. *Sic ſubſcribitur*, *James Murray*, Preſes; Mr. *George Scot*, Clerk. This is the true Extract of the Minutes of the ſaid Meeting, extracted by me

M. Scott, Clerk.

After which, Mr. *Murray* was heard in his Place.

And then he withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Honourable *James Murray* Eſquire is duly returned a Burgeſs for the Burghs of *Elgine*, *Bamf*, *Cullen*, *Kintore*, and *Inverurie*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Wrightſon:* } 111.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Cockburn:* } 182.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *John Campbell*, of *Mamore*, Eſquire, ought to have been returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Diſtrict of Burghs.

And the Clerk of the Crown attending in the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do now amend the Return for the ſaid Diſtrict of Burghs, by raſing out the Name of the Honourable *James Murray* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *John Campbell*, of *Mamore*, Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

And he amended the Return accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable *James Murray* Eſquire have Liberty to petition the Houſe within Fourteen Days next, if he thinks fit, in relation to the Election for the ſaid Diſtrict of Burghs.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 8° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Thirske*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *Thomas Frankland* Eſquire, who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Clerk of the Deliveries of his Majeſty's Ordnance-Stores.

Mr. *Edward Hopkins* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office, or Offices, of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That *John Popham* Eſquire have Leave to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the City of *Wincheſter*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the Honourable *James Murray* have Leave to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Shire of *Kinroſs*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding on the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the capital Burgeſſes, and other Freemen, Inhabitants within the Borough of *Aldburgh*, in the County of *Suffolk*, have Leave to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the ſaid Borough.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

The Lord *William Powlet*, being choſen a Citizen for the City of *Wincheſter*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Limington*, in the County of *Southampton*; made his Election to ſerve for the City of *Wincheſter*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Limington*, in the room of the Lord *William Powlet*.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 9° die Aprilis;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *John Stonehouſe* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*: And the ſame was received.

A Petition of *Charles Chambers*, Mayor of *Cambridge*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for his refuſing to obey an Order of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, for permitting *Samuel Shepheard* junior, and *John Jenings* junior, Eſquires, or their Agents, to inſpect the Records, Charters, and publick Books and Writings, of the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Order of this Honourable Houſe, the Petitioner was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for refuſing to obey an Order of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, for permitting *Samuel Shepheard* junior, and *John Jenyns* junior, Eſquires, or their Agents, to inſpect the Records, Charters, *&c.* of the ſaid Town: That the Petitioner is ſorry that he is fallen under the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, and begs Pardon of your Honours, for the ſaid Offence; but in regard he is incapable, while in Cuſtody, of obeying the ſaid Order; and that not only his private Concerns, but the Affairs of the ſaid Town, require his being in the Country: And praying, That your Honours will be pleaſed to order him to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Charles Chambers* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe on *Monday* Morning next, in order to his Diſcharge.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed Nine thouſand Nine hundred Fifty-ſix Men, Commiſſion and Non-commiſſion Officers included, for Guards and Gariſons in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, and for his Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, over and above the Twelve Companies of Invalids, and Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four hundred twenty-five thouſand Nine hundred Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining Guards and Gariſons in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, and his Forces in *America*, and the Twelve Companies of Invalids, and Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty-ſeven thouſand Seven hundred Fifty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Gariſon in *Minorca*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-ſeven thouſand One hundred Ninety-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Gariſon at *Gibraltar*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-five thouſand Nine hundred and Twelve Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining the Three Regiments in *Flanders*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Simon Harcourt* and *Philip Herbert* Eſquires have Leave to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Ayleſbury*, in the County of *Bucks*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That *Richard Jones* and *Charles Tucker* Eſquires have Leave to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Old Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That *Francis Swanton*, *Thomas Lambert*, Eſquires, and *Nicolas Elliot* Gentleman, have Leave to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough of *Old Sarum*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petitions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* have Leave to make a Motion, it being paſt Two of the Clock.

And he moved accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and falſe Muſters; and for the better Payment of the Army, and Quarters: And that Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, all the Powers, Inſtructions, Memorials, Letters, and Papers, relating to the late Negotiation of Peace and Commerce, and to the Ceſſation of Arms: Which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, in Twelve Volumes, bound up, and numbered; and Three other ſmall Books.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Books and Papers be referred to a Committee.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Committee be a Committee of Secrecy.

Reſolved, That the Number of the ſaid Committee be One-and-twenty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Committee be choſen by way of Balloting.

Ordered, That the Members of the Houſe do, upon *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of One-and-twenty Perſons Names to be the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Books do remain with the Clerk of this Houſe, ſealed as they now are, until the ſaid Committee be choſen.

The ſaid Books * * * * *

Lunæ, 11° die Aprilis;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Tho. Pelham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execu-

Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Mayor of *Cambridge* was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

The Order of the Day, for the Members to prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of One-and-twenty Perſons Names, to be a Committee of Secrecy, being read;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and Court of Requeſts, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And being returned;

The Clerk and Clerk-Aſſiſtant went on each Side the Houſe, with Glaſſes, to receive from the Members the Liſts of Perſons Names to be the ſaid Committee: And the ſame, being received, were brought up to the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the ſaid Liſts:

And it is referred to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Sir *John Hobard*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Char. Hotham*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *Strickland*, Lord *Pagett*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Eversfeild*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Heron*, Mr. *Gayer*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Sclater*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Sir *Copleſton Warw. Bampfylde*: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber, and to examine the ſaid Liſts; and report upon which One-and-twenty Perſons Names the Majority falls.

And they withdrew accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *William Bareſby*, the Under-Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter*, attending, according to the Order of the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* laſt;

He was brought in to the Bar:

And the Return made by him for the ſaid County was again read:

Then the ſaid Mr. *Bareſby* was heard; and afterwards produced ſeveral Witneſſes: Who were examined on his behalf:

And alſo ſeveral Witneſſes were examined againſt him.

And then the ſaid *William Bareſby*, and the Witneſſes, withdrew.

Reſolved, That *William Bareſby*, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter*, having neglected to return Two Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid County by the Seventeenth Day of *March*, being the Day of the Meeting of this preſent Parliament, is guilty of a great Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Bareſby* be, for the ſaid Offence, committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 12° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *New Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 13° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That the Agents for Taxes attended, according to Order;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of what Money has been paid in for the Firſt Half-year of the Land-Tax and Window-Tax for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and what remains in Arrear of former Years; diſtinguiſhed under the proper Heads; and of what remains in the Hands of the Receivers; and what is uncollected; and what are the Cauſes thereof.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office, or Offices, of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *London*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Deane*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr *Furneſe*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Biſſe*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, General *Erle*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Colmore*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Lord *Hinchinbroke*, Mr. *Stanion*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *Edward Ernle*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, That all Perſons here, in *Great Britain*, who have Offices in *Ireland*, may qualify themſelves here, for the Execution of their ſaid Offices.

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A n ingroſſed Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pelham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Mitcham*, in the County of *Surrey*, in behalf of themſelves, and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, made in the Fourth Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, for granting an Aid of Four Shillings in the Pound, whereof the County of *Surrey* was charged with Sixty-ſeven thouſand and Fourteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence Halfpeny, for the enſuing Year, That the ſaid Pariſh of *Mitcham* was charged Six hundred and Six Pounds for the ſame Year, in reſpect of ſome Inhabitants there, who had large perſonal Eſtates; and moſt of them have ſince removed out of the ſaid Pariſh, and others have either laid out great Part of their perſonal Eſtates in the Purchaſe of Lands, or otherwiſe greatly leſſened the ſame; and that by reaſon thereof, though the Lands, *&c.* within the ſaid Pariſh, and the Inhabitants, were rated full Two Shillings in the Pound for the laſt Year; and that there was a great Deficiency ſupplied by a Re-aſſeſſment, whereby the Houſes and Lands were conſtrained to pay Two Shillings and Six Pence in the Pound; and that ſeveral Perſons of Subſtance does deſign to leave the ſaid Pariſh, if Redreſs cannot be obtained: And praying the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

Mr. *Bladen* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to examine the Liſts of One-and-twenty Perſons, to be the Committee of Secrecy, reſolved upon by the Houſe; and report upon whom the Majority fell; That the Majority had fallen upon the One-and-twenty Perſons following; *viz.*

Sir *Richard Onſlow* Baronet — —	258
Robert Walpole Eſquire — —	257
Spencer Cowper Eſquire — —	257
James Stanhope Eſquire — —	256
Hugh Boſcawen Eſquire — —	256
William Pultney Eſquire — —	256
Nicolas Lechmere Eſquire — —	255
Daniel Lord *Finch* — —	253
John Aiſlaby Eſquire — —	253
Thomas Vernon Eſquire, of *Worceſterſhire*	253
Algernon Earl of *Hertford* — —	252
Edward Wortley Mountague Eſquire —	252
Sir *David Dalrimple* Baronet — —	252
George Bailie Eſquire — —	252
Sir *Joſeph Jekyll* Knight — —	251
Thomas Erle Eſquire — —	249
Richard Hampden Eſquire — —	249
Sir *Robert Marſham* Baronet — —	248
Alexander Denton Eſquire — —	247
Thomas Pitt ſenior, Eſquire — —	246
Thomas Lord *Coningſby* — —	245

An Objection being made to Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*'s being of the ſaid Committee, he having not taken the Oaths at the Table;

And the Queſtion being put, That Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, being a Member of this Houſe, was capable of being choſen of this Committee, although he has not been ſworn at the Clerk's Table;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Morgan*: } 225.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Harry Goring*: } 117.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Books and Papers which were ordered to remain in the Cuſtody of the Clerk till this Committee was choſen, be delivered to the ſaid Committee: And that they do examine the ſame; and report to the Houſe what they find material in them: And that they, or any Five of them, do meet this Afternoon: And they are to ſit *de die in diem*.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Brudenell*: } 233.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Strangwayes*, Mr. *Rolt*: } 95.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That all Committees be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 14° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pultney*, Secretary at War, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of ſeveral Expences incurred and not provided for by Parliament.

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

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AN Account of ſeveral Expences incurred and not provided for by Parliament.

	Numbers.		*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Charge of the Seven Battalions which came laſt from *Flanders* from 30th *September* 1714 (they being provided for but to *Michaelmas* laſt) to 24 *October* following, both incluſive; at which time they were reduced to the Numbers on the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*; *viz.*				
Foot. The Royal Regiment, Two Battalions — —	1,338			
Lieutenant-General *Webb*'s Regiment — —	613			
Earl of *Forfar*'s Regiment — — —	613			
Major-General *Hill*'s — — —	669			
Earl of *Orrery*'s — — —	613			
Brigadier *Sutton*'s — — — —	613			
		4,459	5,746 0 10	
The Charge of the ſaid Regiments from 25th *October* 1714, to 24th *December* following, both incluſive; the Royal Regiment conſiſting, according to the Reducement, of 890 Men, and the other Regiments of 445 Men each, Officers included — —		3,115	11,226 10 10	
				16,972 11 8
The Charge of the ſaid Regiments from 25th *December* 1714, incluſive, to 25th *March* 1715, excluſive; at which time they were transferred to the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland* — — —		3,115	— — —	16,532 10 0
			l.	33,525 1 8
The Charge of the Three Battalions now in *Flanders* from 30th *September* 1714, to 24th *December* following, both incluſive; they being likewiſe provided for but to *Michaelmas* laſt; *viz.*				
Foot. Colonel *Harriſon*'s Regiment — — —	669			
Lord *North and Grey*'s — — —	613			
Brigadier *Stern*'s — — —	613			
		1,895	— — —	8,461 13 8
The Charge of the Officers Servants of the ſeveral Regiments in *Minorca* and *Gibraltar* from 25th *June* 1713, to 24th *December* 1714, both incluſive, being One Year and a Half; *viz.*				
For the Royal Regiment of Fuſiliers, Colonel *Philips*'s, Major-General *Whetham*'s, and Lieutenant-General *Sankey*'s, Regiments, in *Minorca* —			4,676 5 4	
For Major-General *Pearce*'s, the Earl of *Barymore*'s, and Lieutenant-General *Meredith*'s, Regiments, in *Gibraltar* — — —			3,507 4 0	
				8,183 9 4
For Bounty-money to the diſbanded Men of the ſeveral Companies of the Regiments of *Orkney*, *Hill*, *Forfar*, *Webb*, *Orrery*, and *Sutton*, to reduce their Numbers to the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*; being 14 Days Subſiſtence to each Non-commiſſioned Officer and Soldier; with an Allowance of Three Shillings to each for their Swords (the Serjeants excepted), purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant — — —			447 6 0	
The like Allowance to the diſbanded Men of Colonel *Diſney*'s Regiment, to reduce their Numbers to the ſaid Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*, purſuant to the ſame Warrant — — — —			20 14 0	
				468 0 0
			£.	50,638 4 8
To the Charge of the Out-Penſioners of the Royal Hoſpital near *Chelſea*, *Anno* 1715, upon Account — — — —				20,000 0 0
			£.	70,638 4 8

N. B. There will be an Exceeding in the Half-Pay above what was granted, by reaſon of the additional Liſt, and the full Pay to Detachments of Invalids, ſatisfied out of the Half-Pay Money: But it cannot appear how much the ſame amounts to, until the Account of Savings, under this Head, by ſeveral Officers being either dead, or provided for, is made up.

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, Memorials and Papers of the Proceedings relating to the Demolition of *Dunkirk*; and the Liſt of them: And alſo,

An Account of the Proceedings at the Courts of the *South-Sea* Company, relating to the *Aſſiento* and *South-Sea* Trade.

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorials, Papers, and Account, be referred to the Committee of Secrecy.

The ſaid Memorials, Papers, and Account, are * * * *;

Mr.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Tueſday* Sevennight.

A Petition of *Wm. Paterſon* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by the Fifteenth Article of the Treaty of Union it is agreed, That, next after the neceſſary Allowance for any Loſſes which private Perſons may ſuſtain by reducing the Coin of *Scotland* to the Standard and Value of the Coin of *England*, the capital Stock, or Fund of the *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*, advanced, together with the Intereſt for the ſaid capital Stock, after the Rate of 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum*, from the reſpective Times of the Payment thereof, ſhall be paid; upon Payment of which capital Stock and Intereſt, it is agreed the ſaid Company be diſſolved, and ceaſe: That, ſoon after paſſing the Treaty of Union by the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, the Parliament of *Scotland*, by an Act, intituled, Act concerning the Payment of the Sums out of the Equivalent to the *African* Company, did limit and reſtrict the Payment of ſuch Intereſt at 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum* to the Firſt Day of *May* 1707 then next following; and the whole Sums of Principal and Intereſt to be paid to the Creditors and Proprietors of the Joint-Stock of the ſaid Company, to the groſs Sum of 232,884 *l.* 5 *s.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* only; appointing the Directors of the ſaid Company, or any Five of them, with their Secretary, to ſtate the Account of ſuch Debts and Stock advanced; but ſo as, in the Whole, not to exceed the ſaid groſs Sum of 232,884 *l* 5 *s.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *May*, on Pain of Letters of Horning; in which Proceedings, the Petitioner's Claim and Demand upon the ſaid Company was omitted: That, by an Act of the Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, An Act for the further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-Money, it is particularly declared and enacted, That no Omiſſion or Neglect of the Directors of the ſaid Company, or of others concerned in ſtating, adjuſting, or certifying, the Claims or Demands upon the Equivalent, ſhall prejudice the Right, Intereſt, Claim, or Demand, of the Petitioner in and upon the ſaid Company; but that the ſeveral Sums due to him by the ſaid Company ſhall be certified, and thereupon fully ſatisfied and paid, in the Terms of the Treaty of Union, as the ſame ſhall be proved before the Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*: That, by the Proofs ſince made before the ſaid Judges, purſuant to the above-recited ſpecial Direction (a Certificate whereof is hereunto annexed) it appears, that the Petitioner hath not received the Conſiderations ſtipulated in and by his Firſt Contracts and Agreements with the ſaid Company, nor had Satisfaction for his further and other Services, Expences, and Loſſes, for and on their Account: And praying ſuch Relief as in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Exchequer-Chamber, *Edinburgh*, 16° *Feb.* 171$\frac{4}{5}$.

AND whereas it appears, That the Accounts of the Stock advanced, and Debts due, by the *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*, have been made up without Regard to the Claim of *Wm. Paterſon* Eſquire, for his Expences, Pains, and Loſſes, on Account, and at the Inſtance, of the ſaid Company; Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Omiſſion or Neglect of the Directors of the ſaid Company, or of others concerned in ſtating, adjuſting, or certifying, the Claims or Demands upon the Equivalent, ſhall prejudice the Right, Intereſt, Claim, or Demand, of the ſaid *Wm. Paterſon* in and upon the ſaid Company; but that the ſeveral Sums due to him by the ſaid Company ſhall be certified, and thereupon fully ſatisfied and paid, in the Terms of the Treaty of Union, as the ſame ſhall be proved before the aforeſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*. And in regard that, ſince the making of the Firſt Contracts and Agreements, the ſaid *Wm. Paterſon* hath been at further Expences, and ſuſtained other Loſſes and Damages, for and on Account of the ſaid Company; Be it therefore further Enacted, That the ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* ſhall and are hereby required to take an Account of thoſe his Expences and Loſſes, and likewiſe of his good Services and publick Cares, and make a full and fair Repreſentation thereof to her Majeſty: And, to the end the more full and free Inquiries may be made, and Information had of the Premiſes, the ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* ſhall and may, from time to time, direct their Commiſſion, or Commiſſions, to any Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners within this Kingdom of *Great Britain*, or Dominions or Territories thereunto belonging, for taking the requiſite Examinations, or Informations, to the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and for reporting the ſame to the ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland:* That, after paſſing the ſaid Act of Parliament, *viz.* in the Months of *June* and *July* 1708, the Petitioner made his humble Application to this Court; upon which Application, the Court was pleaſed to give Orders and Directions: That, upon ſuch Order, *James Dunlop* and *John Symmer*, Accountants to the ſaid Company, did, on the 2d Day of *July* 1708, lay before this Court a State of the Petitioner's Accounts of Debt and Credit; which was by the ſaid *James Dunlop* and *John Symmer* ſworn unto, before Mr. Baron *Maitland*, upon the 5th Day of *Auguſt* then next following: That Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie*, late Secretary to the ſaid Company, did, by like Order, on the 23th Day of the ſame Month of *July*, lay before this Court a Report, with Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books of the ſaid Company, relating to the Petitioner's Claim; which was ſworn unto by the ſaid Mr. *Mackenzie*, before Mr. Baron *Scrope*, on the 29th Day of the ſaid Month of *July*; the Originals of which Reports, and Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books and Books of Accounts of the ſaid Company, are now in the Hands of *Paul Jodrell* Eſquire, Clerk of the Houſe of Commons; to which Honourable Houſe the Petitioner hath ſince been obliged to apply for Relief: That, towards being ſtill the better enabled to examine Witneſſes, and bring his Proofs together, the Petitioner did, in *Michaelmas* .... 1710, exhibit a Bill in this Court againſt the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent, her then Majeſty's Lord Advocate, and Lord Clerk Regiſter: That, upon Interrogatories in relation to the Matter of the ſaid Bill, the Depoſitions of Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie* were taken on or about the 30th Day of *December* following, together with the like Extracts directly from the ſaid Company's original Regiſter-Books: That it appears from the before-mentioned Proofs, that the Petitioner hath been at great Expence and Pains, and ſuſtained very conſiderable Loſſes, in the Service of the late *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*; and that it doth not appear, that he hath received the Two *per Cent.* Premium ſtipulated in the Preamble or Conditions of Subſcriptions, marked N° 1. in the above-mentioned Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books of the ſaid Company, or had other Satisfaction for his ſaid Expences, Pains, and Loſſes; only that the Sum of 435 *l.* 15 *s.* 1 *d.* $\frac{1}{3}$, with the Intereſt thereon from the 7th of *November* 1701, remains in his Hands: That the many Obſtructions, and long-continued Hardſhips, that the Petitioner hath hitherto laboured under in the Matter of obtaining his Right upon the ſaid Company, do now indiſpenſably oblige him again to make his humble Application to this Court: The Petitioner humbly prays their Lordſhips to make ſuch Report, or Repreſentation of the ſaid Proofs, as they, in their Wiſdom and Juſtice, ſhall judge proper for his Relief.

Upon Conſideration whereof, and of the Proofs made in this Court upon the Matters therein ſet forth, ſince, both at the time when the Company, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, was beginning to be formed, and after it was carried into a Settlement, it was intended by thoſe intereſted therein, that the Petitioner ſhould have a conſiderable Recompence for his extraordinary Services, in projecting the ſaid Company, and carrying on the Intereſts thereof; as, by the particular Propoſals made for that Purpoſe,

fully appears, though they were never perfected, or carried into an Execution; we are of Opinion, That the Petitioner had a juſt Right to have had the ſaid intended Recompence made good to him out of the Equivalent-money appointed to make good the Loſſes of the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Company: And, ſince he hath been excluded from any Share thereof, and alſo in regard that he hath been very inſtrumental in carrying on other Matters of a publick Nature, which ſeem to us to have been very much for his Country's Service, we think it juſt and reaſonable, that ſome Way ſhould be found out to give him that Recompence for his ſaid Services, which he appears to have merited, and of which he hath hitherto been diſappointed of.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Thomſon*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Charles Hotham*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Wild*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Cuningham*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Biſs*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Jenyns*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Tench*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Sir *Tho. Samwell*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Brigadier *Sutton*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Major-General *Pepper*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Ward*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Richard How*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Edward Williams*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Hyde*, Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Mr. *Jenings*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Eden*, Lord *Wm. Pawlett*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Harvey*, Lord *Down*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Middleton*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Conyers*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, *Southampton*, and *Somerſet:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chambers.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Complaint of the Breach of Privilege, committed againſt *Hugh Cholmly* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, be now received.

Mr. *Hampden* accordingly reported, from the ſaid Committee, the Matter, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read: And the Report and Reſolution are as followeth; *viz.*

Upon the Complaint, That *Robert Parker* and others had entered upon the Poſſeſſion of *Richard Clowder*, Tenant to *Hugh Cholmly* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe:

That the Committee have examined the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and heard Counſel for and againſt Perſons complained of.

Richard Clowder ſaid, That he holds from Mr. *Cholmly* a Wood at *Sydenham*, in *Kent*, for which he has paid his Rent to Mr. *Cholmly*, and his Truſtees, Sixteen Years; and that, upon the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* laſt, the ſaid *Robert Parker* came, with *John Kither*, a Sheriff's Bailiff, and turned him out of Poſſeſſion.

John Kither ſaid, That Mr. *Parker* employed him to take the Poſſeſſion; which he did by virtue of a Warrant from the Sheriff of *Kent*, brought to him by Mr. *Parker*, who went with him to take the Poſſeſſion:

That the Warrant is dated the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* laſt; and is in Execution of a Judgment in Ejectment, obtained by Default upon the Demiſe of the ſaid *Robert Parker*.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Parker*, having, upon the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* laſt, entered upon, and taken Poſſeſſion of, a Wood at *Sydenham*, in the County of *Kent*, then in Poſſeſſion of *Richard Clowder*, Tenant to *Hugh Cholmly* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Robert Parker* be, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read: And the Report and Reſolutions are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt* Baronet, and *Samuel Travers* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Chriſtopher Wren* and *Robert Gayer* Eſquires for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks:*

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Inhabitants of the Borough paying Scot and Lot.

That the Poll was thus;

For Mr. *Wren*, 141. For Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, 136.
Mr. *Gayer*, 137. Mr. *Travers*, 135.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected to 23 of the Sitting-Members Voters; *viz.*

Five, as no Inhabitants of the Borough, or not rated there:

Seven, living there by Certificates from other Pariſhes:

Two, receiving Charity:

Nine, influenced by Bribery, and indirect Practices.

That it appeared to the Committee, by the Evidence of *Chriſtopher Clark* and *James Poole*, and by the Certificates produced by them, That Seven Perſons, *viz. Charles Sandys*, *Thomas Frazier*, *Joſeph Standen*, *Michael Cook*, and *Thomas Carter*, *John Wyat*, and *John Benning*, were no Inhabitants of the Borough, but lived there by Certificates only.

That the Five objected to by the Petitioners Counſel, as not being Inhabitants, were, *Peter Stiles*, *Arnold Allen*, Dr. *Dawſon*, *John Bender*, and *Thomas Elford:* To which the Petitioners Counſel called,

Chriſtopher Clark: Who ſaid, That *Peter Stiles* lives at *Sydenham*, in the Pariſh of *Burnham*; but has a Malt-houſe in *Windſor*, and a little Houſe belonging to it; has Servants there; and is rated to Church and Poor:

That *Arnold Allen* lives at *Uxbridge*; his Dwelling-houſe is there; but has a Houſe and Servants at *Windſor*; and is rated there:

That Dr. *Dawſon* is rated to the Poor ſince the Election, but was not before.

Mr. *James Grape* ſaid, That *John Bender*, in One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, appealed to the Juſtices to be diſcharged from paying the Rate, becauſe of his Poverty.

The ſame Witneſs produced an Order of the laſt Seſſion, Fourteenth *May* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: Which was read; *viz.*

" That *John Bender* and *Hercules Hill* be diſcharged " from paying to the Poor, upon their Complaint; and " in reſpect of their Poverty."

He ſaid, That *Bender* is charged in the Poors Books; but not croſſed as paid: And that ſome time before the Election, *Bender* came to the Town-Hall, and deſired to be excuſed from paying the Window-Tax, by reaſon of his Poverty.

Thomas Maſon produced the Books for the Poors Rate for One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen; none of which are paid by *Bender*, becauſe he pleaded Poverty: That ſince Intereſt was making for this Election, *Bender* voluntarily paid the Rates made ſince *May* laſt; but not any Arrears of former Years.

That it appeared to the Committee, by the Evidence of Mr. *William Sutton*, Collector of the Land-Tax, That Mr. *Thomas Elford* declared to him, That he commenced an Inhabitant at *St. Thomas*'s Day laſt; and refuſed to pay the Land-Tax due before that time.

That the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to add to their Poll *Thomas Winwood:* And called,

Richard Hope: Who ſaid, That *Winwood* has a Tenement within the Borough, for which he is rated: That he lies ſometimes there, and ſometimes at his Father's, who lives in the Borough: That he offered to vote for the Petitioners, but was refuſed.

John Crockford and *Robert Browne* were objected to, as receiving Charity: And,

That it was proved by Mr. *Clark*, That not long before the Election, each of them received Mr. *Reeves*'s Charity, which is a Twelve-peny Loaf diſtributed to poor People.

That the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to prove Bribery, and indirect Practices, on behalf of the Sitting-Members:

That it appeared, by the Evidence of Mrs. *Lyford*, *John Harris*, *Daniel Philips*, and *John Herring*, That Mr. *James Browne*, Mr. *Newton*, and ſeveral others, gathered a Mob in the Town, who inſulted the Petitioners as they were making their Intereſt: And they apprehended, that Miſchief might have enſued, if the Conſtables had not prevented it.

Mrs. *Lyford* farther ſaid, That Colonel *Floyer* told her, He would ruin her Huſband, if it coſt him One hundred Pounds, unleſs he voted for Mr. *Gayer*.

William Cock ſaid, That Dr. *Brown*, of the Caſtle, by the Duke of *Northumberland*'s Direction, aſked his Vote for the Sitting-Members; and ſaid, The Church was in great Danger if he did not vote for thoſe Gentlemen: And that, about Four Days before the Election, Mr. *Mildmay* and Mr. *Faſhion*, the Duke's Gentleman and Steward, came to him, and told him, The Duke's Servants ſhould not come to his Houſe if he would not vote for the Sitting-Members; that he voted for the Petitioners; that the Duke's Servants came conſtantly to his Houſe before the Election, but have not been there ſince.

Thomas Rowland ſaid, That on the Day of the King's Entry, at which time Intereſt was making for this Election, an Ox was roaſted; and the Materials for building a Shed were the King's, and furniſhed by Mr. *James Brown*, Clerk of the Works:

That ſeveral Workmen belonging to the Works, particularly *Arnold Thompſon* Joiner, *Robert Spencer* Carpenter, *James Holmes* Plumber, and ſeveral others, were continued in the Call-Books, and charged to the King; although allowed to work at the ſame time at Mr. *Pieſly*'s, and ſeveral other Places; and that ſince the canvaſſing for the Election, *Thomas Whitby*, though decrepit, and not able to do a Day's Work, was taken into the King's Works: That *Daniel Hind* has been charged in the Call-Books for the King's Works a Twelvemonth; though he did no Work there during that time: That the ſeveral Workmen thus allowed voted for the Sitting-Members:

The Witneſs ſaid, That he was Foreman to the Maſter-Carpenter of the Works, and was turned out for not voting for the Sitting-Members; but is ſince made Maſter-Carpenter, by a Warrant from the Duke of *Kent*.

John Aldridge ſaid, That *Philip Hind* told him, He always deſigned to vote for Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*; but at *Chriſtmas* told him, That he believed he could not ſerve him, becauſe the Duke of *Northumberland* had given him a Trumpet in the Guards; and, if his Grace laid an Obligation upon him, he could not vote for Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt:* And that he voted for the Sitting-Members.

Henry Aſon ſaid, That the Duke of *Northumberland* is Steward of *Windſor:* That at the Election he ſat upon the Bench with the Mayor; but that his Grace did not ſay or do any thing.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That Certificate-Men have always voted at Elections in this Borough, and have a Right to vote:

To ſupport the Certificate-Men objected to, they called,

Thomas Brownlow: Who ſaid, That *Charles Sandys* rents Ten Pounds *per Annum*; and that it is Mr. *Topham*'s Eſtate.

Mr. *Topham*, being examined, ſaid, This Eſtate conſiſts of Two ſmall Gardens, which are his, and are lett for Five Pounds Ten Shillings *per Annum* to the Widow *Pocock*, upon a Leaſe for One-and-twenty Years.

Thomas Brownlowe ſaid, That *Thomas Carter* ſerved Tythingman in *Windſor* the laſt Year:

That *Thomas Winwood* has no Houſe, is charged for a Barn, and pays the Rate.

That it was admitted by the Petitioners Counſel, That *John Crockford* and *Robert Browne*, who received *Reeves*'s Charity, paid Scot and Lot; and that *John Man* and *James Deighton*, who voted for the Petitioners, are Certificate-Men.

To add *John French* to the Sitting-Members Poll,

Richard Burk ſaid, *French* has a Lodging-Room over his Shop, for which he is rated: But the Witneſs ſaid, He never knew *French* had a Bed there: That he offered to vote for the Sitting-Members, but was refuſed; and that he had been refuſed at former Elections.

Mr. *Pieſley* ſaid, That Certificate-Men have always voted at *Windſor* without Objection; and they did ſo at this Election:

That his Houſe belongs to the 13 poor Knights of the Royal Foundation, who have covenanted to repair it: That it has been repaired by the Crown; and, being very much out of Repair, he applied to the Lords of the Treaſury, who ſeemed to conſent to it, by ordering an Eſtimate to be laid before them; and that he has advanced Money for the Repairs, expecting to be repaid it.

Then the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to Four of the Petitioners Voters, as not being Inhabitants; *viz. Joſeph Huddle*, *Laurence Sexton*, *Francis Thompſon*, and *Abraham Jagger:* And called,

Thomas Brownlow: Who ſaid, That Mr. *Huddle*, Mr. *Sexton*, and Mr. *Thompſon*, follow the Court; have Houſes in *Windſor*; are there ſometimes; and are all charged to the Poor.

Abraham Goldſmith ſaid, *Jagger* lives in *Datchet-lane*, within the Borough; has a Houſe and Malt-houſe at *Windſor*, where he lives ſometimes, but is chiefly at his Mother's at *Eaton*; and that he has lett One Half of his Houſe.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to give Evidence of Bribery, and corrupt Practices, on behalf of the Petitioners: And called,

William Sherwood: Who ſaid, He belongs to *Windſor* Caſtle; and that Captain *Potts*, the Deputy-Governor, threatened him, that he ſhould be broke, and his Wife turned out from being Miſtreſs of the Charity-School, if he did not vote for the Petitioners: And that Mr. *Bret*, the Duke of *Kent*'s Steward, about Six Weeks before the Election, told him, the Duke of *Kent* deſired his Vote for the Petitioners; and ſaid, He was neither the King's Friend, nor the Government's, if he did not give them his Vote:

This Witneſs, being croſs-examined, ſaid, That he did vote in the Election; that he is not broke; and that there are Four Governors of the Charity-School.

George Bryers ſaid, That Mr. *Saxton* told him, He came down about the Election; and ſaid, He believed the Petitioners were Gentlemen well pleaſing to the King; and

and that he was ſent down by ſome of the beſt Quality to make Intereſt for them.

Thomas Joy ſaid, That being aſked, the Day before the Election, by Mr. *Saxton*, Mr. *Rutter*, Mr. *Cartis*, and the Duke of *Kent*'s Secretary, to vote for the Petitioners, he told them, He had promiſed to be for Mr. *Wren* and Mr. *Gayer*; upon which they replied, That if he was the King's Friend, he ought to vote for the Petitioners; and that Mr. *Saxton*, at the time of the Poll, declared, That it was the King's Deſire they ſhould chooſe the Petitioners:

That Mr. *Travers* told him, If he was for the King's Friend, he would vote for the Petitioners.

Robert Holyday ſaid, One Mr. *Burrell* told him, He came from the Prince, who gave his Service to him, and deſired his Vote for the Petitioners; and ſaid, It might be the Means to get him a Place at Court: He voted for the Sitting-Members.

Joſeph Standen ſaid, Mrs. *Winwood* brought him Four Shillings and Six Pence, and ſaid, It was not Mr. *Travers*'s Money; but, after, acknowleged it was: And, ſome time afterwards, Mr. *Travers* told him, He hoped he had received the Favour from Mrs. *Wynwood:* He voted for the Sitting-Members:

That Five Pounds was offered him by *Edward Evans* and *John Palmer:* And *Evans* ſaid, If that would not do, he ſhould have more.

John Aldridge ſaid, He ſaw Mr. *Travers* give Five Guineas to *Robert White*, for his Vote; and that *White* voted for Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*, and Mr. *Wren*.

Richard Burk ſaid, The Petitioners aſked his Vote, and told him, It would be for his Intereſt to ſerve them; and threatened to take away his Mother's Place of Forty Pounds *per Annum*, if he did not:

That *Herd* the Butcher threatened to arreſt him for a Debt of Two Guineas, if he did not vote for the Petitioners; but if he did, ſaid he would give him a Receipt in full: The Morning after the Election he was arreſted.

Joſeph Buckmaſter ſaid, That he was offered the making Buckſkin Breeches for ſeveral Families, at One Guinea *per* Pair, if he voted for the Petitioners; but, if he did not, the making the Charity-Breeches was to be taken from him: And that he heard Mr. *Saxton* ſay, If the Petitioners were not choſe, the King would not come to Town.

Mr. *Peter Floyer* ſaid, That Mr. *Bret*, the Duke of *Kent*'s Servant, has, by Order of the Duke, taken from him a Poſſeſſion of Five Pounds *per Annum*, without any Notice: And that Mr. *Bret* declared, He came down, by the Duke's Order, to do all the Injury he could to the Intereſt of the Sitting-Members, right or wrong: And that he has heard, That the Duke of *Northumberland* made as much Intereſt as the Duke of *Kent:*

Being further examined, he ſaid, That the Poſſeſſion taken from him was held under a Leaſe from the Conſtable of the Caſtle, for the Time being, determinable upon the Change of that Office; and for Renewal thereof there is uſually paid Two Guineas.

William Bowles ſaid, That Mr. *Brett* declared in the Street, He had Orders from the Duke of *Kent* to do all the Injury he could to the Sitting-Members.

Abraham Goldſmith ſaid, Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*'s Coachman offered him a Guinea, and ſaid, He would make it Fifty Pounds in Half an Hour's Time, if he would vote for the Petitioners: He voted for the Sitting-Members.

George Sewel ſaid, That, about Two Days before the Election, *John Sharpe* told him, He had a Promiſe from the Petitioners to pay ſome Debts he owed; and that they had offered him Ten Pounds for his Vote.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Chriſtopher Wren* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Gayer* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Samuel Travers* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Chriſtopher Wren* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Yonge:* } 190.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Mr. *Levinz:* } 81.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Robert Gayer* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Strickland:* } 185.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Wm. Carew:* } 63.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Samuel Travers* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, upon *Monday* Sevennight, to amend the Return for the Borough of *New Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*, by raſing out the Names of *Chriſtopher Wren* Eſquire, and *Robert Gayer* Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt* Baronet, and *Samuel Travers* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee of Secrecy have Leave to ſit during the Adjournment of the Houſe.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as ſhall not then attend, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do adjourn until *Monday* Sevennight.

And the Houſe adjourned until *Monday* Sevennight, Nine of the Clock, accordingly.

Lunæ,

Lunæ, 25° die Aprilis;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended, according to Order; and amended the Return for the Borough of *New-Windſor*, in the County of *Berks*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Monies iſſued for the Service of the Navy, out of the Funds granted by Parliament for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and to what Uſes applied; diſtinguiſhed under the ſeveral Heads thereof.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of what *South-Sea* Stock hath at any time between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, been in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the Navy; and how that Stock hath been diſpoſed of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Commiſſioner for the Shire of *Rentfrew*, in the room of Sir *Robert Pollock* Knight and Baronet, who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Shire, hath accepted the Office of Governor of *Fort-William*.

John Deacle Eſquire, being elected a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Ayleſbury*, in the County of *Bucks*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Eveſham*, in the County of *Worceſter*; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Eveſham*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Ayleſbury*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Deacle*.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, a Liſt of the Regimental Officers in Half-Pay, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen: And alſo,

A Liſt of the Half-Pay Officers dead, or provided for, within the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Liſts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for transferring to the ſaid Bill the Deficiency of the Loans, and Intereſt, upon the Act, of the laſt Parliament, for granting an Aid to her Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction alſo to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 26° die Aprilis;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, and other the Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending to make the River *Kennett* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbery*, in the ſaid County of *Berks*; which will be very prejudicial to the ſaid Borough, and Places adjacent, and no-ways anſwer the Ends and Purpoſes intended by the ſaid Bill, as the Petitioners hope to make appear: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the Deficiency, at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, of the yearly Fund of One hundred Eighty-ſix thouſand Six hundred Seventy Pounds of the *Claſſis* Lottery for Two Millions in the Year 1711; as alſo an Account of the Deficiency, at *Michaelmas* 1714, of the yearly Fund of 168,003*l.* of the *Claſſis* Lottery for One Million Eight hundred thouſand Pounds in the Year 1712.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts was read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follows; *viz.*

AN Account of the Deficiency, at *Michaelmas* 1714, of the yearly Fund of 186,670*l.* of the *Claſſis* Lottery for Two Millions in the Year 1711; as alſo an Account of the Deficiency, at *Michaelmas* 1714, of the yearly Fund of 168,003*l.* of the *Claſſis* Lottery for 1,800,000*l.* in the Year 1712; that is to ſay,

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
The Deficiency for the Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1714, upon the *Claſſis* Lottery 1711, amounts to	—	53,322	0	0
The Deficiency for the Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1714, upon the *Claſſis* Lottery 1712, amounts to	—	52,938	9	8

Geo. Montagu.

Exchequer, 12th *April* 1715.

This, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Command to me ſignified, upon an Addreſs of this Honourable Houſe, is humbly preſented *per*

Wm. Lowndes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*;

The Counſel were called in:

And the Petition complaining of the ſaid Election was read.

And the Petitioners Counſel, having inſiſted upon Partialities, and indirect Practices, of the Mayor, examined ſeveral Witneſſes relating thereunto; and afterwards examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting-Members.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing of the Merits of the ſaid Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 27° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to enable the Commiſſioners for putting the ſaid Act in Execution to cauſe Satisfaction to be made to the Owners and Occupiers of Lands and Meadows lying near the ſaid River, for the Damages they may ſuſtain by raiſing the Water higher than its natural Courſe.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, and other the chief Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Whitchurch*, in the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, will emphatically anſwer thoſe great Ends, and ... highly advantageous to the Publick; and tend very much to the Preſervation of the Highways, and Improvement of Trade; and be ſerviceable to this and the neighbouring Countries, and to this Borough, and Parts adjacent: And praying, That the Bill, now depending, for making the ſaid River navigable, may paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

A Petition of *Thomas Croſby*, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to return the Writ for electing the Members of the ſaid County by the Seventeenth Day of *March* laſt, being the Day appointed for the Return thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is deeply ſenſible of his Fault; and extremely ſorry that he has ſo juſtly incurred the Cenſure of this Houſe; but, as he profeſſes to have had no evil Intention in the Delay of this Return, humbly hopes you will ſhew a merciful Diſpoſition towards him: He heartily aſks Pardon for his Fault; and begs, in regard the Duty of his Office, and his own preſſing Affairs, require his Preſence in the Country: And praying, That he may be releaſed from his Confinement.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Croſby* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe on *Friday* Morning next, in order to his being diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Randyll*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Wm. Paterſon* Eſquire is referred.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Harnage*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Mr. *Churchil*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Montagu Blundell*, Mr. *Swyft*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. *Hutchenſon*, Mr. *Inge*, Colonel *Carr*, Mr. *Walpole*, Colonel *Vans*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Randal*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Forreſter*, Sir *Thom. Croſs*, be added to the ..... Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks* .....

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 28° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Bernard Gardiner* Doctor of Laws, Warden, and the College *of the Souls of all faithful People deceaſed*, of *Oxon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Honourable Colonel *Chriſtopher Codrington*, late Captain-General and Governor of his Majeſty's *Leeward-Iſlands*, and Fellow of *All Souls* College, in the Univerſity of *Oxford*, having given, by his Will, to the Warden and College aforeſaid, a conſiderable Sum of Money, *viz.* Ten thouſand Pounds; of which, Six thouſand Pounds was, by the ſaid Teſtator, directed to be laid out in building a Library, and Four thouſand Pounds in buying Books for the ſame; the ſaid Warden and College, not having, within their ancient Site, Ground ſufficient for ſuch a Pile of Buildings, have agreed with the Reverend Mr. *William Gallaway*, upon a valuable Conſideration; *viz.* the Sum of Three hundred Ninety-and-five Pounds; for the Purchaſe of ſome Houſes and Ground; who holds the ſame for a Term of Years, from certain Feoffees of the Pariſh of *St. Mary the Virgin*, in the City of *Oxford*, for the Uſe of the Church and Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; that is to ſay, of *George Carter* Doctor in Divinity, *Henry White*, *John Croſsly*, *John Pricket*, and *William Ryley*, the preſent ſurviving Feoffees; and the ſaid Warden and College do hold other Parcels of Ground, and Houſes, for a Term of Years, of the ſaid Feoffees; all which are adjoining to the ſaid College, and proper for the building the ſaid Library: That, in regard of the Truſt veſted in the ſaid Feoffees, and that the Leaſe belonging to the ſaid *William Gallaway* is ſettled on his Marriage, the Petitioners are adviſed a good Title cannot be made to the Petitioners, without the Aid of an Act of Parliament: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for veſting the Premiſes compriſed in the Leaſe of Mr. *Gallaway*, and in the Petitioners

tioners Leaſe, in the Petitioners, and their Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Bromley*, and Sir *William Whitlock*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Edward Hopkins* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Bailiff, Steward, approved Men, and Burgeſſes, and other chief Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Andover*, in the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That * * * * *

A Petition of the Buyers and Dealers in mixed or medley Broad-Cloths; complaining of many Abuſes and Frauds put upon them by the Makers and Manufacturers of the ſame, to the great Diſreputation of the Woollen Trade, and the manifeſt Injury of the Petitioners; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloths; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; it is enacted, That all mixed or medley Broad-Cloths, to be made after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, ſhall be meaſured at the Fulling-Mill by the Maſter, *&c.* upon Oath; who is alſo to rivet a Seal of Lead on every ſuch Cloth; and to ſeal and ſtamp, in Figures, the Length and Breadth of the ſame, to be and remain the Rule of Payment for the Buyer to accept the ſaid Cloths; under a Penalty of Twenty Shillings for every Refuſal: And that through the Unſkilfulneſs in ſome Owners of the ſaid Fulling-Mills, or through the Covetouſneſs in the Clothier who employs them, that frequently theſe mixed or medley Cloths is ſhort in Meaſure of what is fixed on the Seals of the ſaid Owners of the Mills; and that the Clothiers lie under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings only, if any mixed or medley Broad-Cloth is fully wet, ſealed, and ſtamped, and the ſaid Clothiers ſhall ſtretch any ſuch Broad-Cloth above One Yard in Twenty Yards Length, and One Nail of a Yard in Breadth: That the ſaid Penalty is ... of ſufficient Weight to enforce the Obſervation of the ſaid Law; beſides, that the Manner of Recovering thereof renders the Law ineffectual in this Point; for that no Forfeiture is to be paid, unleſs the Offender ... convicted before ſuch mixed or medley Broad-Cloths is expoſed to Sale: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to amend or repeal Part of the ſaid Law; and to prevent the Abuſes done under Colour, and by Pretext, of the ſaid Law; and for the Preſervation of the Woollen Trade; and for the equal Benefit and Relief of the Buyers and Dealers therein.

And ſeveral Clauſes in the ſaid Act were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Inge*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Deacle*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Harris*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Sir *Wm. Whitelock*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Tench*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Glouceſter*, *Wilts*, *Somerſet*, and *York*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Order of the Day for the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, being read;

The Counſel for the Petitioners, and Sitting-Members, were called in:

And the Counſel for the Petitioners proceeded to give Evidence touching the Corrupting of Votes for the Sitting-Members; and alſo touching ſuch Perſons as had a Right to vote, but were refuſed to be admitted for the Petitioners.

After which, the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to call Witneſſes to juſtify the Voters objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel:

And *Edward Grimſted* ſenior being called in to prove the Qualification of *Richard Hayter* (who had been objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel) to vote at the ſaid Election;

And the Petitioners Counſel objecting againſt his being examined as a Witneſs, in regard that the ſaid *Edward Grimſted* was charged by the Petitioners Evidence with having endeavoured to corrupt ſome Perſons to vote for the Sitting-Members;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard touching the ſaid Objection.

And then they withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Counſel for the Sitting-Members be admitted to examine *Edward Grimſted* ſenior, as to *Richard Hayter's* being qualified to vote at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*.

Then the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the ſaid *Edward Grimſted* was called in; and examined.

And other Witneſſes were examined as to other Voters objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel.

And *Robert Brickle* being called to prove the Qualification of *Abraham Buckland* (who had been objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel) to vote at the ſaid Election;

And the ſaid *Robert Brickle* being objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel, in regard that he had been charged by the Petitioners Evidence with having endeavoured to ſuborn a Perſon to give falſe Evidence to this Houſe;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard, in relation to him.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Sitting-Members be admitted to examine *Robert Brickle*, as to *Abraham Buckland's* being qualified to vote at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Newland:*	91.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Coventry:*	97.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Counſel were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel called and examined other Witneſſes, in order to qualify other Voters objected againſt by the Petitioners Counſel.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the farther Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

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The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 29° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, a Liſt of the preſent Flag-Officers and Captains, with the Number of Lieutenants, of his Majeſty's Fleet.

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the ordinary Charge of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Thomas Crosby, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 30° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Paterſon* Eſquire is referred, have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

An ingroſſed Bill to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths, for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Edward Hopkins* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioners of the Navy to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Number of Men borne for the Years One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven, One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, and One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and what the Wages of thoſe Men, after the Rate of One Pound Ten Shillings *per* Man *per Menſem*, for thoſe Years, amount to; alſo, the Charge of Wear and Tear for the aforeſaid Number of Men, according to the Proportion of One Pound Seven Shillings *per* Man *per Menſem*; and likewiſe, an Account of the Charge of the Ordinary of the Navy, upon the ſeveral Heads thereof, for the ſaid Four Years; and how much has been ſupplied to the Navy in Money, or Credit, upon the aforeſaid Heads of Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Charge of the Victualing for the ſaid Number of Men, and of the Charge of the Ordnance for Sea-Service, for the Years One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven, One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, and One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the annual Charge of the Four Men of War appointed for the Service of the *South-Sea* Company.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Serjeant at Arms being called upon to give an Account what Perſons were ordered to be taken into his Cuſtody the laſt Parliament, and had abſconded, ſo as they could not be taken; or, having ſurrendered themſelves, or been in Cuſtody, had not paid their juſt Fees; he acquainted the Houſe, That Mr. *William Waller*, who was, the Firſt Seſſion of the laſt Parliament, ordered to be taken into Cuſtody, for a Breach of Privilege by him committed againſt *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, did then abſcond, and could not be taken: And that the ſaid *William Waller* was, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, again ordered to be taken into Cuſtody; but then alſo abſconded, and could not be taken.

The ſtanding Order of the Houſe, of the Fourth of *April*, in the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *William Waller* be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*:

And the Counſel were called in:

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to juſtify ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting-Members, which the Petitioners Counſel had produced Evidence againſt; and alſo, to juſtify the Refuſal by the Mayor of ſuch Perſons as the Sitting-Members

bers Counſel had inſiſted upon were refuſed, although qualified to vote:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel alſo examined ſeveral Witneſſes in relation to Bribery by the Petitioners, or their Agents.

Then the Counſel for the Sitting-Members inſiſted, That the Petitioners were not qualified to be elected, according to the Act, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons:

And they firſt inſiſted, That Mr. *Andrews*, One of the Petitioners, was not qualified according to the ſaid Act.

And the Counſel for the Petitioners admitted, That according to the Particulars in the Qualification delivered in to the Clerk of the Houſe by the ſaid Mr. *Andrews*, conſidering an Incumbrance thereupon, he is not ſo qualified, although he hath a much greater Eſtate elſewhere.

After which, the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted alſo, That Mr. *Benſon*, the other Petitioner, was not qualified according to the ſaid Act:

And they produced a Copy of the Certificate of the Oath he had made at the Time of the Election, as it was returned by the Mayor into the Court of Chancery.

After which, the Particular of the ſaid Mr. *Benſon*'s Qualification, delivered in to the Clerk of the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt, was read:

And then the ſaid Certificate of the Mayor, as filed in the Court of Chancery, was read:

And the Act of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, was read:

Alſo the Sitting-Members Demand left with the Clerk of the Houſe, for the Petitioners to give in their Qualifications, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Houſe upon the ſaid Act, was read:

And afterwards, the Counſel on both Sides were heard, whether the Sitting-Members Counſel ſhould proceed on the ſaid Particular delivered in to the Clerk, or on the ſaid Certificate of the Mayor.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

And a Motion being made, That *William Benſon* Eſquire, One of the Petitioners complaining of an undue Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, having, at the Demand of the Sitting-Members, delivered in a Particular of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in order to make out his Qualification to be elected for the ſaid Borough, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt; the Counſel for the Sitting-Members, if they have any Objection to the ſaid *William Benſon*'s Qualification, be directed to make their Objections to the ſaid Particular delivered in purſuant to the ſaid Order of the Houſe;

And an Amendment being propoſed to be made, by adding, at the End of the Queſtion, theſe Words; *viz.* "ſo far only as the ſame relates to Lands, Tenements, and "Hereditaments, in the Pariſh of *Bromley*, in the County "of *Middleſex*, being the only Qualification the ſaid *Wil*"*liam Benſon* gave in, upon Oath, at the ſaid Election; as "appears by the Certificate of the Mayor of the ſaid Bo"rough;"

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Words be added to the Queſtion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Strangways*: } 136.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Bladen*: } 126.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Queſtion, as amended, being put;

Reſolved, That *William Benſon* Eſquire, One of the Petitioners complaining of an undue Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, having, at the Demand of the Sitting-Members, delivered in a Particular of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in order to make out his Qualification to be elected for the ſaid Borough, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt; the Counſel for the Sitting-Members, if they have any Objection to the ſaid *William Benſon*'s Qualification, be directed to make their Objections to the ſaid Particular delivered in purſuant to the ſaid Order of the Houſe, ſo far only as the ſame relates to Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Pariſh of *Bromley*, in the County of *Middleſex*; being the only Qualification the ſaid *William Benſon* gave in, upon Oath, at the ſaid Election; as appears by the Certificate of the Mayor of the ſaid Borough.

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

After which, the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shafteſbury* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, upon *Tueſday* next, in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Richard Gough*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Dorſet*, *Devon*, *Cornwall*, and *Southampton*; be added to the ..... Petition of the Buyers and Dealers in mixed or medley Broad-Cloths.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 2° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, Copies of the Repreſentations and Memorials, preſented in the Four laſt Years by the *Swediſh* Miniſter reſiding here, relating to the Navigation and Trade of the *Baltick*; and to Fitting out of Ships of War for the Service of the Czar of *Muſcovy*; and Extracts of Letters from and to the Lord Viſcount *Townſhend* upon Count *Gyllenborg*'s Memorial to his Lordſhip, of the Twenty-eighth of *October* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: And alſo,

Copies of the Repreſentations from the *Muſcovia* Company, and the Merchants trading to the *Eaſt-Country*; and Papers, containing an Account of what has been done purſuant to the ſaid Repreſentations; together with Liſts of them: And alſo,

Copy of her late Majeſty's Ratification of the Preliminary Articles to a general Peace, made at the *Hague*, the Twenty-eighth of *May* One thouſand Seven hundred and Nine:

And alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Memorials, Letters, and Papers, relating to the Negotiations of Peace, at the *Hague*, in One thouſand Seven hundred and Nine; and the Preliminaries negotiated at *Gertruydenberg*; were laid before the Houſe in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve; and are now in the Hands of the Clerk.

And the ſaid Papers and Liſts, preſented as aforeſaid, were delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

The Titles of the ſaid Liſts were read.

The ſaid Papers, except the Memorials, Letters, and Papers, laid before the Houſe in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, in the Hands of the Clerk, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Aiſlaby*, Treaſurer of the Navy, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the Monies iſſued for the Service of the Navy out of the Funds granted by Parliament for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; and to what Uſes applied: And alſo,

An Account of what *South-Sea* Stock hath, at any time between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, been in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the Navy; and how the ſame has been diſpoſed of.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follow; *viz.*

AN Account of the Monies iſſued for the Service of the Navy out of the Funds granted by Parliament for the Service of the Year 1714; and to what Uſes applied; diſtinguiſhed under the ſeveral Heads thereof; *viz.*

The Services for which it was granted.		Sums granted.			Sums received.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Ordinary, including 35,574 *l.* 3 *s.* 6 *d.* Half-Pay to Officers	General — —	245,700	0	3	— —	—	—
	Yards — —				74,089	6	3
Wages	Wages general —				557,004	16	8¼
	Marines — —	195,000	0	0	57,000	0	0
	Sick and Wounded				— —	—	—
Wear and Tear	Courſe — —				105,000	0	0
	Yards — —	175,500	0	0	68,968	0	0
	Bills of Ex[a]. *&c.* —				51,314	1	4
Victualing	Courſe — —				84,247	6	8¼
	Sick and Wounded	123,500	0	0	— —	—	—
	Bills of Ex[a]. *&c.* —				48,076	9	3
Towards Debts to Seamens Wages, Yards, *&c.* — —		300,000	0	0	— —	—	—
For the Chaplains of the Fleet — — — —		3,000	0	0	— —	—	—
		1,042,700	0	3	1,045,700	0	3

27th *April* 1715. *J. Aiſlabie.*

AN Account of what *South-Sea* Stock hath, at any time between *Chriſtmas* 1713, and *Chriſtmas* 1714, been in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the Navy; and how that Stock hath been diſpoſed of; *viz.*

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
South-Sea Stock.	Remaining at *Chriſtmas* 1713 — — — — —	544,000	5	3¾
	Received ſince, the Money formerly borrowed thereon being repaid — —	500,000	0	0
	£.	1,044,000	5	3¾

Diſpoſed of between *Chriſtmas* 1713, and *Chriſtmas* 1714, for the Services following; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For Wages to Seamen — — — — — —	50,000	0	0
Marines — — — — — —	46,486	19	10
Bills on the old Courſe of the Navy — — — —	1,099	12	6¼
Ditto on the old Courſe of the Victualing — — —	13,198	1	0
Victualing Bills of Exchange — — — —	20,972	17	5¼
Sick and Wounded — — — — —	24,348	4	8¾
Mr. *How*, Paymaſter of the Guards and Gariſons — —	103,427	16	11¾
South-Sea Company, towards their Quarter's Intereſt due at *Lady-day* 1714 —	104,466	12	9¾
Stock ſubſcribed into the Truſtees Hands for Sale — —	680,000	0	0
£.	1,044,000	5	3¾

Note, Of the 680,000 *l.* Stock, mentioned on the other Side, ſubſcribed into the Truſtees Hands for Sale, there has been received back, for the Services following, to *Chriſtmas* 1714, but 562,032 *l.* 10 *s.* 11 *d.*; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For Wages to Seamen — — — — — —	411,359	2	7¾
Marines — — — — — —	1,700	0	0
Bills on the new Courſe of the Navy — — — —	27,993	11	7
Yards — — — — — —	27,683	8	1¼
Half-Pay to Officers — — — — —	18,000	0	0
Bills on the new Courſe of the Victualing — — —	37,055	10	0
Victualing Bills of Exchange — — — —	14,490	15	9
Victualing Labourers — — — — —	5,966	12	6
Neceſſary-money — — — — —	7,783	10	4
Short-Allowance Money — — — —	10,000	0	0
	562,032	10	11

J. Aiſlabie.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, was committed, the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout:

And the ſaid Amendments, as far as the Liſt of Commiſſioners for the Borough of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid Liſt of Commiſſioners for the Borough of *Ipſwich* being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Name of *John Quintin* do ſtand in the ſaid Liſt as a Commiſſioner for the ſaid Borough;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Hardreſs*, Mr. *Hill*: } 78.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Turner*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*: } 56.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *John Beaumont* do ſtand a Commiſſioner for the ſaid Borough;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The other Liſts of Commiſſioners, to the Liſt for the County of *Radnor*, being ſeverally read a Second time; ſeveral Names were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, added to ſeveral of the ſaid Liſts; and the ſaid Liſts, ſo amended, agreed unto.

The ſaid Liſt for the County of *Radnor* being read a Second time;

Several Perſons were propoſed to be added to the ſaid Liſt, as Commiſſioners for the ſaid County; and, among them, *David Morgan*, *David Powell*, *Thomas Davis*, *Thomas Owen*, *Henry Winſor*, *Thomas Holland*, *Walter Whitney*, *Fletcher Powell*:

And the Queſtion being ſeverally put upon thoſe Perſons, That they be Commiſſioners;

It ſeverally paſſed in the Negative:

And other Names propoſed were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And then the ſaid Liſt was agreed unto by the Houſe, with ſuch Additions as were agreed unto.

The Liſt for the Town and County of *Haverfordweſt*, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto.

Then ſeveral of the other Amendments, made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill, were read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 3° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That Sir *William Courtenay*, and *William Yonge* Eſquire, Sitting-Members for the Borough of *Honiton*, in the County of *Devon*, did, the Twenty-ninth of *March* laſt, purſuant to the Reſolution of this Houſe of the Twenty-third of the ſame *March*, leave with the Clerk of the Houſe their Demand of the Qualification of *James Sheppard* Eſquire; who petitioned, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough; and that he had not delivered in to the Clerk any Paper of his Qualification;

The Demand of the ſaid Qualification was read:

And alſo, the Reſolution of the Houſe of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt was read.

And the Clerk, being called upon, acquainted the Houſe, That he had not received any Particular of Mr. *Sheppard*'s Qualification.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Petition of the ſaid *James Sheppard* Eſquire; he having neglected to comply with the ſaid Reſolution of this Houſe, in not delivering in his Qualification within Fifteen Days after the Demand thereof.

A Petition of *Herbert Randolph* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Committee of this Houſe has received a new Clauſe, to be added to the Land-Tax Bill, whereby the Petitioner's Manor of *Aldington* is, by Name, made liable to a Deduction for Taxes, in reſpect of the Fee-farm Rent iſſuing out of the ſame, in a Proportion different from all other Manors; and that the Petitioner had no Notice thereof till the Second Day of this inſtant *May* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will pleaſe to appoint a Day whereon he may be heard, by his Counſel, againſt the ſaid Clauſe, before the ſame doth paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the further Conſideration of the Report of the ſaid Bill be proceeded in.

A Petition of the High-Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen, of the County of *Wilts*, aſſembled at the Quarter-Seſſions held at the *Devizes*, in the ſaid County, the Twenty-ſixth Day of *April*, *Anno Domini* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas it appeareth unto the Petitioners, that there is a Bill now depending before this Houſe, for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*; which, we humbly ſuggeſt, will be of great Advantage to all the Inhabitants of this County, if it paſſes into a Law, not only for the Benefit of Trade in general, but by eaſing us of the great Rates we pay for the Carriage of bulky Goods from the City of *London* to all Parts hereabouts; as alſo by preventing the great Damage continually done to our Highways, ſo very much impaired by the heavy Loads carried in Waggons from the City of *London* to the City of *Briſtol*: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may paſs, in order to paſs into a Law; which will be of great Advantage to the Petitioners, and highly tend to the Advancement of Trade in this Part of the Kingdom.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed.

The Houſe being moved, That the Statute of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act that the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form; and alſo the Statute of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, for continuing the ſame; may be read;

The ſame were read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the ſaid Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*: And that Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Trenchard*, and Sir *Richard Steele*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for

† repealing

repealing Part of an Act paſſed, in the Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, An Act for diſcharging the *Yule* Vacance .....

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*: And that Sir *David Dalrymple* and Sir *James Campbell* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other returning Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament: And that Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Freman*, and Mr. *Ward*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shaftesbury*:

And the Counſel were called in.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members proceeded in making their Objections to the Qualification of the Petitioner Mr. *Benſon*.

And the Petitioners Counſel were heard; and examined Witneſſes for the Juſtification thereof.

After which, the Counſel for the Sitting-Members ſummed up their Evidence.

And then the Counſel for the Petitioners examined a Witneſs, to diſcredit One of the Sitting-Members Witneſſes; and then they ſummed up their Evidence.

And the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

And Mr. *Nicholas* was heard in his Place.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Wallop*: } 150.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Monſon*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*: } 165.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

After which, Mr. *Ruſh* was heard in his Place.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *Samuel Ruſh* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Shafteſbury*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. *Newland*: } 129.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Orlando Bridgman*, Mr. *Strickland*: } 190.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *William Benſon* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Shaftesbury*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Gibbons*: } 194.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Lambert*, Mr. *Cotton*: } 137.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Queſtion being put, That *Henry Andrews* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Shaftesbury*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, by raſing out the Names of *Edward Nicholas* and *Samuel Ruſh* Eſquires, and inſerting the Name of *William Benſon* Eſquire.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Morning next, at Eleven of the Clock.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 4° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Florian Goebell* Merchant was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is a Perſon born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance, but profeſſeth the true Proteſtant Religion; and has given good Teſtimony of his humble, dutiful, and loyal, Affection to his Majeſty, and this Kingdom: And praying Leave for a Bill to be brought into this Honourable Houſe for his Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Nevill* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Heyſham* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Buyers and Dealers in mixed or medley Broad-Cloths was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

That it appeared to the Committee, That by an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, That all mixed or medley Broad-Cloth, to be made after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve, ſhall be meaſured at the Fulling-Mill by the Maſter, Owner, or other Occupier, thereof, upon Oath; who is alſo to rivet a Seal of Lead on every ſuch Cloth, and to ſeal and ſtamp in Figures the Length and Breadth of the ſame; which is to be and remain the only Rule and Payment for all and every Buyer or Buyers whatſoever, to accept the ſaid Cloths; ſubject to a Penalty for every Refuſal:

That it alſo appeared to the Committee, That theſe mixed or medley Cloths frequently come into the Petitioners Hands ſhort in Meaſure, both in Length and Breadth, of what is fixed and ſtamped on the Seal of the ſaid Owners or Occupiers of the Mills: Several of the ſaid Cloths being produced before the Committee; the falſe Meaſurement whereof was atteſted by various Witneſſes who had meaſured the ſame:

And that, upon Conſideration of the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations of the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved, That Leave may be given to bring

bring in a Bill for making the ſaid Act more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the ſaid Act more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general: And that Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *London*, Colonel *Morton*, and Mr. *Godfrey*, do prepare, and bring in, the Bill.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, was committed:

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill as far as the Amendment Clauſe C, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe C being read a Second time, That the Deduction for Taxes, on Account of the Fee-farm Rent, charged upon, and iſſuing out of, the Manor and Demeſnes of *Aldington*, in the County of *Kent*, ſhould ſtand, and be at and after the ſame Rate as was allowed, or allowable, by Law, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Six; and,

The Petition of *Herbert Randolph* Eſquire, which was Yeſterday ordered to lie upon the Table until the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report was proceeded in, was again read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Hampden*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, acquainted the Houſe, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, was only in Part heard Yeſterday in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do proceed in the further Hearing of the Merits of the ſaid Election upon *Friday* next, in the Afternoon.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That, at the hearing the Merits of the ſaid Election, *Benjamin Bourn* being examined as a Witneſs on the Part of the Sitting-Members, he was, as he went out of the Committee, inſulted and abuſed by *William Jordan*, on account of the Evidence he had given before the ſaid Committee;

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Complaint be heard at the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Benjamin Bourn* and *William Jordan* do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *James Bertie* Eſquire, and Mr. *Robert Holton*, do attend this Houſe at the ſame time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 5° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces and of their Quarters.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *George Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot, Subjects of *Great Britain*, broke in the Service of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Regiment was levied in *Scotland* in the Year One thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-two, and was brought on the Eſtabliſhment of *England* in the Year One thouſand Six hundred Ninety-four, and ſerved in *Flanders* on that Foot until the Peace of *Ryſwick*: That, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and One, the ſaid Regiment was ſent over by his late Majeſty King *William*, to the Service of the States-General; in which they continued all the laſt War with the other *Britiſh* Regiments, who were commanded to ſerve the ſaid States: That the ſaid Regiment, after their long and faithful Service, was broke at *Bergenopzoom*, without any Penſion, or other Conſideration of them: That, the *Britiſh* Regiments in *Holland* being commanded in that Service by the Sovereign to be Corps of native *Britiſh* Troops; their Service in *Holland* being as much an Act of Obedience to their Prince, as the Service of thoſe Bodies of Troops who were continued in the Pay of the Crown, and liable to be called over to the Aſſiſtance of the Nation: And praying, in regard of the Petitioners long and faithful Services (that they may not be the only unfortunate Officers, native Subjects of *Great Britain*), to provide for their Relief.

Upon which, Mr. *Pulteney*, Secretary at War, acquainted the Houſe, That Application had been made to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had commanded him to ſignify his Conſent to the Petitioners Relief, in ſuch manner as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That a Liſt of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *George Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of the Proteſtant Officers of the Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they have faithfully ſerved the Crown ever ſince the happy Revolution of the late King *William*: That, by Commiſſions from his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, they have ſerved, during the late War, in the aboveſaid Regiment from the Firſt Creation to the Time of Diſbanding thereof; and received Pay all along from *England*, as *Engliſh* Officers, according to their ſaid Commiſſions: That, ſince the laſt of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen, when the Regiment was broke, they have been without any Allowance of Subſidy, or Half-Pay: That the only Reaſon, as they apprehend, they were refuſed Half-Pay, is becauſe they had the Misfortune to have their Names inſerted in the ſame Liſt with the *Roman* Catholick Officers of the Regiment, who were rejected laſt Year by the Parliament:

And praying, That, in Conſideration of their long and faithful Services, and that being Proteſtants, and qualified for Half-Pay, this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to grant a Proviſion for them, that they may be put upon the Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay, as the other *French* Officers are, who have ſerved in *Portugal*, in the Regiments of Dragoons that were commanded by *Portugueſe* Colonels.

And Mr. *Pulteney* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been likewiſe applied to on behalf of thoſe Officers; and had commanded him to acquaint this Houſe, That his Majeſty conſented that the ſaid Officers may be added to the Liſt of Officers in Half-Pay, if the Houſe think fit.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct, That a Liſt of the Proteſtant Officers of the Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, of the Town and Corporation of *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, and of all other the Inhabitants thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Corporation and Inhabitants of *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, and others, have petitioned this Honourable Houſe to have an Act of Parliament for making the River *Kennet* navigable from thence to *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*: We humbly conceive, that the making the ſaid River navigable will be a great Benefit to certain private and particular Perſons; but will prove very prejudicial to the Publick; and, in particular, will greatly diminiſh and leſſen the Markets of this Town, and the Trade thereof; and will very much tend to the Impoveriſhing of this Corporation, and of us, and all other the Inhabitants of this Town: And praying, That the Bill for making the ſaid River navigable may not paſs, nor be allowed of: That we may be heard, by our Counſel, before the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the ſaid Bill is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for their horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third: And that Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Sollicitor-General do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Hampden* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form:

And the ſame was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe proceeded to hear the Matter of the Complaint Yeſterday, of the Abuſe and Inſult offered to *Benjamin Bourn*, who was on *Tueſday* examined as a Witneſs before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, at the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*:

And the ſaid *Benjamin Bourn*, and alſo *James Bertie* Eſquire, were ſeverally called in, and examined.

And then withdrew.

After which, one Mr. *Phipps*, and Mr. *Robert Holton*, were ſeverally called in, and examined.

And then withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it appears to this Houſe, That Mr. *William Jordan* abuſed and threatened Mr. *Benjamin Bourn*, as he returned from being examined as a Witneſs before a Committee of this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Wynn*:	103.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *London*:	146.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the Lords of the Treaſury to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Propoſals have been made to them, in relation to the Coinage of Farthings and Halfpence; and what has been done thereupon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*:

And the Counſel on both Sides being called in;

The Petition of *Peter Walter* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, was read:

And the Petitioner's Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons who voted for the Sitting-Member, Mr. *Strangewayes*; and for adding ſeveral Perſons, who were refuſed their Votes, to the Petitioner's Poll:

After which, the Petitioner's Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *New Sarum* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight, at Twelve of the Clock.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 6° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe having, upon the Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Shaſton*, alias *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, at the Bar of this Houſe, upon *Tueſday* laſt, adjudged only One Burgeſs to be duly elected for the ſaid Borough;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing One other Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Shaſton*, alias *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Benſon*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Paterſon* Eſquire is referred.

And

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 7° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Bromley* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls*, in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Mary* in *Oxford:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, be read a Second time upon *Thurſday* Morning next, in a full Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the clear Produce of the Branches of the Revenue which were ſettled for the Service of the Houſhold and Family, and other Expences, of his late Majeſty King *William*, and of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, and of his preſent Majeſty, reſpectively, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Six hundred Ninety-nine to *Lady-day* laſt; and how any of the ſaid Branches have been abridged, altered, taken away, or incumbered, by any Act or Acts of Parliament ſince that time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of all the Civil Liſt Expences, for One Year before her late Majeſty's Death.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments of the Houſhold and Family, made during the Reigns of King *Charles* the Second, King *James* the Second, King *William*, and Queen *Anne*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account what Penſions have been granted, and alſo what Warrants for beneficial Grants have been directed to the Lords of the Treaſury, ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Penſions were granted, either in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, during the Reign of her late Majeſty.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe a State of her late Majeſty's Revenue at the time of her Death; diſtinguiſhing the Money that was at that time in the Exchequer, applicable to the Uſes of the Civil Government; what paid into the Exchequer ſince on that Account, and how it has been applied; what remains in Money, or other Effects, to diſcharge the Debts of her Majeſty's Civil Government; and what thoſe Debts are.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Diſtribution of the Five hundred thouſand Pounds granted by Parliament for the Payment of her late Majeſty's Debts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes to his Majeſty, That a Liſt of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot, and a Liſt of the Proteſtant Officers of Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons, might be laid before this Houſe; and that the Propoſals which have been made to the Lords of the Treaſury, in relation to the Coinage of Farthings and Halfpence; and what had been done thereupon; might be laid before this Houſe; had been preſented to his Majeſty: And that his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to give Directions for laying the ſaid Liſts, and other Matters, before this Houſe.

Mr. Attorney-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Lomax* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Borough of *St. Alban's*, in the County of *Hertford.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe being moved, That the Firſt Section of the Act, of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of the late King *William*, intituled, An Act for preventing irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs, and other Officers, in making the Returns of Members choſen to ſerve in Parliament, may be read;

It was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other returning Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; That they do bring in a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to repeal ſo much of the ſaid Act as relates to the Sheriffs, and other returning Officers, not making Returns of the Writs of Summons to Parliament in due time.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, at Eleven a Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters.

The Houſe proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet:*

And the Counſel for the Petitioner deſiring to examine ſome Witneſſes as to the Partiality of the Bailiff;

Which the Sitting-Member's Counſel oppoſing;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard touching the ſame.

And then they withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner be admitted to give Evidence in relation to the Partiality of the Bailiff at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Bridport.*

And then the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Petitioner's Counſel examined Two Witneſſes touching the ſaid Matter.

After

After which, the Sitting-Member's Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes to eſtabliſh Votes which had been objected to by the Petitioner's Counſel:

And Mr. *Arthur Pain* being called;

The Petitioner's Counſel objected againſt his being examined; for that he had been charged by the Petitioner's Evidence with having, as Agent for Mr. *Strangwayes*, diſtributed Money and Corn to Voters:

Touching which, the Counſel on both Sides were heard.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Sitting-Member be admitted to examine *Arthur Paine*, touching *William Peirce*'s being of full Age at the time of the laſt Election for the Borough of *Bridport*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Drew*:	54.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Maynard*, Mr. *Pelham*:	99.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Member examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in relation to Wheat given by the Family of *Strangwayes*, whether the ſame was an uſual Charity, as they inſiſted, or Bribery, as the Petitioner's Counſel inſiſted:

And *John Tucker* being called to be examined;

And the Petitioner's Counſel objecting againſt his being examined; for that he is charged by the Petitioner's Evidence to have diſtributed the Wheat;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard thereupon.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *John Tucker*, having been concerned in the Diſtributing of Wheat to the Inhabitants of *Bridport* before *Chriſtmas* laſt, be admitted to be examined as a Witneſs in this Cauſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Henry Bunbury*, Mr. *Herne*:	73.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Bond*:	127.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Member proceeded, and examined other Witneſſes, in Juſtification of Votes objected againſt by the Petitioner's Counſel.

After which, the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 9° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Oxon*, in the room of *Francis Clerke* Eſquire, deceaſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of *Saturday* laſt having been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſeveral Accounts, Eſtabliſhments, and States, therein mentioned; his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſame be laid before this Houſe.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, a Liſt of the Proteſtant Officers of the Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons; and alſo a Liſt of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot.

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Liſts are as follows; *viz.*

LIST

LIST of the Protestant Officers of Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons.

Captains, &c.	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
Brigadier *de Sauſin*, as Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain	0	10	0
John de Haers, as Major and Captain	0	8	0
Captain *la Coſte*	0	5	6
Henry de Grangues	0	5	6
James Maturin	0	5	6
	1	14	6

Lieutenants.	per Diem. s.	d.
Michael Parmentier	3	0
* *Dupoitall*	3	0
	6	0

Cornets.	per Diem. s.	d.
* *Arnaud*	2	6
* *Guillauma*	2	6
	5	0

Quarter-maſters.	per Diem. s.	d.
Peter Auger	2	0
Elie Serres	2	0
Moyſe Maſſau	2	0
William Norriga	2	0
Samuel Malette	2	0
John James Huguenet	2	0
John Peter Vilanche	2	0
Chriſtopher Batier	2	0
	16	0

Wm. Pulteney.

Abſtract.

	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
Captains, &c.	1	14	6
Lieutenants	0	6	0
Cornets	0	5	0
Quarter-maſters	0	16	0

For 365 Days. £. 1,122 7 6

LIST of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s Regiment of Foot.

Captains, &c.	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
George Hamilton, as Colonel and Captain	0	12	0
John Douglas, as Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain	0	8	6
James Moſman, as Major and Captain	0	7	6
Captain *James Cathcart*	0	5	0
Wm. Cramond	0	5	0
James Steuart	0	5	0
James Cramond	0	5	0
Charles Buchan	0	5	0
James Hamilton	0	5	0
William Douglas	0	5	0
William Mure	0	5	0
John Chalmbers	0	5	0
James Ogilvie	0	5	0
	3	18	0

Lieutenants.	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
Captain-Lieutenant *David Lindſay*	0	2	4
Alexander Thompſon	0	2	4
John Sutherland	0	2	4
James Fleming	0	2	4
George Ramſey	0	2	4
James Douglas	0	2	4
John Chancler	0	2	4
John Craighs	0	2	4
Robert Gordon	0	2	4
David Reed	0	2	4
George Hamilton	0	2	4
James Bethune	0	2	4
Wm. Movet	0	2	4
William Baptie	0	2	4
	1	12	8

Enſigns.	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
Enſign *Archibald Fergu ſon*	0	1	10
John Hay	0	1	10
Wm. Balfour	0	1	10
David Lyon	0	1	10
Sir *John Hamilton*	0	1	10
William Salisbury	0	1	10
William Agnew	0	1	10
Alexander Bruce	0	1	10
Alexander Hamilton	0	1	10
David St. Clair	0	1	10
James Moſman	0	1	10
James Steuart	0	1	10
	1	2	0

	s.	d.
John Lyon Captain	3	4
James Irwin Adjutant	2	0
Wm. Rigg Quarter-maſter	2	0
Wm. Ellis Surgeon	2	0
	9	4

Wm. Pulteney.

Abſtract.

	per Diem. l.	s.	d.
Captains, &c.	3	18	0
Lieutenants	1	12	8
Enſigns	1	2	0
Staff-Officers	0	9	4
	7	2	0

For 365 Days. £. 2,591 10 0

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovebond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Liſt of the Regimental Officers on Half-Pay, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of ſeveral Expences incurred and not provided for by Parliament be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Deficiencies at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, of the yearly Fund of One hundred Eighty-ſix thouſand Six hundred Seventy Pounds, of the *Claſſis* Lottery for Two Millions, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven; as alſo the Account of the Deficiency at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, of the yearly Fund of One hundred Sixty-eight thouſand Three Pounds, of the *Claſſis* Lottery for One million Eight hundred thouſand Pounds, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Twelve; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Liſt of the Proteſtant Officers of the Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Liſt of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That *Walter Hungerford* and *Samuel Robinſon* Eſquires be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Borough of *Calne*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That *Henry James* and *John Clerk* be at Liberty to withdraw the Petition on behalf of themſelves, and other Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough of *Calne*, complaining alſo of the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petitions.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 10° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*, in the room of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the clear Produce of the Branches of the Revenue which were ſettled for the Service of the Houſhold and Family, and other Expences, of his late Majeſty King *William*, and of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, and of his preſent Majeſty, reſpectively, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Six hundred Ninety-nine, to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; *viz.*

A Paper ſhewing how the Civil-Liſt Branches have been abridged, altered, taken away, or incumbered, by any Act or Acts of Parliament ſince the Granting thereof:

An Eſtimate of the whole Expence of her late Majeſty's Civil Government within One Year, as it was computed on the 4th Day of *February* 1713:

A Liſt of Salaries payable, at the Exchequer, out of the Civil Liſt Revenues of Queen *Anne:*

Annuities at the Exchequer, at the Poſt-Office, and at the Exciſe-Office, in the Reign of Queen *Anne:*

A Liſt of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*'s Penſioners in *England*, payable by the Hands of *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire, at the time of her Demiſe:

Bounties paid by the Hands of Mr. *Nicholas*, in Two Years ended at *Michaelmas* 1714; and a Liſt of Warrants ſigned for Bounties by his Hands, but no Money iſſued for Payment thereof, before her Majeſty's Demiſe:

Other Penſions granted by Queen *Anne* in *England:*

Penſions in *Scotland*, granted by Queen *Anne:*

A Copy of an Account of Penſions which ſtood charged on the Civil Liſt of *Ireland* on the 6th of *February* 1713:

Penſions on the Military Liſt in *Ireland* on the 31ſt of *December* 1713:

A Liſt of *French* Penſions in *Ireland:*

A Copy of Queen *Anne*'s Eſtabliſhment for the Expences of the Civil Government in *Scotland* after the Union; and the Additions made by her Majeſty thereunto:

A Copy of the Eſtabliſhment for the Expences of the Civil Government in *Scotland*, commencing from the 24th of *June* 1714:

An Account of what Penſions have been granted, and alſo what Warrants for beneficial Grants have been directed to the Lords of the Treaſury, ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne:

A State of her late Majeſty's Revenues at the time of her Death; diſtinguiſhing the Money that was at that time in the Exchequer applicable to the Uſes of the Civil Government; what paid into the Exchequer ſince on that Account, and how it has been applied; what remains in Money, and other Effects, to diſcharge the Debts of her Majeſty's Civil Government; and what thoſe Debts are:

A Book containing an Account of all the Payments which have been directed out of the 500,000*l.* appropriated towards clearing Debts and Arrears owing by her late Majeſty to her Servants, Tradeſmen, and others, at or before *Midſummer* 1713:

A Copy of a Warrant for paying 1,000*l.* to the Lord *Balmerino*, and 1000*l.* apiece to ſeveral others, on like Warrants, to the Receiver-General of *Scotland*, &c.:

A Copy of a Warrant for allowing, in the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in *Scotland*, the Sum of 4,000*l.* advanced by them to *Henry Maule* Eſquire.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts, Liſts, Papers, Eſtabliſhment, State, Eſtimate, Book, and Warrants, were read.

The ſaid Accounts, Liſts, Papers, Eſtabliſhment, State, Eſtimate, and Warrants, are as follow; *viz.*

1ſt,

1ſt, For One Year, from *Chriſtmas* 1699 to *Chriſtmas* 1700.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe	384,152	2	0¼
Letter-Money	75,623	12	1
Firſt-fruits	3,746	4	4
Tenths	12,240	0	0
Alienations	3,672	13	5¾
Poſt-Fines	2,276	0	0
Wine-Licences charged with a Debt; ſo *Nil* this Year	—	—	—
Sheriffs Proffers	920	18	3
Compoſitions	139	17	2
Seizures	9,281	13	9½
Revenue of *Cornwall*	8,727	4	5
Revenue of *Wales*	4,543	4	5¾
Fines of Leaſes, Rents of Lands, *&c.*	358	11	2
4 and ½ *per Cent.* in Specie, which aroſe in *Barbados* and the *Leeward-Iſlands* in ſeveral Years, and was ſold in this Year	14,357	15	0
Additional Tonage and Poundage	260,258	15	8½
	780,298	11	10¼

Memorandum: 700,000*l.* of this Sum was applied to his late Majeſty's Services and Expences relating to his Civil Liſt; and the Overplus of 80,298*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*¾ was applied to publick Uſes, according to the Act 9° *Willielmi* 3*tii.*

2d, From the 25 of *December* 1700 to 25 of *December* 1701.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Hereditary Exciſe	212,061	13	5¾
Poſt-Office Revenue	75,127	14	8
Firſt-fruits	3,746	4	4
Tenths of the Clergy	12,240	0	0
Fines for Alienations	3,672	13	5¾
The Poſt-Fines	2,276	0	0
Revenue of Wine-Licences *per* Eſtimation	8,000	0	0
Sheriffs Proffers	1,061	17	6½
Compoſitions in the Exchequer	18	7	0
Seizures of uncuſtomed and prohibited Goods	32,567	10	8
Revenue of the Duchy of *Cornwall*	8,727	4	5
Land-Revenue within the Principality of *Wales*	4,543	4	5¾
Fines of Leaſes, and Rents of other Lands	173	8	4
Proceed of the Duty of 4 and ½ *per Cent.* in Specie, which aroſe in *Barbados* and the *Leeward-Iſlands* in ſeveral Years, and was ſold within this Year	19,025	4	10
	383,241	3	2¾

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
Temporary Exciſe	212,061	13	5¾	
The additional Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage	306,520	7	9	
				518,582 1 2¾
			In all —	901,823 4 5½
Memorandum: The ſaid Branches of Exciſe are liable to a Payment of 3,700*l.* a Week for Five Years, to repay 820,000*l.* borrowed, and the Intereſt thereof; which weekly Payments, if computed for One Year, do amount to				192,400 0 0
			Reſt	709,423 4 5½

Memorandum: During the ſaid Year there was an extraordinary Importation of Merchandizes liable to the ſaid Subſidy, in Expectation of a War; which cannot be hoped for in another Year, though the Peace ſhould continue, much leſs after a War begins:

And that the Produce of Seizures in the ſaid Year was increaſed above 20,000*l.* more than uſual, upon Occaſion of *French* Wines from *S. Sebaſtian.*

3. From *Chriſtmas* 1701 to the 8th *March* following.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Additional Tonage and Poundage	56,102	5	6½
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe	38,783	0	2½
Letter-Money	23,995	5	9½
Firſt-fruits	500	0	0
Tenths	2,169	10	0
Alienations	850	0	0
Sheriffs Proffers	225	10	0
Seizures	1,929	5	11½
Fines of Leaſes, Rents of Lands, *&c.*	60	15	8
Hanaper Profits	27	4	7
	124,642	17	8½

4. From

4. From the 8th *March* 1701 to *Lady-day* 1715; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
For Arrears incurred before the 8th *March* 1701, towards Payment of his late Majeſty's Debts				192,660	14	8½
For Uſes of the Civil Government of her late Majeſty and his preſent Majeſty, within the reſpective Times under-mentioned; *viz.*						
Between the 8th *March* 1701, and *Michaelmas* 1702.						
New Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage	103,964	2	8			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	108,443	4	5			
Letter-Money	27,543	14	2			
Firſt-fruits	1,350	0	0			
Tenths of the Clergy	3,725	0	0			
Fines on Alienations	500	0	0			
Wine-Licences	1,300	0	0			
Sheriffs Proffers	316	17	0			
Compoſitions	3	6	8			
Fines of Leaſes	300	2	4			
Lands purchaſed by *Richard Topham* Eſquire	150	0	0			
Rents on Grants	4	16	8			
Seizures of uncuſtomed and prohibited Goods	3,089	7	3½			
				250,690	11	2½
Between *Michaelmas* 1702, and *Michaelmas* 1703.						
New Subſidy	249,590	11	1½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	262,634	17	0			
Letter-Money	59,704	8	2			
Firſt-fruits	3,446	19	3½			
Tenths	7,903	9	0½			
Fines on Alienations	1,500	0	0			
Wine-Licences	4,100	0	0			
Proffers	905	8	9			
Compoſitions	17	2	11			
Seizures	9,126	2	2			
Rents on Lands	457	11	10			
Fines on Leaſes	390	12	2			
Wood-Sales	420	0	9			
Rents on Grants	541	14	7½			
Fines for Miſdemeanors	88	10	1			
Brewers Forfeitures	219	0	8			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
				601,083	12	5
Between *Michaelmas* 1703, and *Michaelmas* 1704.						
New Subſidy	293,267	19	5½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ult.* 3,700*l. per* Week	270,594	6	7¾			
Letter-Money	65,994	9	4			
Firſt-fruits	4,774	6	11			
Tenths	11,032	13	6			
Fines on Alienations	1,000	0	0			
Wine-Licences	3,500	0	0			
Proffers	1,096	11	11½			
Compoſitions	12	15	0			
Seizures	13,385	9	9			
Wood-Sales	200	0	0			
Fines of Leaſes	4,184	17	11			
Duchy of *Cornwall* Revenue	2,759	13	5½			
Rents on Grants	1,083	11	3			
Fines for Miſdemeanors	376	5	7			
Impreſt Money repaid *per James Graham* Eſquire on Account of Healing-Medals	1,250	0	0			
Poſt-Fines in Defalcation of the Farmer's Rent	2,276	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
				676,826	5	4
Between *Michaelmas* 1704, and *Michaelmas* 1705.						
New Subſidy	217,685	5	4½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	276,282	2	0¾			
Letter-Money	59,828	17	4			
Fines on Alienations	1,400	0	0			
Wine-Licences	3,100	0	0			
Proffers	1,119	1	10½			
Compoſitions	10	8	8			
Seizures	16,504	9	7½			
Fines of Leaſes	381	13	2			
Wood-Sales	100	0	0			
More, being the Value of Timber delivered the Navy by the Surveyor-General of her Majeſty's Woods	13,351	11	0			
Duchy of *Cornwall* Revenue	2,813	7	6			
Fines and Forfeitures	571	0	10			
Rents on Grants	538	4	7½			

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
Poſt-Fines in Defalcation of the Farmer's Rent	2,276	0	0			
				595,999	6	7¾
Between *Michaelmas* 1705, and *Michaelmas* 1706.						
New Subſidy	209,459	9	10¼			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	272,131	13	3¼			
Letter-money	60,743	19	0			
Fines on Alienations	1,000	0	0			
Wine-Licences	3,600	0	0			
Proffers	1,188	5	10			
Compoſitions	12	16	10			
Seizures	11,464	16	6			
Land-Revenue	2,952	16	6½			
Rents on Grants	41	12	6			
Poſt-Fines, and other Fines and Forfeitures	234	5	5			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
				562,967	0	4
Between *Michaelmas* 1706, and *Michaelmas* 1707.						
New Subſidy	255,953	3	11¼			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	281,459	14	6¾			
Letter-money	56,927	12	5			
Fines on Alienations	1,500	0	0			
Wine-Licences	2,900	0	0			
Proffers	1,064	15	7			
Compoſitions	60	0	0			
Seizures	24,695	18	2½			
Land-Revenue	1,225	7	7			
Wood Sales, or the Value of Timber delivered the Navy by the Surveyor-General of her Majeſty's Woods	10,306	10	6			
Rents on Grants	41	16	8			
Fines and Forfeitures	832	7	2			
Hanaper Profits	27	4	7			
Impreſt-money repaid	6	4	0			
				637,000	15	2½
Between *Michaelmas* 1707, and *Michaelmas* 1708.						
New Subſidy	223,113	8	1½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	292,190	11	11½			
Letter-money	56,880	11	2			
Fines on Alienations	1,400	0	0			
Wine-Licences	2,800	0	0			
Proffers	1,348	8	1			
Compoſitions	6	0	0			
Seizures	17,983	18	10			
Land-Revenue	5,757	2	8			
Wood Sales	710	0	0			
More, being the Value of Timber delivered the Navy *Anno* 1708	5,978	8	11			
Rents on Grants	38	6	8			
Fines and Forfeitures	1,000	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
				609,244	1	0
Between *Michaelmas* 1708, and *Michaelmas* 1709.						
New Subſidy	231,222	10	8½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	265,980	18	10½			
Letter-money	56,355	1	3			
Fines on Alienations	1,000	0	0			
Wine-Licences	2,500	0	0			
Proffers	1,439	10	3½			
Compoſitions	3	6	8			
Seizures	14,797	3	0			
Land-Revenue	928	6	9			
Value of Timber delivered the Navy *Anno* 1709	4,110	4	10			
Rents on Grants	187	3	4			
Fines and Forfeitures	764	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
				579,325	10	3½
Between *Michaelmas* 1709, and *Michaelmas* 1710.						
New Subſidy	246,161	18	7½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	228,608	17	2½			
Letter-money	62,006	15	1			
Fines on Alienations	1,000	0	0			
Wine-Licences	1,900	0	0			
Sheriffs Proffers	1,159	15	1			
Compoſitions	3	6	8			
Seizures	13,595	8	11			
Fines of Leaſes	760	3	4			
Land-Revenue	858	17	5			

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Value of Timber delivered the Navy *Anno* 1710	3,954	2	2			
Rents on Grants	33	6	8			
Fines and Forfeitures	625	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
Queen's Share of a Debt recovered from the Crown of *Portugal*	7,922	6	6½			
				568,627	2	3½
Between *Michaelmas* 1710, and *Michaelmas* 1711.						
New Subſidy	192,701	1	3½			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ult.* 3,700*l. per* Week	224,893	17	1½			
Letter-money	69,937	11	7			
Fines on Alienations	1,650	0	0			
Wine-Licences	1,900	0	0			
Proffers	1,171	3	8			
Compoſitions	10	2	4			
Seizures	12,888	18	7			
Fines of Leaſes	495	17	10			
Rents of Lands	605	11	2			
Value of Timber delivered the Navy *Anno* 1711	6,986	14	0			
Rents on Grants	36	13	4			
Fines and Forfeitures	300	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	27	4	7			
Money paid *in cauſa conſcientiæ*	10	0	0			
				513,614	15	6
Between *Michaelmas* 1711, and *Michaelmas* 1712.						
New Subſidy	261,107	7	2			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	223,858	15	7			
Letter-money, *ultra* 700*l. per* Week	54,260	12	0			
Proffers	1,123	4	11			
Compoſitions	9	6	8			
Seizures	14,520	3	6½			
Fines and Forfeitures	152	0	0			
Wine-Licences	1,800	0	0			
Fines of Leaſes	651	10	0			
Land-Revenue	1,517	13	4			
Fines on Alienations	1,000	0	0			
Rents on Grants	36	16	8			
Wood Sales	630	0	0			
Duchy of *Cornwall* Revenue	4,500	0	0			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
Money paid *in cauſa conſcientiæ*	200	0	0			
				565,404	14	5½
Between *Michaelmas* 1712, and *Michaelmas* 1713.						
New Subſidy	247,779	18	10			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	248,926	1	8½			
Letter-money, *ultra* 700*l. per* Week	55,608	2	10			
Fines on Alienations	1,250	0	0			
Wine-Licences	3,200	0	0			
Sheriffs Proffers	1,091	4	3			
Compoſitions	0	13	4			
Seizures	12,437	17	4			
Fines and Forfeitures	71	13	4			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
Land-Revenue	825	0	0			
				571,227	16	2½
Between *Michaelmas* 1713, and *Michaelmas* 1714.						
New Subſidy	262,895	0	9			
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	257,029	3	1			
Letter-money, *ult.* 700*l. per* Week	50,885	11	11			
Fines on Alienations	1,800	0	0			
Wine-Licences	2,500	0	0			
Sheriffs Proffers	1,245	12	5			
Compoſitions	6	0	0			
Seizures	19,921	17	4½			
Hanaper Profits	37	4	7			
Land-Revenue	825	0	0			
	597,145	10	1½			
Abate the Sum of the Lottery-Fund for this Year	35,000	0	0			
				562,145	10	1½
Between *Michaelmas* 1714, and *Lady-day* 1715.						
Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, *ultra* 3,700*l. per* Week	132,606	3	0½			
Additional Tonage and Poundage	145,414	5	7½			
Letter-money, *ultra* 700*l. per* Week	37,559	15	9			
Fines for Alienations	500	0	0			
Sheriffs Proffers	587	5	8			
Compoſitions	1	13	4			
Seizures	10,465	15	7			

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	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
Land-Revenue; to wit, Fines, Leaſes, Rents, Lands, *&c.* — —	1,127	1	8	
Hanaper Profits — — — — —	37	4	7	
	328,299	5	3	
Abate the Sum of the Lottery-Fund for this Half-Year — —	17,500	0	0	
				310,799 5 3

Memorandum: So much of the Revenues of *Wales*, *Cornwall*, and other Land-Revenues, and the Profits of the Alienation-Office, as was applied, by the particular Receivers thereof, ſince the 8th *March* 1701; and ſo much of the Revenues of *Scotland*, ariſen ſince the Union, as did not come into the Exchequer of *England*; are not comprehended in theſe Accounts.

Wm. Lowndes.
10th *May* 1715.

A Paper ſhewing how the Civil-Liſt Branches have been abridged, altered, taken away, or incumbered, by any Act or Acts of Parliament ſince the Granting thereof.

9° *W. Cap.* 23. *Sec.* 13.] BY an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting to his Majeſty a further Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage, towards raiſing the yearly Sum of 700,000*l.* for the Service of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and other Uſes therein mentioned, during his Majeſty's Life, it is recited, That it was intended the yearly Sum of 700,000*l.* ſhould be ſupplied to his ſaid late Majeſty King *William*, for the Service of his Houſhold and Family, and for other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions, out of the Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, after all the Tallies charged upon the weekly Sum of 6,000*l.* iſſuing out of the ſaid Branches of Exciſe, by an Act made in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, with the Intereſt thereof, ſhould be fully paid off and cleared; and out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, after all the Tallies charged upon the weekly Sum of 600*l.* then iſſuing out of that Revenue, and all the Intereſt thereof, ſhould be fully paid and diſcharged; and out of the ſmall Branches of his Majeſty's Revenues after-mentioned; that is to ſay, Firſt-fruits and Tenths of the Clergy, the Fines payable in the Alienation-Office, the Poſt-Fines, the Revenue of Wine-Licences, the Money ariſing by Sheriffs Proffers, Compoſitions in the Exchequer, Seizures of uncuſtomed and prohibited Goods, the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and other Land-Revenue in *England* or *Wales*, and the Duty of 4 and ½ *per Cent.* in *Barbados* and the *Leeward-Iſlands*; and out of the further Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage granted by that Act: And it was thereby Enacted, That, if the ſaid Revenues ſhould produce in clear Money more than the yearly Sum of 700,000*l.* from the 25th Day of *December* 1699, the Overplus ſhould not be diſpoſed without Authority of Parliament, and the Grants thereof ſhould be void.

12° *W. Cap.* 12.] By this Act of Parliament, 3,700*l.* weekly out of the ſaid Branches of Exciſe is appropriated for publick Uſes: And it was thereby Enacted, That all the Reſidue of the ſaid particular Branches of Exciſe, which ſhould remain after the ſaid weekly Payments made out of the ſame; and the ſaid Revenue of the Poſt-Office, and the ſeveral ſmall Branches before expreſſed; and the ſaid further Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage; ſhould, during his Majeſty's Life, be for the Service of his Houſhold and Family, and other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions; any Clauſe in the ſaid former Act to the contrary notwithſtanding: And that all the Clauſes contained in the ſaid former Act, for, touching, or concerning, the ſaid Overplus, over and above the ſaid yearly Sum of 700,000*l.* were and ſhould be repealed and void.

1° *Annæ*, *Cap.* 7.] By an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Support of her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, it is Enacted, That the Hereditary Duties of Exciſe, and the Duties of Exciſe thereby granted to her Majeſty for her Life, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Payment of 3,700*l.* a Week for publick Uſes; and the ſaid Revenue of the Poſt-Office, and the ſeveral ſmall Branches before enumerated; and the ſaid further Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage; and all other Duties which were chargeable with the ſaid yearly Sum of 700,000*l.* the ſaid Duty of 4 and ½ *per Cent.* excepted; ſhould be for the Support of her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

3° *Annæ.*] The Queen, by Letters Patents dated the 3d Day of *November*, 3° *Annæ*, purſuant to an Act 2° *Annæ*, *Cap.* 11. created the Corporation for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy; and thereby granted to the ſame the Revenue of Firſt-fruits and Tenths, and the Arrears thereof, ſubject to the Penſions before that time charged thereupon.

9° *Annæ.*] By this Act of Parliament, the Rates of Poſtage of Letters, Paquets, and Advices, were increaſed; and, out of the Revenues ſo increaſed, a weekly Sum of 700*l.* was appropriated for 32 Years, from *Michaelmas* 1711, for publick Uſes; which weekly Sum of 700*l.* amounting to 36,400*l.* *per Annum*, was ſuppoſed, would have been the Increaſe, by the additional Duties granted by that Act; but, by the Accounts tranſmitted from the Poſt-Office, it appears, that the groſs Produce of the ſaid Revenues have not been increaſed, by the additional Duties, more than 8,000*l.* *per Annum*, or thereabouts.

12° *Annæ.*] By an Act for raiſing 500,000*l.* by way of a Lottery, for Payment of Arrears due to her Majeſty's Servants, Tradeſmen, and others; and by Letters Patents, thereupon grounded, bearing Date the 13th Day of *October*, 12° *Annæ*; the yearly Sum of 35,000*l.* out of all the Civil-Liſt Branches, was appropriated for 32 Years, from *Michaelmas* 1713, to pay the principal Sum of 633,000*l.* and Intereſt, at 4*l.* *per Cent.* to the Adventurers in the ſaid Lottery, or their Aſſigns.

Upon all which Acts, the Alterations, Abridgments, or Incumbrances, have amounted to the reſpective yearly Sums following;

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The 3,700*l.* *per* Week out of the Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe — — —	192,400	0	0
The 4 and ½ *per Cent.* excluded from the Civil-Liſt Branches 1° *Annæ Reginæ*, *per* Eſtimation, about — — — — — — —	7,000	0	0
The Firſt-fruits and Tenths granted away 3° *Annæ*, *per* Eſtimation, about — —	13,000	0	0
The 700*l.* *per* Week out of the Poſt-Office Revenue amounts to 36,400*l.* *per Annum*; from which abating 8,000*l.* *per Annum* for the Increaſe by the additional Duties, the reſt is —	28,400	0	0
The Fund of the Civil-Liſt Lottery, *ut ſupra*, is — — — —	35,000	0	0
Total —	275,800	0	0

This, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Command, upon an Addreſs of this Honourable Houſe, is humbly preſented by

Wm. Lowndes.
9th *May* 1715.

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AN Eſtimate of the whole Expence of her late Majeſty's Civil Government, which incurred, and was paid, or became due, within the Time of One Year; as the ſame was computed on the 4th of *February* 171¾, according to the Eſtabliſhments and other Appointments then in Uſe.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
In the Cofferer's Office, by her Majeſty's Eſtabliſhments, and Extraordinaries, about	85,000	0	0
In the Treaſurer of the Chambers Office, by the like	30,000	0	0
In the Great Wardrobe, for Wages, Liveries, and Goods bought, about	20,000	0	0
In the Office of the Robes	3,000	0	0
In the Office of the Works, with Gardens and *Windſor* Works, at leaſt	39,000	0	0
For buying Coaches, Horſes, Liveries, and other Extraordinaries of the Stables	10,000	0	0
For ordinary Entertainments, and Extraordinaries of the Queen's foreign Miniſters, about	75,000	0	0
Salaries payable at the Exchequer, as *per* Liſt A	80,196	14	3
Penſions and Annuities payable at the Exchequer, Exciſe-Office, and Poſt-Office, as *per* Liſt B	42,898	15	4
Annual Penſions *per* Eſtabliſhments, and Bounties by Warrants, payable in the Office of Mr. *Nicholas*, as *per* Liſts C, D, about	87,495	2	4
Secret Services *per* Two Secretaries of State	6,000	0	0
Her Majeſty's ſecret Services, about	27,000	0	0
Privy-Purſe, by a weekly Allowance, and Extraordinaries, about	30,000	0	0
Jewels and Plate, including Preſents of Money, in lieu of Jewels, to Miniſters of foreign Princes, about	15,000	0	0
Contingencies of divers Natures; *viz.* Printers Bills, Liberates, Law-charges, Surpluſes on Sheriffs Accounts, Riding-charges, Rewards for Services, and many other Particulars	33,846	0	0
	584,436	11	11

Memorandum: In this Eſtimate, the Annuities, Salaries, and other Civil-Liſt Payments, out of the Revenues of *Wales*, *Cornwall*, and other Land-Revenues, and out of the Alienation-Office; and the Charge of the Civil Government in *Scotland*; were not comprehended.

Wm. Lowndes.
10th *May* 1715.

A Liſt of Salaries payable at the Exchequer out of the Civil-Liſt Revenues of Queen *Anne*; *viz.*

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*	8,000	0	0
Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer	1,600	0	0
More, on his Patent-Fee	200	0	0
Preſident of the Council	1,500	0	0
Lord Privy-Seal	1,825	0	0
Maſter of the Horſe	66	13	4
Three Secretaries of State, each 1,950 *l.*	5,850	0	0
Vice-Chamberlain of the Houſhold	600	0	0
Governor of *Windſor* Caſtle	182	10	0
Firſt Lady of the Bedchamber	2,000	0	0
Eight other Ladies of *ditto*, each 1,000 *l.*	8,000	0	0
Six Women of *ditto*, each 500 *l.*	3,000	0	0
Six Maids of Honour	1,800	0	0
13 Judges of *England*, each 1,000 *l.*	13,000	0	0
Chief-Juſtice of *Cheſter*	500	0	0
The other Juſtice there	400	0	0
Six Judges of *Wales*, each 300 *l*	1,800	0	0
11 Maſters in Chancery, each 100 *l.*	1,100	0	0
Attorney-General	81	6	8
Sollicitor-General	70	0	0
Eight Commiſſioners for Trade, each 1,000 *l.*	8,000	0	0
Secretary and Clerks to that Commiſſion	1,150	0	0
Four Clerks of the Council	1,000	0	0
Ditto for the Buſineſs of Trade	400	0	0
Maſter of the Ceremonies	300	0	0
His Aſſiſtant	121	13	4
Marſhal of the Ceremonies	100	0	0
King's Heralds, and Purſuivants at Arms	420	0	0
11 Serjeants at Arms	1,103	7	6
Knight Harbinger	195	16	8
Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod	200	0	0
Two Keepers of the Council-Chamber	91	5	0
Two Keepers of the Council-Chamber for the Buſineſs of Trade	73	0	0
Latin Secretary	80	0	0
Officers of the Ordnance	600	5	10
Officers of the Works	407	5	8
Clerks of the Fines at *Ludlow*	20	0	0
Juſtice in *Eyre*, *Trent* North	166	13	4
Ditto Trent South 166 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and 1,033 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*	1,200	0	0
Two Surveyors of the Woods, each 50 *l.*	100	0	0
Maſter of the Revels	10	0	0
Comptroller of *Ditto*	12	3	4

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
Yeoman of *ditto*	9	2	6
Graver of Seals	50	0	0
Governor of *Bermudas*	340	0	0
Clerk of the Eſtreats in the Common-Pleas	20	0	0
Her Majeſty's Surveyor-General 200 *l.* and 200 *l.*	400	0	0
Curſitor Baron	163	6	8
Two Auditors of the Impreſts, 66 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* each	133	6	8
Queen's Remembrancer in the Exchequer	55	17	4
Two Secondaries in that Office	8	0	0
Clerks in the Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer	7	13	4
Treaſurer's Remembrancer	64	2	1
Firſt Secondary in that Office	5	0	0
Second Secondary there	30	13	4
Clerks in that Office	11	5	0
Clerks in the Pipe 40 *l.* and Comptroller 107 *l.* 4 *s.* 2 *d.*	147	4	2
Two Secondaries in that Office	20	0	0
Clerks in that Office	4	11	8
Clerk of the foreign Eſtreats	96	13	4
Foreign Appoſer	40	0	0
Clerk of the Pleas in the Exchequer	5	0	0
Clerk of the Nichels	20	0	0
Two Meſſengers attending the Chancellor of the Exchequer	73	0	0
Auditor of the Receipt	260	3	4
More, for Attendance in Vacations	200	0	0
His Clerk in the Tally-Court	36	10	0
Another Clerk in the Auditor's Office	20	0	0
A Clerk for keeping the Regiſters	50	0	0
Clerk of the Pells	172	6	8
Ditto for Attendance on Lord Treaſurer, and in Vacations	145	8	4
Ditto more, for locking up Treaſure	50	0	0
His Clerk in the Tally-Court	5	0	0
Firſt Teller	33	6	8
Three other Tellers, each 31 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*	95	0	0
Two Chamberlains, each 52 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.*	104	6	8
Two Deputy-Chamberlains for ſorting and ordering Records	80	0	0
Ditto for ſtriking Tallies	20	0	0
The eldeſt, for locking up Treaſure	40	0	0
Two Deputy-Chamberlains for joining Tallies	10	0	0
Uſher of the Receipt	6	13	4
Four Meſſengers of the Receipt	235	7	4
Grooms of the Receipt	2	0	0
Porter at the Gate of the Receipt	20	0	0
Officers of the Receipt, on their *Latin* Order	35	0	0
Meſſengers of the Chamber attending the Treaſury	60	16	8
An Aſſiſtant-Meſſenger	20	0	0
Agents for Taxes, each 100 *l.*	600	0	0
Keeper of *Hyde-Park*	400	0	0
Keeper of *New-Park* near *Richmond*	109	10	0
Auditors of the Revenue	140	0	0
Under-Keepers of *Richmond-Park*	69	0	0
Officers of *Waltham* Foreſt	270	0	0
Keeper of the Water-Engine at *Windſor*	40	0	0
Houſe-keeper and Wardrobe-keeper at *Kenſington*	300	0	0
Houſe-keeper at *Newmarket*	200	0	0
Houſe-keeper at *Weſtminſter*	9	2	6
Keeper of the Paper-Office	160	0	0
Keeper of the Tennis-Court	132	3	4
Keeper of the Records in the *Tower*	500	0	0
Ditto for Three Clerks	150	0	0
The chief Clerk there	100	0	0
Mr. *Borret*, Sollicitor to the Treaſury	500	0	0
Sir *William Whitlock*, Counſel at Law	40	0	0
Mr. *Conyers*, *ditto*	40	0	0
Firſt Serjeant at Law	41	6	10
Meſſenger of the Preſs	60	0	0
Keeper and Guide of the Roads	97	6	8
Apothecary of the Houſhold	53	6	8
Ditto to the Perſon	115	0	0
Maſter of the Barges	30	0	0
Heirs of Duke of *Newcaſtle*, for Keeper's Wages, *&c.*	1,000	0	0
Baron *Scrope*	1,000	0	0
Sir *David Nairn*, Secretary to the Order of the Thiſtle	300	0	0
Mr. *Tarver*, Queen's Remembrancer in *Scotland*, additional Salary	100	0	0
Mr. *Tyas*, Clerk of the Pipe in *Scotland*, *ditto*	100	0	0
Under-Clerks of the Council	200	0	0

	Per Annum *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Keeper of *Bagſhaw* Park	5	6	8
Ranger of *Saulcy* Foreſt	40	0	0
Under-Keepers of *Cranburn* Chace	20	0	0
Conſervator of *Dean* Foreſt	210	0	0
Officers of *Hampton-court*	89	3	4
Deputy-Ranger of *Windſor* Houſe-Park	100	0	0
Riding Foreſter, *New-Foreſt*	9	2	6
Mr. *Weket*	400	0	0
Clerk of the Crown	50	0	0
The Decypherer	100	0	0
Maſter of the Hawks	1,372	10	0
Clerk of the Houſe of Commons	10	0	0
Library-keeper at *St. James's*	200	0	0
£.	80,196	14	3

Wm. Lowndes.

A Liſt of Penſions and Annuities payable out of the Civil Liſt Revenues of Queen *Anne*; *viz.*

At the Exchequer.

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To the Ducheſs of *Bucclugh*	4,000	0	0
To Prince *Charles* of *Denmark*	4,000	0	0
To the Duke of *St. Albans*	1,000	0	0
To *Robert Bertie* Eſquire, for Mrs. *Cock*	40	0	0
To *Jane Browning*	60	0	0
To the Univerſity of *Cambridge*	10	0	0
To *ditto* for a Divinity-Lecture	13	6	8
To *ditto* for a Phyſick-Reader	40	0	0
To *ditto* for a Reader of Civil-Law	40	0	0
To *ditto* for *Emanuel* College there	16	13	4
To Univerſity of *Oxford*, for a Divinity-Lecture	13	6	8
To *ditto* for a Phyſick-Reader	40	0	0
To *ditto* for a Reader of Civil-Law	40	0	0
Maſter of *Southwell* School	10	0	0
Maſter of the *Temple*	37	6	8
Dean and Chapter of *Litchfield*	10	0	0
Vicar of *Litchfield*	15	0	0
French Miniſters in the *Savoy*	60	0	0
Vicar of the *Tower*	6	13	4
Miniſters in the Iſle of *Man*	100	0	0
Governor of *Chriſt' Hoſpital*	370	10	0
Poor of *St. Michael's, Cornhill*	12	4	0
Poor of *St. Magnes, London*	21	4	8
Poor of *St. Buttolph's*	7	0	0
Poor of *Walbroke* Pariſh	7	13	4
Thomas Lane Eſquire	500	0	0
Heirs of Colonel *Fairfax*	100	0	0
Lady *Wyndham*'s Daughter	200	0	0
Sir *Francis Wyndham*	600	0	0
Sir *Robert Cotton*	5	6	8
Heirs of *Nicolas Yates*	100	0	0
Amias Hext	100	0	0
Corporation of *Lyme*	100	0	0
Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, for the Bridge	100	0	0
Corporation of *Clifton Dartmouth Hardneſs*	40	0	0
Eaton College	42	0	0
	11,858	15	4

At the Poſt-Office.

To the Dukes of *Northumberland* and *Grafton*	4,700	0	0			
To Duke *Schonberg*, beſides 1,000 *l.* by Mr. *Nicholas*	4,000	0	0			
To the Duke of *Leed*	3,500	0	0			
To the Duke of *Marlborough*	5,000	0	0			
To the Earl of *Rocheſter*	4,000	0	0			
				21,200	0	0
To the Four Univerſities in *Scotland* 210 *l. per Annum* each; which are out of the Poſt-Office at *Edinburgh*				840	0	0
						22,040 0 0

At

At the Exciſe-Office.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To the Duke of *Northumberland*	3,000	0	0			
To Duke of *Southampton*, now Duke of *Cleaveland*	3,000	0	0			
To Ducheſs of *Grafton*	1,000	0	0			
To the Duke of *Grafton*, her Son	2,000	0	0			
				9,000	0	0
				42,898	15	4

Wm. Lowndes.

A Liſt of her late Majeſty's Queen *Anne*'s Penſioners, payable by *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire.

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To the Mayor and Churchwardens of *Windſor*, towards the Support and Maintenance of the Church and Poor of *New-Windſor*	50	0	0
To the ſaid Mayor and Churchwardens, towards the Loſs by them ſuſtained in their Church and Poor Rates by Incloſures of Land laid into the Park, called *Windſor Little-Park*	50	0	0
To the Corporation of *Windſor*, for Damage in their Bridge-Toll and Lands, on building *Datchet* Bridge	20	0	0
To the Vicar of *Old Windſor* for the Time being, in lieu of Tythes for Land laid into the Park, called *Windſor Great-Park*	25	0	0
To the Rector of the Church of *Hampton*, in lieu of Tythes for Land incloſed at *Hampton-court* Park	36	1	8
To the Churchwardens of the Pariſh of *Hampton*, towards the Support of the Poor of that Pariſh	50	0	0
To the Churchwardens of *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, towards the Maintenance of the Poor there	50	0	0
To the ſaid Churchwardens, towards the Support and Maintenance of the Hoſpital in *Tuttle-fields*	50	0	0
To the Churchwardens of the Pariſh of *St. Martin's in the Fields*, towards the Maintenance of the Poor there	100	0	0
To the Churchwardens of the Pariſh of *St. James's*, for the Maintenance of the Poor there	50	0	0
To the Churchwardens of *Kenſington*, towards the Maintenance of the Poor there	25	0	0
To the Biſhop of *London* for the Time being, for a Miniſter in *New-England*	100	0	0
To *George Sayers* Eſquire	500	0	0
Since dead. To *Henry Bulſtrode* Eſquire	150	0	0
F. To *John Remij de Montigny* Eſquire	150	0	0
To Mr. *Abraham Kemp*	40	0	0
To Mrs. *Martha Lockhart*	300	0	0
To Mrs. *Mary Lee*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Dorothy Torway*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Mary Aſhton*	30	0	0
To Mrs. *Mary Robins*	40	0	0
To the Lady *Preſtwich*	40	0	0
To Monſieur *la Fountaine*, for *Harman*'s Children	40	0	0
F. To Monſieur *Baran de Nevill*	20	0	0
To *George Holder*	22	0	0
To Mr. *Richard Miller*, for *Braſley*'s Children	44	0	0
Dead. To Mr. *Richard Cawthorne*, for reading Prayers at *Hampton-court*	50	0	0
To the Miniſter of the *Engliſh* Church at the *Hague* for the Time being	30	0	0
F. To Mrs. *Claude de Vennevall*	69	10	0
F. To Mrs. *Charlot Juſtell*	60	0	0
F. To Mr. *Michel de Vaſſore*	60	0	0
To Mrs. *Anne Richbell*	40	0	0
To Mrs. *Alice King*	100	0	0
To Mrs. *Anne Eden*	100	0	0
To Mrs. *Williamina Bunce*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Anne Fitzharry*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Mary Michell*	20	0	0
To Mrs. *Martha Francys*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Iſabella Gwillims*	20	0	0
To Mrs. *Rabſey Smithſby*	20	0	0
To Mrs. *Elizabeth Reynolds*	10	0	0
To Mrs. *Elizabeth Diſney*	20	0	0
To Mrs. *Anne Diſney*	20	0	0
To Mrs. *Urſula Church*	40	0	0
To Mrs. *Martha Baſtine*	20	0	0
F. To Mrs. *Heſter de Civill*	30	0	0
To Mrs. *Anne Head*	10	0	0

		Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
	To Mrs. *Catharine Roberts* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Jone Launce* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Catharine Teſſin* —	10	0	0
	To *Margaret Jolliffe* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Magdalen Thomas* —	10	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Anne de Veil* —	50	0	0
	To Mrs. *Margaret Abernathey* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Jane Pigott* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Sarah Huſſey* —	20	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Mary Barnier* —	20	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Marmande* —	20	0	0
F.	To *Suſanne Petit* —	40	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Mary de Alix* —	30	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Magdalen de Alix* —	30	0	0
Dead.	To Mrs. *Ellin Morgan* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Suſanne Foxton* —	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Sarah Miller* —	13	4	0
F.	To Mr. *Jacob de Blagny*, for the Society of the *French* Gentlewomen at the *Hague* —	200	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Bedford* —	40	0	0
	To Mrs. *Margaret Whittle* —	40	0	0
	To Mr. *Thomas Smith* —	30	0	0
	To Mr. *Milborne Maddox* —	30	0	0
	To Mr. *Matthias Aſcough* —	30	0	0
	To Mrs. *Frances Mackenzie* —	40	0	0
	To Mrs. *Sarah Matthews* —	100	0	0
	To Mr. *Bernard Gates* —	40	0	0
	To Mr. *Richard Bradley* —	40	0	0
	To Mr. *Rowland Peirce* —	40	0	0
	To Mrs. *Suſan Benſon* —	50	0	0
F.	To Mr. *Gregory Genuini* —	30	0	0
	To Dame *Jane Douglas* and Daughter —	70	0	0
	To the Lord Almoner, for private Penſions and Charities —	800	0	0
	To him, more, for the *Arabick* Profeſſor at *Oxford* and *Cambridge* —	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Grove* —	100	0	0
	To Mr. *Walter Butler* —	30	0	0
	To *Theodore Ballins* Eſquire —	150	0	0
	To Mrs. *Catharine Hildſley* —	50	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary Shelly* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Tatterſall* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Harris* —	20	0	0
	To *John Edmonas* —	20	0	0
	To Mr. *Henry Quinn* —	60	0	0
	To Mrs. *Tereſa Wroughton* —	6	0	0
	To Mr. *Richard Drury* —	20	0	0
F.	To Mr. *Bernard de Vigneau* —	80	0	0
	To Mr. *Samuel Pack* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary Simons* —	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Catharine Buck* —	15	0	0
	To Mrs. *Frances Otway* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary St. Loe* —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Atkinſon* —	70	0	0
	To Mrs. *Dorothy Wanley* —	70	0	0
	To Mrs. *Heſter Dawſon* —	30	0	0
	To Mrs. *Ellinor Clauſon* —	8	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary Auſten* —	8	0	0
	To Mrs. *Sarah Wright* —	20	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna* Ducheſs *de la Force* —	500	0	0
	To *Caſtiliana* Counteſs of *Cavan* —	50	0	0
	To Mrs. *Judith Sturton* —	30	0	0
	To Mr. *John Goſtlin* —	50	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Ramſey* —	100	0	0
Dead.	To Lady *Margaret Mac Carty* —	200	0	0
F.	To *Lucrec. de Chavernay* —	50	0	0
F.	To *Claude Davenne* —	40	0	0
F.	To *Anne la Borde* —	12	0	0
F.	To *Cath. Mary de Hubac* —	20	0	0
F.	To *Iſabeau de Braſſley* —	20	0	0
F.	To *Henritte de Hautcharmoy* —	36	0	0
F.	To *Judith de Brugguire* —	12	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Vebron* —	12	0	0
F.	To *Mary Bondou* —	20	0	0
F.	To *Mary Verveilon* —	12	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Hautchelair* —	25	0	0
F.	To *Mary Malleray* —	12	0	0
F.	To *Blanch Tournier* —	25	0	0

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	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
F. To *Louiſe Lamaugere*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Aimee Lamaugere*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Mary Berault*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Mary Dumont*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Silli Dumont*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Louiſe de Launay*	— 20	0	0
F. To *Francis Marioge*	— 7	10	0
F. To *John Marioge*	— 7	10	0
F. To *Suſann de Culan St. Meme*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Anne Benigne Diſgrovais*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Mary Jolly de Chadignac*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Charlotte Montguion*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Suſanna le Cercle*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Mary de Champagne*	— 40	0	0
F. To *Mary la Ferriere*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Henritte Lovuigny*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Mary Lovuigny*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Judith Beconne*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Mary Champlauir*	— 8	0	0
F. To *Suſanne Champlair*	— 8	0	0
F. To *Suſanna Bette*	— 10	0	0
F. To *Bernadine Falquerolles*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Anne Gabrielle Montmillan*	— 15	0	0
F. To *Angelique Doudar*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Françoiſe Sarrete*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Mary Dubreville*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Mary Jouneau*	— 10	0	0
F. To *Eſter Lon uevergue*	— 10	0	0
F. To *Lucrece Longuergue*	— 10	0	0
F. To *Magdeline Dornaunt*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Andre Pierre Laprimanday*	— 7	10	0
F. To *Anne Henritte Laprimanday*	— 7	10	0
F. To *Elizabeth Tourton*	— 16	10	0
F. To *Suſanna la Pennotier*	— 25	0	0
F. To *Mary St. Fauſſevicouſe*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Suſanna Marolles*	— 12	0	0
F. To Mr. *Emeraud le Grand*	— 2	0	0
F. To *Suſanna de Sarriers*	— 18	0	0
F. To *Mary de Rozell*	— 12	0	0
F. To *Helene de Murinein*	— 70	0	0
F. To *Elizabeth de la Bar*	— 27	10	0
F. To *Henritte de Bellefond*	— 25	0	0
F. To *Claude Duncan*	— 20	0	0
F. To *Cath. Sigler*	— 50	0	0
F. To *Jaquelin Godeau de la Roche*	— 17	0	0
F. To *Elizabeth Perigoix*	— 20	0	0
F. To *Charlotte Dangeau*	— 100	0	0
F. To *Henritte Mary la Mucc*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Mary de Liſle*	— 50	0	0
F. To *Victory Pardaillon*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Catharine de Dollon*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Anne de Langrague*	— 50	0	0
F. To *Anne de Boiſzuiſſeau*	— 30	0	0
To *Frances Pluncket*	— 30	0	0
F. To *Peter Perſoode* Eſquire	— 100	0	0
F. To Mr. *Peter de la Touch*	— 50	0	0
To Sir *Wynwood Mowat*	— 40	0	0
To *Matthew Clarke*	— 20	0	0
To *Thomas Chamblerain*	— 18	0	0
To *Oſweld Fawn*	— 18	0	0
To *Anne Gourney*	— 20	0	0
To *Deborah Rolleſton*	— 30	0	0
To *Kath. Harlackenden*	— 40	0	0
To *Sarah Okeover*	— 30	0	0
To *Elizabeth Mackdonnell*	— 30	0	0
To *Winifred Whaley*	— 30	0	0
To *Magdalen Cuningham*	— 30	0	0
To *Elizabeth Mackraken*	— 30	0	0
F. To the Ducheſs of *Holeſtin-Bec*	— 200	0	0
To Colonel *Richard Bagot*	— 200	0	0
To Major *Nathanael Hill*	— 50	0	0
To *William Fachin*	— 27	7	6
To *John Button*	— 27	7	6
The Afternoon-Preacher at *Kenſington* for the Time being	— 20	0	0
To *Alice Shipton*	— 20	0	0

		Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
For the *French* Chapel at *St. James's*	To Mr. *John Menard*	160	0	0
	To *Ditto*, or to the Firſt Miniſter of the *French* Chapel at *St. James's* for the Time being, for Providing of Bread and Wine for holy Communion	8	12	0
	To Mr. *Philip Menard*	160	0	0
	To Mr. *Peter Rivall*	160	0	0
	To Mr. *John Majou*	40	0	0
	To Mr. *Frederick Furton*	10	0	0
For the *Dutch* Chapel at *St. James's*	To Mr. *John Peter Nueila*	160	0	0
	To *Ditto*, or the Firſt Miniſter of the *Dutch* Chapel at *St. James's* for the Time being, for Providing of Bread and Wine for the holy Communion, 8 *l.* 12 *s.*; and for Providing of Candles, and other Neceſſaries, 12 *l.*	20	12	0
	To Mr. *Sebaſtine Vander Eick*	160	0	0
	To *Ditto*	30	0	0
	To Mr. *Frederick Furton*	5	0	0
F.	To *Magdalene de la Cheſney*	20	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Mary de la Cheſney*	20	0	0
	To Captain *Roger Raven*	27	7	6
	To *Alice Vaughan*	20	0	0
F.	To Mrs. *Amelie de Stirum*	50	0	0
F.	To *Mary Urſeline de Stirum*	50	0	0
F.	To Mr. *John Pellet*	60	0	0
F.	To *Conſtance de la Marie*	20	0	0
F.	To *Anne de Cloux*	10	0	0
F.	To *Bonne Green de Percour*	20	0	0
	To *Tabitha Haughton*	10	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Colvert*	30	0	0
	To *Mary Marſhall*	30	0	0
	To Mrs. *Charlotte Killigrew*	200	0	0
	To *Henry Foubert* Eſquire	250	0	0
	To *Richard Sydenham*	20	0	0
	To *Victory Slingsby*	20	0	0
	To *Anne Goldſborough*	20	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Hall*	20	0	0
	To *Jane Bell*	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Jane Berkely*	200	0	0
	To Mrs. *Catharine Armſtrong*	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary Armſtrong*	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Suſanna Leighton*	100	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Slingsby*	20	0	0
	To *Anne Duke*	45	12	6
	To *Mary Hutton*	12	3	4
	To *Penelope Hutton*	12	3	4
	To *Anne Roſs*	30	0	0
	To *Magdalen Roſs*	30	0	0
	To *Anne Collins*	20	0	0
F.	To *Abel Taſſin d'Allonne* Eſquire	300	0	0
	To a Schoolmaſter at *Wapping* for the Time being	20	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Minſhall*	50	0	0
	To *Thomas Hyde*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, or to the longer Liver	50	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Wandsford*	50	0	0
	To *Judith Fitzharrys*	20	0	0
F.	To *Margaret Croiſet*	20	0	0
F.	To *Heſter Gobin*	15	0	0
	To *Nehemiah Arnold*, for the Maintenance and Education of *Suſanna Arnold*	30	0	0
	To *Sarah Browne*	11	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna de Mollien*	40	0	0
F.	To *Margaret de Villencuve*	40	0	0
F.	To *Magdalen Vaudiere*	30	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Sixty Dalem*	30	0	0
F.	To *Magdalen de la Martiner*	30	0	0
F.	To *Uteſia Aſtley*	40	0	0
F.	To *Anne Daniel de Grangue*	40	0	0
F.	To *Jane de la Salle*	40	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Sallinanne*	40	0	0
F.	To *Mary du Chail*	10	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna de Cantiran*	40	0	0
F.	To *Judith Roux*	20	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna de Blance*	20	0	0
F.	To *Magdalen de Chanicer*	25	0	0
	To *Edward Purcell*	20	0	0
Dead.	To Mr. *Richard Elford*	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Frances Raleigh*	60	0	0
	To *Rebecca Flower*	20	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna Pallier*	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Anne Bing*	40	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Waggot*	80	0	0

To

		Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
	To Dame *Barbara Killigrew*	150	0	0
	To *Rebecca Pauldon*	25	0	0
	To Sir *John Maclean*	365	0	0
	To Captain *George Porter*	260	0	0
	To Captain *Richard Fiſher*	260	0	0
	To Captain *William Boyce*	156	0	0
	To *Thomas Bartrum*	78	0	0
	To *Robert Inwood*	78	0	0
	To *John Lunt*	52	0	0
	To *Edward Browne*	26	0	0
	To *Mary Walter*	20	0	0
F.	To *Catharine du Chail*	10	0	0
F.	To *Catharine de Bourbon*	25	0	0
F.	To *Henritte de Pons Thors*	60	0	0
	To Mrs. *Frances Bew*	40	0	0
	To *Elizabeth* Lady *Hay*	200	0	0
	To Mrs. *Catharine Stanhope*	200	0	0
F.	To *Magdalen Errard*	50	0	0
	To *Arthur Reynolds*	27	7	6
F.	To *Roſe Baricave*	25	0	0
F.	To *Margaret Lorin*	15	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Boucher*	60	0	0
F.	To *Mary de Ancour*	20	0	0
F.	To *Margaret Sarrau*	10	0	0
F.	To *Suſanna Sarrau*	10	0	0
	To *Mary M'Neal*	20	0	0
F.	To *Charlott Tallemunt Marmande*	40	0	0
F.	To *Claude M. de Neville*	20	0	0
F.	To *Jane de Benne Louvigny*	40	0	0
F.	To *Judith Ricaud*	15	0	0
F.	To *John Braguire*	20	0	0
F.	To *Judith de Proiſy Debte de Tugny*	30	0	0
F.	To *Margaret de Bar Montmillan*	15	0	0
F.	To *Frances Dallon*	25	0	0
F.	To *Anne Maucler*	30	0	0
F.	To *Judith de Goiſy*	36	0	0
F.	To *Louis Pignot*	12	0	0
F.	To *Mary Pignot*	12	0	0
F.	To *Mary du Barquet*	20	0	0
F.	To *Mary de Blagny*	25	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Veron*	15	0	0
F.	To *Frances Marie Renaud*	12	0	0
F.	To *Charlotte Frotte*	15	0	0
F.	To *Mary Anne la Motte Dufoux*	30	0	0
F.	To *Anne Groſvenor*	30	0	0
F.	To *Mary Boitout*	30	0	0
	To *Windham Tomſon*	10	0	0
	To *Clifton Tomſon*	10	0	0
F.	To *Judith Valentine*	25	0	0
F.	To *Frances de Guiraud*	40	0	0
F.	To *Anne Gabrielle Coſſard*	20	0	0
	To *Dorothy* Lady *Falkland*	200	0	0
F.	To *Marie la Maria*	30	0	0
F.	To *Mary Gacherie*	20	0	0
F.	To *Mary Beveridge*	30	0	0
F.	To *Angelique Legoux*	20	0	0
F.	To *Jane Mouchard*	12	0	0
	To *Margaret Swintoun*	50	0	0
F.	To *Hypolite de Prechac*	20	0	0
F.	To *Marie du Rozell*	20	0	0
F.	To *Mariana le Gudre*	20	0	0
F.	To *Louiſe de Foiſſac*	20	0	0
F.	To *Iſaac de Malleray*	10	0	0
F.	To *Mary de St. Meſme*	8	0	0
F.	To *Anne Guineband de la Milier*	15	0	0
F.	To *Frances de Grandry de Bete*	15	0	0
F.	To *Iſabella de Bacalen*	15	0	0
F.	To *Marie de Samazan*	15	0	0
F.	To *Blanche de Samazen*	15	0	0
F.	To *Henritte de Samazen*	15	0	0
F.	To *Marianne de Court*	15	0	0
F.	To *Marie Pechalves*	15	0	0
F.	To *Marie Venier*	15	0	0
F.	To *Olimpe de Longuevergue*	20	0	0
F.	To *Edourt* and *Jane Max Bourdigue*	30	0	0

		Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
F.	To *Anne Guerin*	30	0	0
F.	To *Marie Jancourt*	20	0	0
F.	To *Marie de There*	30	0	0
F.	To *Thomaiſe de la Court Vicoure*	30	0	0
F.	To *Peter Palmier*	20	0	0
F.	To *Marie Frances St. Paul*	25	0	0
F.	To *Elizabeth Boucher*	20	0	0
F.	To *Mary Boucher*	20	0	0
F.	To *Martha de Ofranville*	25	0	0
F.	To *Katharine Prat de la Deveze*	20	0	0
	To Mrs. *Joanna Revet*	200	0	0
	To a School at *Newmarket*	50	0	0
F.	To *Eliz. Caſarelli*	20	0	0
	To Mr. *Henry Werndley*	100	0	0
	To the Biſhop of *London* for the Time being, for Maintaining of *William Henry Giraud* and *John Giraud*	60	0	0
	To *David Morris*	20	0	0
	To *Margaret Morriſon*	40	0	0
	To *Frances Ireland*	50	0	0
	To *Jane Ireland*	50	0	0
	To *Robert Paltock*	40	0	0
	To Mrs. *Lucy Howard*	60	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Sewell*	20	0	0
	To *Richard Hill* Eſquire, for *Cyprian* and *Paul Appia*, each 10*l.* *per Annum*	20	0	0
	To *Margaret le Mar*	15	0	0
	To *Jane Walter*	15	0	0
	To *Margaret Simpſon*	15	0	0
	To *Sarah Simpſon*	15	0	0
F.	To *Mark Antony Daveſſein de Moncall*, and *Magdalen* his Wife	100	0	0
	To *Iſabella* Counteſs Dowager of *Arlington*	1,000	0	0
	To *Peter Flourney*, for the late Counteſs of *Clancarty*'s Children	1,000	0	0
	To Mrs. *Margaret Townſend*	100	0	0
	To a *French* Miniſter at *Wapping* for the Time being	40	0	0
Paid by Treaſurer of the Chamber	To the Sub-Almoner for the Time being, for the Lady *Frances Keightley*	400	0	0
	To the Miniſter at *Albany* in *New-York* for the Time being	50	0	0
	To *Iſaac Crocker*	12	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Farthing*	100	0	0
	To a Miniſter of the *Engliſh* Church at *Amſterdam* for the Time being	100	0	0
	To *Marmaduke Conway*	20	0	0
F.	To *Michel de Montſegur*	91	5	0
	To *Elizabeth Winſtanley*	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Killigrew*	80	0	0
	To Mr. *Timothy Poole*	20	0	0
F.	To *Cornelius de la Motte*	30	0	0
F.	To *Francis Groguet*	27	7	6
	To *David* Earl of *Wemyſs*	500	0	0
	To *Francis Rainsford*	100	0	0
	To *Richard* Earl of *Bellomont*	300	0	0
	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Doyley*	100	0	0
	To *John Jones* and *Richard Lloyd*	100	0	0
	To Mr. *Francis Sorrell*	400	0	0
	To Mr. *Francis Hewardin*	80	0	0
	To Lady *Mary Phillips*	150	0	0
	To *Charlotte* Lady *Lovelace*	300	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mary Pattillo*	40	0	0
	To Captain *Timothy Crow*	30	0	0
	To *Elizabeth* Counteſs of *Orkney*, for the late Colonel *Henry Villiers*' Children	200	0	0
	To Mrs. *Anne Villiers*	100	0	0
	To *Mary* Counteſs Dowager of *Dalhouſie*	200	0	0
F.	To *Mary Lapie*	15	0	0
	To *Mary Thornycroft*	60	0	0
	To *Richard Hill* Eſquire, for the *Vaudois* Miniſters, *&c.*	555	0	0
	To *Charles Osborne* Eſquire	50	0	0
	To *James Howard* Eſquire	120	0	0
	To Mrs. *Alice Grahme*	150	0	0
V. G. F.	To Mr. *Frederick la Penotiere*	100	0	0
	To *Elianor Goddard*	12	0	0
	To *Mary Hill*	40	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Barrow*	20	0	0
	To *Margaret* Counteſs Dowager of *Caſſills*	200	0	0
	To *Catharine* Ducheſs of *Buckingham*	1,200	0	0
	To a Miniſter of the *Engliſh* Church at *Rotterdam* for the Time being	100	0	0
	To *George Frederick Hendell* Eſquire	200	0	0

To

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
To *Benedict Leonard Calvert* Eſquire	300	0	0
To *William* Earl of *Jerſey*	100	0	0
To Mrs. *Elizabeth Battle*	50	0	0
To Mrs. *Rebecca Foſter*	30	0	0
To Mr. *Theodore Randue*	40	0	0
To Mrs. *Elizabeth Belcheir*	20	0	0
To Mr. *John Shaw*	400	0	0
His late Royal Highneſs Prince *George* of *Denmark*' Servants, *&c.*			
To *William* Lord *Byron*	600	0	0
To *Thomas* Earl of *Weſtmerland*	600	0	0
To *Tho.* Lord *Howard* of *Effingham*	600	0	0
To *Archibald* Earl of *Roſeberie*	600	0	0
To *Henry* Earl of *Lincoln*	600	0	0
To *Chriſtian Sigfried de Pleſſin* Eſquire	400	0	0
To *John George Hugk* Eſquire	600	0	0
To Mr. *Nicholas Gutſmer*	40	0	0
To *Thomas Maul* Eſquire	400	0	0
To Mr. *Peter Laroche*	140	0	0
To Mr. *Samuel Naſh*	80	0	0
To Mr. *John Cuſtis*	80	0	0
To Mr. *Carſten Buckholt*	140	0	0
To Mr. *Matthew Barrow*	50	0	0
To Mr. *Charles Lucas*	40	0	0
To *Thomas Beverley* Eſquire	150	0	0
To *John Layng* Eſquire	150	0	0
To *John Chamberlaine* Eſquire	100	0	0
To *Michael Kinkaid* Eſquire	100	0	0
To *John Chriſtian Jacobi*	30	0	0
To *Elizabeth Towers*	46	0	0
To *Scroop* Earl of *Bridgwater*	1,000	0	0
To *Peter Wentworth* Eſquire	300	0	0
To *Benjamin Mildmay* Eſquire	300	0	0
To *Henry Hawley* Eſquire	300	0	0
To *John Chudleigh* Eſquire	150	0	0
To Mr. *George Curtis*	130	0	0
To Mr. *James Herauld*	120	0	0
To *Joſeph Turner*	50	0	0
To *George Vaughan*	18	0	0
To *John Philpot*	41	1	0
To *Roger Williams*	41	1	0
To *Edward Sleyman*	41	1	0
To *James Henderſon*	41	1	0
To *John Sheppard*	41	1	0
To *Thomas Benn*	41	1	0
To *Thomas Robinſon*	41	1	0
To *Benjamin Godin*	50	0	0
To *John Hawkins*	50	0	0
To *Eraſmus Peterſon*	50	0	0
To *Richard Darlington*	20	0	0
To *Robert Simcokx*	20	0	0
To *Roger Webb*	20	0	0
To Mr. *Peter Beaubiſon*	100	0	0
To *Peter Kirke*	50	0	0
To *Charles Heather*	3	0	0
To *John Dolloway*	3	0	0
To *William Charlton*	3	0	0
To *Henry Charlton*	3	0	0
To *Edward Williams*	3	0	0
To *Benjamin Randall*	3	0	0
To *Abraham Carter*	3	0	0
To *Richard Broadway*	3	0	0
To *Daniel Barrow*	3	0	0
To *Robert Dickenſon*	3	0	0
To *John Ball* Eſquire	150	0	0
To Mr. *Edward Godfrey*	140	0	0
To Mr. *Charles Bint*	80	0	0
To Mr. *Robert Young*	40	0	0
To *Sarah Young*	15	0	0
To *Edward* Earl of *Sandwich*	1,000	0	0
To Sir *Sewſter Peyton*	500	0	0
To Dr. *John Arbuthnot*	350	0	0
To *Cort. Walkeling* Eſquire	200	0	0
To Mrs. *Jane Kein*	150	0	0
To Mr. *John Aubert*	56	0	0
To *Stephen Lefever*	56	0	0
To Mr. *Humphry Denby*	56	0	0

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
To Mr. *James Graves*	56	0	0
To Mr. *William Smith*	56	0	0
To Mr. *Charles Babell*	56	0	0
To Mr. *Peter Letour*	56	0	0
To *John Earmeſt Galliard*	56	0	0
To Mr. *John Shore*	100	0	0
To Mr. *James Paiſible*	100	0	0
To *Elizabeth Debnam*	6	0	0
To *Aves Wright*	6	0	0
To *Catharine Cadick*	4	0	0
To *Grace Hurry*	6	0	0
To *Gabriel Mary Cabin*	40	0	0
To *Edward Normand*	18	0	0
To *Antony Knight*	18	0	0
To *James Elliot*	20	0	0
To *Richard Clark*	8	0	0
To *Mary Helbig*	8	0	0
To *Alice Beetham*	8	0	0
To *Thomas Dawſon*	5	10	6
To *Anne Henderſon*	8	0	0
To *Love Burch*	10	0	0
To *Henry Badger*	15	0	0
To *Godfrey Wittick*	60	0	0
To *Dorothy Millichamp*	20	0	0
To *Jans Saintlo*	20	0	0
To *Anne Walthorp*	8	0	0
To *Mary Barber*	8	0	0
To Mr. *Peter Voyer Richauis*	200	0	0
To the Governors of *Windſor* School	30	0	0
To Mrs. *Dove Cruſius*	70	0	0
To *Richard Feilder*	20	0	0
To *Richard Pittman*	12	0	0
To *Charity Booth*	8	0	0
To the Treaſurer of *Kenſington* School	30	0	0
To *Elizabeth Cloſſe*	20	0	0
To *Mary Peterſon*	20	0	0
To *Elenor Atkinſon*	10	0	0
To *Martha Hilton*	25	0	0
To *Frances Keyes*	20	0	0
To the Dean and Canons of *Windſor*	0	12	8
To Mr. *Robert Weſtley* for Ground-Rent for a Houſe at the *Cockpit*	20	10	0
To Mr. *Edmund Williamſon* for *Thames* Water for the ſaid Houſe	3	0	0
To *Sarah Braſs*	30	0	0
To *Jacob Edwards*	25	0	0
To the Miniſter of *Greenwich*, in lieu of Tythes for the Park	5	2	6
To *Elizabeth Perſon*	12	0	0
To *Andrew Pember*	20	0	0
To *Peter Lawrenſon*	12	0	0
To *Mary Hooper*	30	0	0
To *Jane Wright*	9	0	0
To *James Vernon* Eſquire	600	0	0
To Mr. *Geo. Andrew Ruperti*	200	0	0
To *Charles Churchill* Eſquire	400	0	0
To *Charles Seymour* Eſquire	400	0	0
To *Benj. Godin*	10	0	0
To *Anne Holt*	20	0	0
To *Martha Clarke*	18	0	0
To Mrs. *Suſanna Durell*	300	0	0
To *John Hill* Eſquire	400	0	0

Formerly paid out of his late Royal Highneſs's Privy-Purſe.

To *Cort. Walkeling* Eſquire	330	0	0
To *Carſten Buckholt*	70	0	0
To *Anthony Wm. Bohme*	200	0	0
To *John Chriſtian Jacobi*	30	0	0
To *Mary Pleſſen*	52	0	0
To *Mary Elizabeth Smith*	30	0	0
To *Mary Barrow*	16	0	0
To *Thomas Croſs*	5	0	0
To *John Geo. Leſſer*	125	0	0
To *Charlot* Counteſs *de Altembourg*	125	0	0
To Mr. *Burchard Suhm*	250	0	0
To *Catharine Lutzau*	50	0	0
F. To *Mary Monceau*	100	0	0
To *Sophia Schumacher*	25	0	0
To *George Peterſon*	50	0	0

Formerly

			l.	*s.*	*d.*
		Formerly paid out of the Poſt-Office.			
		To the Executors of the late *James* Duke of *Queensberry* — —	3,000	0	0
Settled at Exchequer.		To *John* Duke of *Argyl* — — — — —	3,000	0	0
		To *Maynard* Duke of *Shomberg* — — — —	1,000	0	0
		To *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke and Montgomery* — — —	3,000	0	0
At the Exchequer.		To *James* Earl of *Findlater and Seafeild* — — — —	1,000	0	0
		To *John* Earl of *Mar* — — — — —	3,000	0	0
2,000 *l.* at the Exchequer.		To *Hugh* Earl of *Loudoun* — — — —	3,000	0	0
		To the Keeper of the Queen's Privy-Purſe for the Time being —	1,000	0	0
		To *Guy Palms* Eſquire — — — —	1,000	0	0
		To *Charles Osborne* Eſquire — — — —	200	0	0
		To *William Brockett* Eſquire — — —	400	0	0
		To *Rebecca* Relict of Dr. *Titus Oates* — — —	300	0	0
		To *Elizabeth Wood* Adminiſtratrix of *Samuel Johnſon* Clerk, deceaſed	300	0	0
		Total —	64,091	4	0
		Beſides the uſual Allowance towards the Relief of *French* Proteſtants, which was paid by a diſtinct Warrant, to be diſtributed, according to the Directions of Truſtees in that behalf, *per Annum* —	15,000	0	0

May the 9th, 1715. Examined *per Edward Godfrey*, Clerk to *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire.

Several Perſons paid by Warrants of Bounty, from *Michaelmas* 1712, to *Michaelmas* 1713.

October 1ſt, 1712.		To Lord *Bellindine* — — — — —	100	0	0
11.	——	To Lady *Mary Mordington* — — — —	10	0	0
17.	——	To Lord *Bellindine* — — — — —	100	0	0
28.	——	To Colonel *Philip Howard* — — — —	100	0	0
29.	——	To *Margaret Fargubar* — — — —	10	0	0
November 19.	——	To *William* Lord *Stawell* — — — —	1,000	0	0
27.	——	To *Rebecca Brudges* — — — —	20	0	0
December 3.	——	To Mr. *James Greenſhilds* — — — —	50	0	0
		To Mr. *Thomas Parke* — — — — —	150	0	0
23.	——	To *Cicilia Newberry*, and others, Bounty-Liſt — —	460	0	0
January 13.	——	To Lord *Duffus* — — — — —	100	0	0
		To Colonel *Philip Howard* — — — —	100	0	0
21.	——	To Monſieur *Behrendoff* — — — —	200	0	0
		To *Solomon Blackman* Eſquire — — — —	600	0	0
23.	——	To *Jane Steward* — — — — —	4	11	5
29.	——	To *Samuel White* — — — — —	10	0	0
19.	——	To *Thomas Parke* — — — —	150	0	0
February 23.	——	To Lord *Duffus* — — — —	100	0	0
March 3.	——	To Lord *Willoby of Parham*, in Part of 400 *l.* — —	100	0	0
13.	——	To *Rebecca Brudges* — — — —	20	0	0
16.	——	To *John Signoret* — — — —	100	0	0
20.	——	To *Heſter Walker* — — — —	10	0	0
April 3.	1713.	To Colonel *Philip Howard* — — — —	100	0	0
		To Counteſs Dowager of *Marlborough* — — —	25	0	0
		To *Charles Douglas* Eſquire — — —	70	0	0
15th.	——	To Mr. *Thomas Parkes* — — — —	150	0	0
May 1ſt.	——	To Mrs. *Jane Walker* — — — —	50	0	0
7.	——	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Erſkine* — — — —	100	0	0
18.	——	To *Hugh Speke* Eſquire — — — —	100	0	0
22.	——	To *William Paterſon* Eſquire — — — —	100	0	0
20.	——	To Mrs. *Roſamond Polexfen* — — —	100	0	0
		To Lady *Anne Silvis* — — — —	100	0	0
26.	——	To Mr. *Richard Elford* — — — —	100	0	0
June 3.	——	To Mr. *John Williams* — — — —	10	0	0
23.	——	To *Rebecca Brudges* — — — —	20	0	0
26.	——	To *James Vezian* — — — —	50	0	0
July 8.	——	To *Cicilia Newberry*, and others, Bounty-Liſt — —	250	0	0
9.	——	To Colonel *Philip Howard* — — — —	100	0	0
13.	——	To Mr. *Thomas Parkes* — — — —	150	0	0
Auguſt 8.	——	To Counteſs Dowager of *Dalbouiſe* — — —	50	0	0
10.	——	To Mr. *James Greenſhilds* — — — —	100	0	0
14.	——	To Lady *Mary Cockrell* — — — —	100	0	0
		To *Joſina Lower* — — — — —	20	0	0
September 9.	——	To *Elizabeth Gellot* — — — — —	5	0	0
		To *Mary Mackay* — — — — —	5	0	0
		To Mrs. *Roſamond Pollexfen* — — — —	100	0	0
		To Lady *Mary Cockrell* — — — —	100	0	0
12.	——	To *Hugh Speke* Eſquire — — — —	20	0	0
		To Mrs. *Anne Feilding* — — — —	62	10	0
9.	——	To *Margaret Robinſon* — — — —	5	0	0
19.	——	To *Oliver Nicholas* Eſquire — — — —	200	0	0
21.	——	To Lord *Mordington* — — — — —	100	0	0
18.	——	To *Thomas Lacy* Eſquire — — — —	700	0	0

			l.	*s.*	*d.*
19.	—	To *George Blacke* Eſquire	500	0	0
18.	—	To *Wm. Sykes* Eſquire	500	0	0
14.	—	To the Ducheſs of *Buckingham*	600	0	0
			8,237	1	5

May the 9th, 1715. Examined *per Edw. Godfrey*, Clerk to *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire.

Several Perſons paid by Warrants of Bounty, from *Michaelmas* 1713, to *Michaelmas* 1714.

September 30th, 1713.	—	To *Rebecca Brudges*	20	0	0
October 1.	—	To the Counteſs Dowager of *Caſſills*	100	0	0
		To Mr. *Patrick Barklay*	100	0	0
16.	—	To Colonel *Philip Howard*	100	0	0
17.	—	To Mrs. *Mary Mordent*	200	0	0
		To Mr. *Thomas Parkes*	150	0	0
		To *Jermyn Wyche* Eſquire	50	0	0
20.	—	To *John Snell* Eſquire	200	0	0
23.	—	To *Hugh Speke* Eſquire	15	0	0
November 4.	—	To Lady *Frances Keightley*	200	0	0
December 11.	—	To *George Maſon* Eſquire	200	0	0
14.	—	To Mr. *John Blayr*	50	0	0
16.	—	To *Rebecca Brudges*	20	0	0
17.	—	To the Earl of *Home*	150	0	0
		To Mrs. *Roſamond Polixfen*	100	0	0
19.	—	To *Cicilia Newberry*, and others, Bounty-Liſt	330	0	0
23.	—	To *Hugh Hughs* 20 To *John Williams* 10	30	0	0
		To Colonel *Hugh Owen*	100	0	0
		To *Hugh Speke* Eſquire	40	0	0
		To Colonel *Philip Howard*	100	0	0
		To Mrs. *Anne Feilding*	62	10	0
		To *Hugh Speke* Eſquire	20	0	0
		To Mr. *Edmund Chaloner*	20	0	0
		To *William Patterſon* Eſquire	100	0	0
January 14.	—	To the Earl of *Dunbarton*	300	0	0
		To Mr. *Thomas Parkes*	150	0	0
29.	—	To the Lord *Duffus*	100	0	0
February 2.	—	To *Charles Palmer*	10	0	0
		To *Solomon Blackman* Eſquire, in Part of 600 *l.*	300	0	0
12.	—	To *Hugh Hughs*	10	0	0
17.	—	To *Jane Dummer*	10	0	0
20.	—	To the Lord *Duffus*	100	0	0
22.	—	To Mr. *James Greenſhilds*	100	0	0
26.	—	To Mr. *Francis Biſhop*	2	0	0
March 3.	—	To *Wm. Patterſon* Eſquire	100	0	0
9.	—	To *John Deſſonſeca*	20	0	0
10.	—	To Mrs. *Anne Feilding*	62	10	0
		To *John Drummond* Eſquire	50	0	0
16.	—	To Mr. *James Gray*	50	0	0
		To Mr. *Edmund Burke*	50	0	0
18.	—	To the Earl of *Clarendon*	250	0	0
23.	—	To *Rebecca Brudges*	20	0	0
25th, 1714.		To Colonel *Philip Howard*	100	0	0
29.	—	To Sir *John Worden*	75	0	0
		To Mr. *Thomas Parkes*	150	0	0
30.	—	To the Lord *Bellendine*	100	0	0
25.	—	To *Hatton Compton* Eſquire	3,000	0	0
29.	—	To Mr. *Auguſtine Osborne*	500	0	0
April 13.	—	To Mr. *Hugh Hughs*	10	0	0
		To the Lord Viſcount *Mayo*	50	0	0
21.	—	To *Wm. Patterſon* Eſquire	50	0	0
23.	—	To Mrs. *Anne Manley*	100	0	0
26.	—	To Mr. *John Tomaſon*	50	0	0
28.	—	To Captain *Ferdinando Callhehan*	10	0	0
May 1ſt.	—	To *Williams Dacers* Eſquire	600	0	0
April 29.	—	To *Joſſina Lower*	20	0	0
May 1ſt.	—	To the Earl of *Home*	300	0	0
5.	—	To *Alexander Holden* Eſquire	800	0	0
7.	—	To *Charles Albin* Eſquire	600	0	0
10.	—	To *Hugh Hughs* Eſquire	10	0	0
15.	—	To *Charlot* Lady *Duffus*	20	0	0
18.	—	To *William Patterſon* Eſquire	50	0	0
19.	—	To *Richard Stone* Eſquire	500	0	0
		To *Charles Abbin* Eſquire	400	0	0
25.	—	To Sir *Andrew Kennedy*	100	0	0
		To *James Garden* Eſquire	107	10	0

			l.	s.	d.
28.	—	To Lady *Charlot Lovelace*	30	15	0
31.	—	To Mrs. *Elizabeth Elſtab*	100	0	0
June 4.	—	To the Earl of *Dunbarton*	100	0	0
5.	—	To *Charlot* Lady *Duffus*	50	0	0
8.	—	Mrs. *Anne Whittle*	10	0	0
		To *Frances Manſell* 10			
		To *Rachel Manſell* 10	30	0	0
		To *Anne Manſell* 10			
12.	—	To *John Gay* Eſquire	100	0	0
15.	—	To *William Grahme* Eſquire	200	0	0
		To *Anne Feilding*	62	0	0
		To Mr. *Edward Aſhe*	50	0	0
18.	—	To *Wm. Patterſon* Eſquire	50	0	0
23.	—	To *Cicilia Newberry*, and other Bounty-Liſt	195	0	0
		To *Rebecca Brudges*	20	0	0
29.	—	To Mrs. *Roſamond Polixfen*	100	0	0
		To Mr. *Tho. Atterbury* 25			
		To Mr. *Geo. Simpſon* 5	30	0	0
		To Colonel *Philip Howard*	100	0	0
July 2.	—	To Lady *Anne Silvis*	100	0	0
6.	—	To Archbiſhop of *Thebais*	200	0	0
8.	—	To Sir *John Worden*	75	0	0
12.	—	To Mr. *Thomas Parkes*	150	0	0
13.	—	To Mr. *James Gray*	50	0	0
21.	—	To Mr. *Tho. Brand*	20	0	0
23.	—	To *Giles Bryanſon* Eſquire	800	0	0
27.	—	To *Henry Bulſtrode* Eſquire	50	0	0
			14,517	15	0
		To Mr. *Richard Pendrell*	100	0	0
		To Mr. *Alexander Home*	300	0	0
		To Lady *Mary Mordington*	10	0	0
		To *William Sloper* Eſquire	1,800	0	0
		To *Matthew Prior* Eſquire	1,000	0	0
		To Mr. *Daniel Arthur*, for *Emanuel Manaſſes Gilligan* Eſquire	1,200	0	0
		To *James Cranefeild* Eſquire	400	0	0
		To Mr. *Adrian Drift*, for *Matthew Prior* Eſquire	400	0	0
			19,727	15	0
		W^ts unſatisfied, as *per* a Liſt thereof	7,049	8	4
			26,777	3	4

May the 9th, 1715. Examined *per Edw. Godfrey*, Clerk to *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire.

Her late Majeſty's Warrants in *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire's Office, not paid by reaſon there was no Money, directed before the Demiſe of the Queen;

July 6th, 1714.	Mr. *James Gray*	50	0	0
12. —	The Duke of *Shrewſbury*	549	8	4
19. —	*John Hill* Eſquire	2,000	0	0
	Jeffrey Gibbons Eſquire	2,000	0	0
26. —	*David* Earl of *Northeſke*	1,000	0	0
	Mr. *Thomas Paterſon*	1,000	0	0
27. —	*John Bourne* Eſquire	300	0	0
	William Phillips Eſquire	100	0	0
	Joſeph Eyles Eſquire	50	0	0
		7,049	8	4

May the 9th, 1715. Examined *per Edw. Godfrey*, Clerk to *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire.

Penſions granted by Queen *Anne*, not comprehended in the Liſts which were payable by *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire; *viz.*

	Per Annum.		
To his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, out of the Poſt-Office Revenue, from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Two, to him and his Heirs Male, during the Queen's Life; confirmed by Act of Parliament —	5,000	0	0
To the Duke of *St. Alban's*, from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Four, out of the Exchequer, during Pleaſure —	1,000	0	0
To Prince *Charles* of *Denmark*, out of the Exchequer, during the joint Lives of her late Majeſty and the ſaid Prince, in Conſideration of his having relinquiſhed his Pretenſions to the Biſhoprick of *Eutin*; commenced Tenth *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Six —	4,000	0	0
	10,000	0	0

Wm. Lowndes.
10th *May* 1715.

Penſions granted by her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, in *Scotland*, ſince the Union;

Dates of Warrants.					Per Annum.		
					l.	*s.*	*d.*
13 *March* 1709.	To *Wm. Carmichael*, late Sollicitor-General in *Scotland*, from 24th *June* 1709, during Pleaſure				300	0	0
Ditto.	To Sir *William Sharp*, and Dame *Margaret* his Wife, and the longer Liver of them, from *Chriſtmas* 1709, during Pleaſure; with a Clauſe to pay ſo much as the ſaid Penſion, computed from 1ſt *May* 1707, would have amounted to				300	0	0
Ditto.	To Sir *James Stuart*, late Advocate-General, from *Midſummer* 1709, during Pleaſure				700	0	0
19th *May* 1710.	To the Procurator for the Church, for defraying the Charges of the Church-Affairs in *Scotland*, and the Salaries of their Officers, from 24th of *June* 1709, during Pleaſure				500	0	0
23th *July* 1711.	To the late Biſhop of *Edinburgh*, from 25th *March* 1711, during Pleaſure				100	0	0
7th *Auguſt*.	To *Margaret Cleland*, Relict of *David Lindſey*, from the Time it was laſt paid to her late Huſband, during Pleaſure				50	0	0
		l.	*s.*	*d.*			
12th *October*.	Profeſſors in the Univerſities of *Edinburgh* and *Glaſgow*, each Univerſity 210 *l. per Annum*	420	0	0			
26th *May* 1712.	*Ditto* at *Aberdeen* and *St. Andrews*, each 210 *l.*	420	0	0			
					840	0	0
					2,790	0	0
	Alſo for Charities to ſuch indigent and neceſſitous Perſons as ſhould be approved of by the Barons of the Exchequer in *Scotland*, to be diſtributed Quarterly, according to the Direction contained in the Eſtabliſhment				2,000	0	0
	Total *per Annum*				4,790	0	0

Wm. Lowndes.

10th *May* 1715.

An Account of Penſions which ſtood charged on the Civil Liſt of *Ireland*, in *February* 171$\frac{3}{4}$.

Perſons Names.	*Per Annum.*	Dates of Kings and Queens Letters.	Commencements.	Conſiderations.	For what Time granted.
	l. *s.* *d.*				
Thomas Hughes — —	25 0 0	19th *March* 1691.	*Chriſtmas* 1691.	Was a Tide-waiter, and loſt his Sight. — —	During Pleaſure.
Duke of *St. Albans* —	800 0 0	8th *December* 1693.	*Michaelmas* 1693.	Good and faithful Services. — — —	Patent for Life.
Captain *Charles Hubelthorn* —	100 0 0	5 *October* 1694.	*Lady-day* 1694.	On account of 200 *l. per Annum*, for Life, granted to the ſaid *Charles*, whoſe Father Lieutenant-Colonel *Hubelthorn* was killed at Sea, in the *Dutch* War. —	During Pleaſure.
Baron *de Virazell* —	100 0 0	11 *April* 1695.	*Lady-day* 1695.	No Conſideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleaſure.
David Jervais, and his Wife	50 0 0	18 *June* 1696.	*Lady-day* 1696.	No Conſideration mentioned. — — —	To them, and the Survivors, during Pleaſure.
Jane Jones — —	100 0 0	21 *April* 1697.	*Lady-day* 1697.	No Conſideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleaſure.
Catharine Wynne — —	100 0 0	21 *April* 1697.	*Lady-day* 1697.	Widow of Brigadier *Wynne*, killed in *Flanders*. —	During Pleaſure.
Richard Earl *Ranelagh* —	300 0 0	26 *May* 1699.	*Lady-day* 1699.	Long and faithful Services. — — —	For 21 Years.
Thomas Keightley — —	400 0 0	18 *July* 1701.	*Midſummer* 1701	A former Patent granted to him by King *Charles* the Second, for Life, of 400 *l. per Annum*. — —	During Pleaſure.
Edward Progers — —	200 0 0	2 *December* 1701.	1ſt *Auguſt* 1701.	In lieu of a former Penſion granted to him by King *Charles* the Second. — — —	During Pleaſure.
Mrs. *Waller* — —	200 0 0	17 *April* 1700.	*Lady-day* 1700.	Two thouſand Pounds diſburſed by Captain *Waller*, Lieutenant-Governor of *Kingſale* Fort, for ſubſiſting and tranſporting Priſoners during the Rebellion. —	Until 2,000 *l.* be paid at one intire Payment.
Marquis *Montandre* —	200 0 0	3 *October* 1701.	1ſt *Auguſt* 1701.	Good and faithful Services. — — —	Patent for Life.
Brigadier *Belcaſtle* — —	500 0 0	14 *October* 1701.	1ſt *Auguſt* 1701.	Good and faithful Services. — — —	For 21 Years.
Earl *Granard* — —	500 0 0	10 *April* 1703.	*Midſummer* 1702.	Services performed, and to be performed. —	During joint Lives of her Maieſty and the Earl of *Granard*.
Ulick Lord *Roch* — —	100 0 0	5 *February* 1702.	*Midſummer* 1702.	For their Support, and to be bred Proteſtants. —	During Pleaſure.
Ellen Roch — —	50 0 0				
Mary M'Carthyreagh —	100 0 0	29th *March* 1704.	*Midſummer* 1703.	A former Penſion granted by King *Charles* the IId to her Husband *Daniel Macartyreagh*. — —	During Pleaſure.
Daniel Dering — —	100 0 0	— — —	*Lady-day* 1704.	Theſe Two came over on the Eſtabliſhment by Name.	During Pleaſure.
Frances Stopford — —	100 0 0				
Anne and *Grace Blanchvill* —	50 0 0	19 *December* 1704.	*Michaelmas* 1704.	Deplorable Circumſtances of their Family. —	During Pleaſure.
Sarah Lady *Device* —	50 0 0	17 *April* 1705.	*Lady-day* 1705.	Daughters of Baron *Rouſell*, for their Support. —	During Pleaſure.
Eliz. Rouſell — —	50 0 0				
Sir *Geo. Barnwell* — —	100 0 0	1ſt *November* 1704.	*Michaelmas* 1704.	A numerous and neceſſitous Family, and 150*l. per Annum*, granted to his Family by King *Charles* the Second. —	During Pleaſure.
Henry Power — —	100 0 0	8th *July* 1706.	*Lady-day* 1705.	For his Support. — — —	During Pleaſure.
Eliz. Counteſs *Thannet* —	300 0 0	8 *July* 1706.	*Lady-day* 1706.	No Conſideration mentioned. — —	During Pleaſure.
Mary Murry — —	91 5 0	11 *February* 1706.	25 *December* 1706.	For Support of her and Children. — —	During Pleaſure.
John Outing — —	200 0 0	12 *April* 1707.	25 *December* 1706.	No Conſideration mentioned. — —	During Pleaſure.
Catharine Talbott — —	50 0 0	17 *December* 1706.	*Michaelmas* 1706.	Deplorable Circumſtances of her, and numerous Family.	During Pleaſure.

John

Persons Names.	Per Annum.	Dates of Kings and Queens Letters.	Commencements.	Considerations.	For what Time granted.
	l. *s.* *d.*				
John Netterville — —	200 0 0	29 *March* 1707.	*Michaelmas* 1706	Services and Sufferings of him and his Family. —	During Pleasure.
Earl of *Roscomon* — —	300 0 0	7 *September* 1709.	*Midsummer* 1709	For Support of him and Family. —— ——	During Pleasure.
John Walker — —	200 0 0	9 *September* 1709.	*Midsummer* 1709.	For Support of the Children of Doctor *Walker*, late Governor of *Londonderry*. —— ——	Until 2,000 *l.* be paid at one entire Payment.
Benjamin Parry — —	500 0 0	26 *April* 1710.	*Lady-day* 1708.	Address of the House of Commons, in behalf of the publick Register. —— ——	For 11 Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament after the 11 Years.
Antonnatta Mowat ——	100 0 0	18 *November* 1708.	*Michaelmas* 1708.	Circumstances of her Family. —— ——	During Pleasure.
James King — —	200 0 0	18 *November* 1708.	*Michaelmas* 1708.	Services of his Family. —— ——	During Pleasure.
Francis Birmingham, now Lord *Athuree* ——	200 0 0	18 *November* 1708.	*Michaelmas* 1708.	For his Education. —— ——	During Pleasure.
Countess *Dunnegall* ——	500 0 0	18th *November* 1708.	*Michaelmas* 1708.	Services of her Husband, killed at *Barcelona*. ——	During Pleasure.
Mrs. *Chantroll* — —	100 0 0	5 *November* 1708.	*Michaelmas* 1708.	Distressed Condition of her and Family. — —	During Pleasure.
Countess of *Cavan* ——	100 0 0	These transferred from the *Concordatum* Fund, pursuant to the Government's Order, dated the 6th of *August* 1709, grounded on a Clause in the Establishment.	*Lady-day* 1709. —	——	During Pleasure.
Harry Power — —	250 0 0				
Deb. Rolston, Widow ——	20 0 0				
Faith Steel, Widow ——	20 0 0				
John Whittle, Clerk —	16 0 0				
Jane Camsy, Widow —	20 0 0				
Frances Tipping, Widow —	10 0 0				
Robert Fanning ——	10 0 0				
Daniel Magwire ——	10 0 0				
Eliz. Shalcross ——	12 0 0				
James Roch — ——	200 0 0	24th *August* 1709.	*Midsummer* 1709.	Services at *Londonderry*. —— ——	During Pleasure.
Joanna Cutts — —	200 0 0	2 *June* 1710.	*Lady-day* 1710.	Services and Sufferings of her Brother, the Lord *Cutts*.	During Pleasure.
Mrs. *Caldwell* — —	100 0 0	10 *May* 1710.	*Lady-day* 1710.	Services of her Brother, Lieutenant-Colonel *Caldwell*, killed in *Flanders*. —— ——	During Pleasure.
Earl of *Cavan* — —	200 0 0	10 *May* 1710.	*Lady-day* 1710.	Services of his Ancestors, and for Support of him and Family. —— — ——	During Pleasure.
John Pratt, and *John Bayly* — —	300 0 0	10 *May* 1710.	*Lady-day* 1710.	No Consideration mentioned. — ——	During Pleasure.
Earl of *Grantham* — —	1,000 0 0	5 *March* 1710.	*Christmas* 1710.	Great Merits and Services of the Lord *Overquerke*. —	During Pleasure.
Laurence Stanyan ——	100 0 0	10 *April* 1712.	*Christmas* 1711.	For his Subsistence. —— ——	During Pleasure.
Wm. Fortescue ——	182 10 0	15 *March* 1711.	*Christmas* 1711.	Services and Sufferings, on an Address of the House of Commons. —— —— ——	During Pleasure.
Jane Cathcart, Widow ——	54 15 0	29 *April* 1712.	30th *November* 1711.	Widow of Captain *Cathcart*, left with 14 Children, in deplorable Circumstances. — ——	During Pleasure.
John Wogan, and *Judith* his Wife ——	500 0 0	26 *May* 1712.	*Lady-day* 1711.	A former Pension granted by King *Charles* the Second to *Judith Moore*. —— —— ——	Till an Arrear of 150 *l. per Annum* Pension be paid, and then to continue at 150 *l. per Annum*, till 2,000 *l.* be paid at one Payment.

Catharine

Persons Names.	Per Annum.			Dates of Kings and Queens Letters.	Commencements.	Considerations.	For what Time granted.
	l.	*s.*	*d.*				
Catharine Codry — —	54	15	0	12 *April* 1712.	*Lady-day* 1712.	Widow of Captain *Codry*, for Support of her and Family. — — — — —	During Pleasure.
Ignatius Nugent — —	146	0	0	30 *July* 1712.	*Midsummer* 1712.	Services and Losses. — — — — —	During Pleasure.
Wm. Phillips — —	200	0	0	31 *July* 1712.	*Midsummer* 1711.	No Consideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleasure.
Duke of *Ormond* — —	5,000	0	0	10th *July* 1713.	From such Time as his Grace is removed from the Government of *Ireland*.	Great Merits and Services. — — —	For 15 Years.
Edward Conway — —	1,200	0	0	15 *July* 1712.	*Michaelmas* 1711.	No Consideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleasure.
Thomas Edwards — —	800	0	0	18 *July* 1712.	*Midsummer* 1711.	No Consideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleasure.
Thomas Keightley — —	1,000	0	0	10 *July* 1713.	*Midsummer* 1713.	Long and faithful Services. — — —	During Pleasure.
Henry St. Piere — —	500	0	0	20 *October* 1713.	*Michaelmas* 1713.	No Consideration mentioned. — — —	During Pleasure.
Lord *Bellew* — — —	300	0	0	13 *October* 1713.	*Michaelmas* 1713.	Renouncing the *Roman* Catholick Religion, and Debts on his Estate, and Support of him and Family.	During Pleasure.
Earl of *Clarendon* — —	2,000	0	0	8th *February* 1713.	From *Christmas* 1713.	No Consideration mentioned — — —	For 30 Years.
To the Duke of *Ormond*, in lieu of the Treasury Deductions, out of the Rent for Prizage — —	108	4	11½				
Dame *Catharine Russell* —	200	0	0				
Rebecca Holmes, Widow —	10	0	0				
Total of the Pensions —	22,130	9	11½				

31ſt *December* 1713.

AN Account of the Penſions on the Military Liſt.

Earl of *Gallway*—at 1,000 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 29th of *April* 1704.

Lieutenant-General *Steuart*—at 730 *l. per Annum*; by his late Majeſty *William* the Third's Letter, bearing Date the $\frac{12}{22}$th of *July* 1701; in Conſideration of his good Services performed unto his Majeſty: This Penſion to be paid during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Colonel *Henry Luttrell*—at 500 *l. per Annum.*

Sir *James Jeffryes*—at 182 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*, in lieu of a Company granted to him in 1696.

Captain *Henry Thomas*—at 80 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 20th *May* 1706; in Compaſſion to his great Age, and the Meanneſs of his Circumſtances; and in Conſideration of his quitting his Pretenſions to a Bounty of Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, which her Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to pay him in *England:* This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Major-General *Guſt. Hamilton*—at 182 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, dated the 8th of *July* 1706; in Conſideration of his ſtorming the Town of *Athlone*, at the Head of the Grenadiers; and thereby obtained from his late Royal Majeſty King *William* the Third the Government thereof, with a Salary of Fourteen Shillings a Day: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Lord *Slane*—at 500 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 7th of *April* 1707: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Colonel *Wm. Cullyford*—at 250 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 3d of *Auguſt* 1706; upon Conſideration that he ſerved the Crown very well for many Years; and being infirm: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Major *Edmund Power*—at 73 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 8th of *July* 1706; in regard of his Services: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Captain *Adam Blair*—at 100 *l. per Annum*; in Conſideration of the Loſs of his Right Leg, Two Wounds in his Left Thigh, and a Wound in his Face; all received at the Siege of *Alicant.*

Captain *John Claverie*—at 45 *l.* 12 *s.* 6 *d. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 13th *March* 1709; upon Conſideration that he is a *French* Proteſtant, and quitted the *French* King's Service: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Lieutenant-Colonel *Hugh Owen*—at 91 *l.* 5 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 3d of *July* 1711; upon Conſideration of the Wounds he received in *Spain*, at the Battle of *St. Stephen's:* This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Captain *Robert Phillips*—at 50 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 3d of *July* 1711; upon Conſideration of having ſerved long with Honour and Fidelity, till diſabled by his Wounds; and that he is now very old, and in extreme Want: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Captain *Cornelius Kennedy*—at 200 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 19th of *Auguſt* 1713; upon Conſideration of a Report made to her Majeſty of the ſaid *Kennedy:* This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Marquis *de Mirremont*—at 1,000 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 20th of *October* 1713: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Captain *James Peltiere*—at 91 *l.* 5 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 7th of *September* 1709; in regard the Petitioner hath been a Captain of Horſe; and in Conſideration of his Services, and the indigent Circumſtances of his Family: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Colonel *Wm. Coward*—at 182 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 29th of *September* 1709; in Conſideration of his paſt Services, and the Hardſhips he hath laboured under: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure, or until ſuch time as her Majeſty ſhall otherwiſe provide for him.

Lord *Blaney*—at 182 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 12th of *November* 1707, at the Requeſt of the Houſe of Commons of *Ireland:* This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Monſieur *Peter Pouſſin*—at 27 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 31ſt of *January* 1709; in Conſideration of the Petitioner's being reduced to a very deplorable Condition, by the Loſs of One of his Eyes, and of his Hearing, by a Misfortune which happened to him as he was doing his Duty in the Caſtle of *Dublin:* This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Captain *George Lyndon*—at 54 *l.* 15 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letters, bearing Date the 13th of *March* 1709; in Conſideration of his not being able to attend the Service; that he is a Gentleman of a very good Family, and of a very fair Character; and having a Wife and Five Children to maintain: This Penſion to be paid during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Monſieur *de Teudebeufe*—at 91 *l.* 5 *s. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letters, bearing Date the 26th of *April* 1710; in Conſideration that there was an Arrear of 500 *l.* or thereabouts, due to the Petitioner by Brigadier *Belcaſtle*'s Regiment; as alſo, he being in Years, and a Gentleman of a good Family: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure; but when the Money due to him for his ſaid Agency ſhall be paid to him, then the ſaid Allowance is from thence immediately to ceaſe and determine.

Captain *Peter Delom*—at 63 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 13th of *March* 1709; in Conſideration of his former Services, and the extreme Poverty to which he is reduced; as alſo, of his great Age, which diſables him for making any other Proviſion for himſelf and Family: This Penſion to continue during her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

Earl of *Mountalexander*—at 500 *l. per Annum*; by her Majeſty's Letter, bearing Date the 28th of *Auguſt* 1704.

Matt. Penefather.

A LIST of *French* Penſions upon the Civil Liſt, as they ſtand now.

Names.	Per Diem. s.	d.
Joſias Vimar	15	0
Jacques Daubuſſarques	10	0
Armand de Miremont (Has a Penſion of 1,000 l. lately granted.)	10	0
Farmer de Neuville	10	0
Jean de Varangle	8	0
Paul de Bloſſett	8	0
Jean de la Coudriere	8	0
Abraham Mazers	7	0
Jean de Sauvery	7	0
Salomon de Loches	6	0
Samuel du Boiſrond	6	0
Rene de la Faucille	6	0
Jaques Montaut	6	0
Francois Darene	6	0
Charles D'Albenas	6	0
Pierre de Pagez	6	0
Daniel Dupetit Boſe	6	0
Daniel Bernatre	5	0
Florence la Milliere	5	0
Daniel Deſcury	5	0
Gaſpar la Balme	5	0
Guill. Rientor	5	0
Matthieu Gaſtine	5	0
Eſtienne Dampierre	5	0
Guill. la Coudriere	5	0
Jaques Fontaine	5	0
Jean & Marie de Lauſſac	5	0
Louis Fontjuliane	5	0
Philip Morel	5	0
Jean la Barthe	5	0
Francois de Soligny	5	0
Richard Deſerbiers	5	0
Joſue des Loires	4	0
Jean Fontanne	4	0
Hector de Cramahe	4	0
Charles la Cailtiere	4	0
Louis la Malquiere	4	0
Iſaac Chabriers	4	0
Gaſton St. Germain	4	0
Alexandre Dallon	4	0
Francois Menivall	4	0
Pierre Balandrie	4	0
Ben Paſcal	4	0
Charles de Sailly	4	0
Samuel Marconnay	4	0
Gedion Fontjuliane	4	0
Albertine du Paſſy	4	0
Elizabeth le Conte	4	0
Pierre Durand	4	0
Elizabeth la Plagne	4	0
Jean la Bouviere	4	0
Jean Monlediere	4	0
Jean du Meny	4	0
Silvie & Anne Montant	4	0
Charles de Creſſerons	3	6
Pierre des Maizeaux	3	6
Henry la Lande	3	0
Margaret Combecroſe	3	0
Pierre Pinſun	3	0
Daniel du Coltambier	3	0
Ant. la Baſtide	3	0
Guy de la Court	3	0
Paul Montigny	3	0
Louis de Rouſſet	3	0
Jaques la Rambliere	3	0
Theop. Deſbriſay	3	0
Marie de Bruſe	3	0
Gabriel Terrot	3	0
Francis Pontreau	3	0
Jean la Clide	3	0
Jean la Brouſſe	3	0
Jean Dortoux	3	0
Daniel de Viraſel	3	0
Jaques Trenouillet	3	0
Jacob la Motte	3	0
Mare St. Maurice	3	0
Louis de Prez	3	0
Mene Lambert	3	0
Paul la Port	3	0
Jean Chardeloup	3	0
Pierre Laval	3	0
Jean Thomas	3	0
Francois du Roure	3	0
Guill. Deſpierres	3	0
Anne la Perine	3	0
Jeremy Bancons	3	0
Ant. Lamaria	3	0
Jean Braſſday	3	0
Guill. Poncet	3	0
Charles Denroches	3	0
Judy le Coutiers	3	0
Charlotte de Laſpos	3	0
Mary de Arzilliers	3	0
Daniel de la Force	3	0
Jean Fontamier	3	0
Jean Bayſe	3	0
Jaques Bernard	3	0
Guill. Guion	3	0
Ant. la Sautier	3	0
Charles Vandiere	2	6
Ant. la Raques	2	6
Claude Playfay	2	6
Theodore la Caltiere	2	6
Jaques Roux	2	6
Iſaac Malleray	2	6
Simond du Fay	2	6
Jean Conſtantine	2	6
Henry Druthon	2	6
Pierre Siſol	2	6
Pierre du Cheſne	2	6
Philip Conſtantine	2	6
Durand Therond	2	6
David Moncornet	2	6
Charles du Mareſt	2	6
Aug. Duval	2	6
Jean la Rouviere	2	6
Jean la Raque	2	6
Eſtienne de Guillon	2	6
Pierre Monfort	2	6
Jacob Vincent	2	6
Jaques St. Philbert	2	6
Louis D'Hannus	2	6
Eſtienne St. Meſmin	2	6
Cent. la Mottebelland	2	6
Abraham Sandor	2	6
Samuel Compte la Muſe	2	6
Albert Deſlandes	2	6
Alexandre Dutorell	2	6
Jean Terrot	2	6
Gabriel St. Gabriel	2	6
Jean Roſſiers	2	6
Abel Marchenville	2	6
Francis la Lande	2	6
Anne Thouars	2	6
Samuel la Boiſſonade	2	6
Charles la Baulay	2	6
Hanibal du Cauſe	2	6
Alexandre Millery	2	6
Charles Vignolles	2	6
Iſaac Charrier	2	6
Jean Giberne	2	6
Louis du Perce	2	6
Salomon Liger	2	6
Arnold Prou	2	6
Suſanne Thenie	2	6
Abraham Courteil	2	6
Georges Piozet	2	6
Elizabeth Foucault	2	6

Names.	*Per Diem.* s.	d.
Anth. Bernard	2	6
Margaret Najac	2	6
Louis St. Lawrence	2	6
Jean de Prades	2	6
Coſme de Mimet	2	6
Andre Labatte	2	6
Joſeph St. Puy	2	6
Pierre la Briſſoniere	2	6
Ben. Marchais	2	6
Louis Fontalba	2	6
Cezar Meſlier	2	6
Jean Lager	2	6
Thomas Terſon	2	6
Ant. Valogne	2	6
Frances Cabrol	2	6
Andrie Moncal	2	6
Cezear la Fortelle	2	6
Jean Vaury	2	6
Jean Dagoz	2	6
Guill. Maret	2	6
Mary O'Hara	2	6
Mary la Mouline	2	6
David Lamecourt	2	6
Martha Mercier	2	6
Jaques Villemiſſon	2	6
Francis Dupare	2	6
Iſaac de Lorte	2	6
Thomas Favier	2	6
Iſaac Leſtrille	2	6
Jean Jalaquier	2	0
Alexandre des Forneaux	2	0
Louis Darques	2	0
Daniel Dabbadie	2	0
Michael Dubheme	2	0
Jaques Burnier	2	0
Daniel Coutom	2	0
Ant. de Mezerac	2	0
Charles de Loppre	2	0
Jaques Limareſt	2	0
Jean Papot	2	0
Pierre Portal	2	0
Jean Bigos	2	0
Nicholas Ferrand	2	0
David Clavairac	2	0
Noah Deſclaux	2	0
Jean Clavier	2	0
Jaques Rochemont	2	0
Francis Baſtidebarbut	2	0
Pierre Goullin	2	0
Ben. Gaunne	2	0
Jean Laſſerre	2	0
Pierre Lamy	2	0
Jean Boyer	2	0
Jean La Meſtre	2	0
Vincent Leymerie	2	0
Philip Lloyd	2	0
Eſtienne la Molliere	2	0
Balthazar du Lac	2	0
Charles de Begat	2	0
Jean Bancons	2	0
Charles Boſteroy	2	0
Pierre Mambre	2	0
Ant. Bonneval	2	0
Paul Pineau	2	0
Mariane Sermant	2	0
Marie Lambermon	2	0
Gabriel la Mottebrocas	2	0
Henry la Lande	2	0
Paul Longchamp	2	0
Pierre Fraiſſinet	2	0
Jean Maſſilos	2	0
Samuel la Motte Grindor	2	0
Michael Brunville	2	0
Pierre Vignau	2	0
Rene Leſtablere	2	0

Names.	*Per Diem.* s.	d.
Jean Pepin	2	0
Jean Veſtieux	2	0
Iſaac Bancons	2	0
Aleide Maimauduc	2	0
Jean la Beiſſade	2	0
Philip Girard	2	0
Jean Jaques Coulom	2	0
Marie Bruneval	2	0
Marie la Chapelle	2	0
Abel Amatis	2	0
Theop. Dandre	2	0
Marie Brugiere	2	0
Martha la Garde	2	0
Maria de Liſle	2	0
Francis Sarter	2	0
Margaret la Graviere	2	0
Philipe Baſoche	2	0
Pierre la Rouſſeliere	2	0
Jean Surville	1	6
Martel Monpinſon	1	6
Jean la Motte	1	6
Louis Gallardy	1	6
Claude Guiraudet	1	6
Pierre Mallie	1	6
Jean Boyer	1	6
Gabriel Farange	1	6
Pierre Chelar	1	6
Jaques Michel	1	6
Jean Boucherie	1	6
Jean Cailbot	1	6
Samuel du Fan	1	6
Japhet Puychenin	1	6
Alexandre Pellat	1	6
Louis Papin	1	6
Joſeph Valada	1	6
Joſias Villineuve	1	6
Francois Maſſec	1	6
Jean Tauranac	1	6
Joly Ternac	1	6
Jaques Croizat	1	6
David Farjon	1	6
Girard St. Pan	1	6
Charles Dumas	1	6
Jean Dulby	1	6
Theodore Lautal	1	6
Jean Grandry	1	6
Matthieu Briant	1	6
Michel la Maugiere	1	6
Alexandre St. Agnan	1	6
Jean Deloraine	1	6
Daniel Fortenier	1	6
Bertrand Laiſne	1	6
Jean Faure	1	6
Louis le Petit	1	6
Francois Damboix	1	6
Claude Belet	1	6
Ant. de Loches	1	6
Jean la Chancellerie	1	6
Lea de Bellaud	1	6
Alexandre Lenfant	1	6
Judy de Courſey	1	6
Nicholas Caſſell	1	6
Magdlin Doſſeville	1	6
Charles la Touche	1	6
Jean Monpinſon	1	6
Olimpe la Motte	1	6
Marquis de Pechels	1	6
Francis Garripuy	1	6
Jean La Coſte	1	6
Louis Paſſy	1	6
Adam Glatigny	1	6
Moyſe Vernoux	1	6
Daniel la Cherrois	1	6
Louis Geneſtre	1	6
Louis Rivals	1	6

Jean

Names.	Per Diem. s.	d.
Jean la Motte Champy	1	6
Salomon Roux	1	6
Jean la Salle	1	6
Simond Chabert	1	6
Iſaac Eſtaunier	1	6
Louis Vigneut	1	6
Jaques D'Homet	1	6
Paul Baignoux	1	6
Jonas Pavillard	1	6
Jaques Melon	1	6
Francis Conron	1	6
Iſaac la Capelle	1	6
Paul Coladon	1	6
Charlot Maſquire	1	6
Elizabeth Beaucours	1	6
Henriette de Bette	1	6
Joſeph Lange	1	6
Pierre Mercier	1	6
Jean Alderbert	1	6
Francis Malherbe	1	3
Armand La Font	1	0
Martha Molie	1	0
Jean Grance	1	0
Balthiazer Farmel	1	0
Charles Galliſſian	1	0
Jaques Beauchamp	1	0
Jaques la Bruleray	1	0
Jean Beſſieres	1	0
Pierre Dennis	1	0
Jean Audat	1	0
Jean Viallas	1	0
Jean Peliſſier	1	0
Pierre Dumas	1	0
Mare Champlaurier	1	0
Gedeon Briant	1	0
Henriette Ribault	1	0
Jean Ribault	1	0
Pierre Bareau	1	0
Jaques Bontoux	1	0
Jean Daraſſus	1	0
Ant. St. Juliane	1	0
Michel David	1	0
Marie Dagar	1	0
Eſtienne Niſolle	1	0
Anne Thermin	1	0
Pierre Guilbermin	1	0
Jean Joy	1	0
Ant. Garriſon	1	0
Jean La Fitte	1	0
Centurion Augier	1	0
Francois Vigne	1	0
Theop. La Cour	1	0
Jean Teſſier	1	0
Louis Armand	1	0
Jaques Barry	1	0
Joſeph la Plagne	1	0
Abraham Roux	1	0
Paul Ville	1	0
Jean du Croſs	1	0
Jaques le Fort	1	0
Elizabeth Falquier	1	0
Jaques Mongaud	1	0
David Laval	1	0
Frederick du Menſill	0	8
Cha. Gaſpar	0	8
Pierre Maſſot	0	6
Eſtienne Gaubert	0	6
David Longlade	0	6
Pierre Clavier	0	6
Jaques Granier	0	6
David Bellegard	0	6
Jaques Dalterac	0	6
Jaques Guirot	0	6
Marc la Motte Cercler	0	6
Elizabeth Vebron, 20 *l. per Annum.*		

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
Total of the *French* Penſioners	*per Diem*	45	19	1
	per Annum	16,793	5	5

Wm. Lowndes.

ANNE R.

AN Eſtabliſhment, or Liſt, containing Payments to be made for Civil Affairs in that Part of our Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; which, our Pleaſure is, ſhall commence, and be paid, from the reſpective Times under-mentioned; that is to ſay,

To commence from the 1ſt Day of *May* 1707.

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
To the Receiver-General of our Land-Rents and Caſualties, and Paymaſter of all ſuch Salaries and Allowances to our Officers, Servants, and others, in *Scotland*, as are herein contained, and may hereafter be eſtabliſhed by us; for himſelf 400 *l.* and for a Deputy 50 *l. per Annum*; in Conſideration of his performing the ſeveral Services expreſſed in our Letters Patents in this behalf	450	0	0

To commence from the 1ſt Day of *May* 1708.

To the Lord Preſident of our Seſſion 800 *l. per Annum*, and to each of the other 14 Lords of Seſſion 300 *l. per Annum*, as an Augmentation to their preſent Salaries, out of the Cuſtoms, and their Fund of Intereſt	5,000	0	0
To the Lord Juſtice-General	600	0	0
Lord Juſtice-Clerk	400	0	0
Lord Advocate	600	0	0
Lord Regiſter	444	16	8
To Sir *Alexander Erſkine* Lyon King at Arms	300	0	0
Heraulds and Purſuivants	250	0	0
Trumpeters	100	0	0
Preſenter of Signatures	52	15	6
To the Director of the Chancellary	25	0	0
Four Macers of the Seſſion, each 10 *l. per Annum*	40	0	0
The Clerk of the Juſtice-Court	100	0	0
Three Macers of the Juſtice-Court, each 10 *l. per Annum*	30	0	0
To the Houſekeeper thereof, and for crying the Hours to the Lords of Seſſion	8	6	8
The Dempſter thereof	5	0	0
Hereditary Uſher thereof, Sir *Archibald Cockburn*	250	0	0
Clerk of our Proceſs before the Seſſion	40	0	0
Writer of Hornings	20	0	0
Lord *Bellenden* Hereditary Uſher of the Exchequer	11	10	0
Three Macers of the Exchequer, each 50 *l. per Annum*	150	0	0

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Our Two Sollicitors, for Salary, and in lieu of all Fees and Allowances from us, each 200 *l. per Annum*	400	0	0
Mr. *David Blair*, One of our Chaplains	50	0	0
Mr. *John Law*, for Salary, and the Alms on our Birth-day	150	0	0
Under-keeper of the Palace of *Holy-Rood-houſe*	50	0	0
Porter thereof	37	15	6
Our Printer, for printing all publick Papers relating to the Government	50	0	0
Counteſs of *Southerland*, as Intereſt of 1,000 *l.* due to her from the Crown, for ſome Tenements in the *Holy-Rood-houſe*	60	0	0
Knight-Marſhal	400	0	0
Clerk of the Sheriffs Roll, Sir *Robert Lauder*	50	0	0
Clerk of the Borough Roll, *Alexander Kirkwood*	28	0	0
Inroller of the Property-Roll	35	0	0
Inroller of the Sheriffs Roll	10	0	0
Doctor *Thomas Dalrymple*, our Firſt Phyſician	100	0	0
Doctor *Edward Eziat*, our other Phyſician	50	0	0
Patrick Hepburne, our Apothecary	40	0	0
George Ogilvie, our Limner	100	0	0
Under-Falconer	50	0	0
Maſter of the Wardrobe	55	11	4
Clerk of the Wardrobe	30	0	0
Under-keeper thereof	40	0	0
A Second Under-keeper thereof	20	0	0
Two Maſters of the Works, each 200 *l. per Annum*	400	0	0
Clerk of the Stores, under the Maſters of the Works	30	0	0
Under-Clerk and Extracter of our Proceſs before the Seſſion	20	0	0
James Sutherland, Keeper of the Phyſick-Garden	50	0	0
David Simpſon, Keeper of the Library in *Holy-Rood-houſe*	80	0	0
To commence from the 25th Day of *March* 1709.			
Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer	1,000	0	0
Ditto, for the Perſon deputed by him to keep the Exchequer-Seal	100	0	0
Four other Barons, each 500 *l. per Annum*	2,000	0	0
Our Remembrancer, *John Tarver* and *William Stewart*, each 100 *l. per Annum*, and the whole 200 *l. per Annum* to the Survivor	200	0	0
Treaſurer's Remembrancer	100	0	0
Clerk of the Pipe, *John Tyas* and *Colin M'Kenſie*, each 100 *l. per Annum*, and the whole 200 *l. per Annum* to the Survivor	200	0	0
The Sollicitor appointed to attend our Court of Exchequer, and to take care of the Proſecutions for bringing in the Debts owing to the Crown, for his Salary	80	0	0
And to be paid to his Hands, for defraying the Charge of the ſaid Proſecutions, and ſuch petty Expences as the Barons of our Exchequer ſhall think neceſſary to direct for our Service; and for which he is to paſs an Account yearly before them; a Sum not exceeding	250	0	0
The Marſhal of the Court of Exchequer	80	0	0
John Stevens, Deputy-Uſher of the Exchequer, 70 *l. per Annum*, in Recompence for his Loſs of Perquiſites by the Union; and 130 *l. per Annum* for Salary, and for providing and furniſhing Pens, Ink, Paper, Parchment, Coals, Candles, and other Neceſſaries, for the Court of Exchequer, and the Officers thereunto belonging	200	0	0
The Meſſenger of the Exchequer	6	13	4
Door-keepers of the Exchequer	30	0	0
Two Attorneys of our Court of Exchequer, each 50 *l. per Annum*	100	0	0
John Philps and *Robert Arbuthnot*, Auditors of all our Revenues in *Scotland*, except our Revenue of Exciſe, for which a particular Auditor is appointed, 150 *l. per Annum* apiece for Salary, and in lieu of all Fees and Allowances whatſoever from us, or the Accountants: And we do hereby declare, That, upon the Death or Removal of either of them, the ſaid Office ſhall remain to be exerciſed and executed by One Perſon, at a Salary of 200 *l. per Annum*, to be reckoned, computed, and paid, from the Day of ſuch Death or Removal	300	0	0
For our Charities and Bounties to ſuch indigent and neceſſitous Perſons as ſhall be approved of by the Barons of our Exchequer, and to be diſtributed amongſt them Quarterly, in ſuch Proportions as our ſaid Barons ſhall think fit; Liſts of which Diſtributions are to be, from time to time, tranſmitted to our High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of our Treaſury, for the Time being, in order to be laid before us	2,000	0	0
Total of the aforegoing Eſtabliſhment, Seventeen thouſand Nine hundred and Sixty Pounds Nine Shillings	17,960	9	0

Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the 23d Day of *June* 1709, in the 8th Year of our Reign.

By her Majeſty's Command,

Godolphin.

Additions

Additions made to the ſaid Eſtabliſhment by her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*; *viz.*

Dates of Warrants.		Per Annum: l.	s.	d.
	For the Lords of the Seſſion and Juſticiary, being claimed by them out of the Cuſtoms, purſuant to ſeveral Acts paſſed in the Parliament of *Scotland* before the Union	2,166	13	4
17th *January* 1709.	To *William Allanſon* Eſquire, Treaſurer's Remembrancer, an additional Salary of 100 *l. per Annum*	100	0	0
13th *March.*	*William Carmichael* Eſquire, late Sollicitor-General, a Penſion from 24th *June* 1709, during Pleaſure	300	0	0
Ditto.	To Sir *William Sharpe* and Dame *Margaret* his Wife, and the longer Liver of them, from *Chriſtmas* 1709, during her Majeſty's Pleaſure, with a Clauſe to pay ſo much as the ſaid Penſion, computed from 1ſt *May* 1707, to *Chriſtmas* 1709, would have amounted to	300	0	0
Ditto.	To Sir *James Stewart*, late Advocate-General, a Penſion, from *Midſummer* 1709, during her Majeſty's Pleaſure	700	0	0
19th *May* 1710.	To the Procurator of the Church, for defraying the Charges of the Church-Affairs in *Scotland*, and the Salaries of their Officers, from 24th *June* 1709, during Pleaſure	500	0	0
9th *April* 1711.	To the Earl of *Ilay*, Juſtice-General, an Addition to his Salary of 600 *l. per Annum*, from 23d *October* 1710	400	0	0
23d *July.*	To the late Biſhop of *Edinburgh*, a Penſion from 25th *March* 1711, during Pleaſure	100	0	0
7th *Auguſt.*	To *Margaret Cleland*, Relict of *David Lindſey*, a Penſion, from the Time it was laſt paid to her late Huſband, during Pleaſure	50	0	0
		l. s. d.		
12th *October.*	Profeſſors in the Univerſity of *Edinburgh* — 210 0 0			
Ditto.	Profeſſors at *Glaſgow* — 210 0 0			
26th *May* 1712.	*Ditto*, at *Aberdeen* — 210 0 0			
Ditto.	*Ditto*, at *St. Andrews* — 210 0 0			
		840	0	0
16th *March* 1712.	To Sir *Andrew Kennedy*, Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*	100	0	0
27th *June.*	To *Archibald Douglas* Eſquire, Receiver-General, an Addition to his Salary of 450 *l. per Annum*	200	0	0
1ſt *April* 1713.	For the Charge of the Juſticiary-Court in *Scotland*, for which Money had before been iſſued upon Account, by way of Impreſt	1,130	0	0
14th *Auguſt.*	To Lord Privy-Seal in *Scotland*, before paid at the Exchequer in *England*	2,000	0	0
18th *September.*	To Lord Chancellor of *Scotland*, the like	2,000	0	0
17th *October* 1709.	*John Hall*, Examiner to the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, from *Michaelmas* 1709, during Pleaſure	50	0	0
	Thomas Rogers, Clerk of the Port-Bonds in the Exchequer, from *Michaelmas* 1712	40	0	0
	Total of the Additions to the Eſtabliſhment	10,976	13	4
	The Amount of the Firſt Eſtabliſhment	17,960	9	0
	In all	28,973	2	4

Memorandum: There was further paid out of the Exchequer in *England*, in her late Majeſty's Reign, the ſeveral additional Salaries under-mentioned; *viz.*

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.		
To Mr. *Scrope*, One of the Barons of the Exchequer in *Scotland*, over and above 500 *l.* on the Eſtabliſhment	1,000	0	0		
To *John Tyas*, One of the Clerks of the Pipe there, over and above 100 *l. per Annum* on the Eſtabliſhment	100	0	0		
And to *John Tarver*, One of the Two Perſons who execute the Office of King's Remembrancer there, over and above 100 *l. per Annum* on the Eſtabliſhment	100	0	0		
				1,200	0 0
				30,173	2 4

Note, The Three laſt additional Salaries are removed from the Exchequer in *England*, and added to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment of the Expence of the Civil Government in *Scotland*, commencing from 24th *June* 1714.

Wm. Lowndes.

10th *May* 1715.

GEORGE R.

AN Eſtabliſhment, or Liſt, containing Payments to be made for Civil Affairs in that Part of our Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; which, our Pleaſure is, ſhall commence, and be paid, from *Midſummer* 1714; that is to ſay,

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
To the Keeper of our Seal, uſed as our Great Seal of *Scotland*	2,000	0	0
To the Keeper of our Privy-Seal there	2,000	0	0

To

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
To the Lords of Seſſion, the Allowances which were payable to them before the Union, out of the Cuſtoms	1,666	13	4
To the Lords of the Juſticiary, paid to them before the Union, out of the Cuſtoms	500	0	0
To the Lord Preſident of our Seſſion, 800 *l. per Annum*, and to each of the other 14 Lords, 300 *l. per Annum*, as an Augmentation to what was formerly allowed them out of the Cuſtoms, and their Fund of Intereſt	5,000	0	0

To the Lords of the Juſticiary, and their Officers, for the Charge of the yearly Circuit; to be paid to ſuch as go the ſaid Circuit; *viz.*

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.		
To the Juſtice-General	200	0	0		
To the Juſtice-Clerk, and Five other Lords of the ſaid Juſticiary, each 100 *l. per Annum*	600	0	0		
To Three Macers, each 10 *l. per Annum*	30	0	0		
To Six Trumpeters, each 10 *l. per Annum*	60	0	0		
To Three Deputy-Advocates, each 50 *l. per Annum*	150	0	0		
To Three Clerks of the Circuits, each 30 *l. per Annum*	90	0	0		
				1,130	0	0
To the Lord Juſtice-General				1,000	0	0
To the Lord Juſtice-Clerk				400	0	0
To the Lord Regiſter				444	16	8
To the Lord Lyon King at Arms				300	0	0
To *John Smith* Eſquire, Lord Chief Baron of our Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, who was, and is continued, One of the Barons of our Court of Exchequer in *England*				1,000	0	0
To the Perſon deputed by him to keep the Exchequer-Seal				100	0	0
To *John Scroop* Eſquire, One of the Barons of our Court of Exchequer there, 500 *l. per Annum*, and an Addition of 1,000 *l. per Annum*, allowed to him by our late Royal Siſter Queen *Anne*, in Conſideration of his having left his Practice at the Bar in *England*; which, our Will and Pleaſure is, ſhall be paid to him during his Continuance in that Office				1,500	0	0
To the Three other Barons, each 500 *l. per Annum*				1,500	0	0
To *John Tarver* and *William Stewart* Eſquires, who are appointed to execute the Office of our Remembrancer, each 100 *l. per Annum*; but, in regard the ſaid *Tarver* left his Practice in *England*, we think fit to allow him a further Sum of 100 *l. per Annum*; he having had the ſame Allowance formerly on that Conſideration: Nevertheleſs, when the ſaid Office ſhall happen to be veſted in One Perſon, we will, That the ſaid additional 100 *l. per Annum* ſhall ceaſe				300	0	0
To *John Tyas* and *Colin Mackenzie* Eſquires, who are appointed to execute the Office of Clerk of the Pipe, each 100 *l. per Annum*; but, in regard the ſaid *John Tyas* left his Practice in *England*, we think fit to allow him a farther Sum of 100 *l. per Annum*; he having had the ſame Allowance formerly on that Conſideration: Nevertheleſs, when the ſaid Office ſhall happen to be veſted in One Perſon, we will, That the ſaid additional 100 *l. per Annum* ſhall ceaſe				300	0	0
To the Treaſurer's Remembrancer				200	0	0
To the Deputy-Uſher of the Exchequer, 70 *l. per Annum*, in Recompence for his Loſs of Perquiſites by the Union; and 130 *l. per Annum*, for Salary, and for providing and furniſhing Pens, Ink, Paper, Parchment, Coals, Candles, and other Neceſſaries, for the Court of Exchequer, and the Offices thereunto belonging				200	0	0
To the Two Attornies thereof, each 50 *l. per Annum*				100	0	0
To the Sollicitor appointed to attend our Court of Exchequer, and to take care of the Proſecutions for bringing in the Debts owing to the Crown				80	0	0
And to be paid to his Hands, for defraying the Charge of the ſaid Proſecutions, and ſuch petty Expences as the Barons of our Exchequer ſhall think neceſſary to direct for our Service; and for which he is to paſs an Account yearly before them, a Sum not exceeding				250	0	0
To the Marſhal of our Court of Exchequer				80	0	0
To the Meſſengers of the Exchequer				6	13	4
To the Door-keepers of the Exchequer				30	0	0
To *John Phillips* and *Robert Arbuthnot*, Auditors of all our Revenues in *Scotland*, except our Revenue of Exciſe, for which a particular Auditor is appointed, 150 *l. per Annum* apiece for Salary, and in lieu of all Fees and Allowances whatſoever from us, or the Accountants: And we do hereby declare, That, upon the Death or Removal of either of them, the ſaid Office ſhall remain to be executed and exerciſed by One Perſon, at a Salary of 200 *l. per Annum*, to be reckoned, computed, and paid, from the Day of ſuch Death, or Removal				300	0	0
To the Examiner of the Court of Exchequer				50	0	0
To the Clerk of the Port-Bonds in the Exchequer				40	0	0
To the Heraulds and Purſuivants				250	0	0
To Six Trumpets				100	0	0
To the Preſenter of Signatures				52	15	6
To the Director of the Chancellary				25	0	0
To the Lord Advocate				600	0	0
To the Two Sollicitors, for Salary, and in lieu of all Fees and Allowances from us, each 200 *l. per Annum*				400	0	0
To the Four Macers of Seſſion, each 10 *l. per Annum*				40	0	0
To the Clerk of the Juſtice-Court				100	0	0
To the Three Macers of the Juſtice-Court, each 10 *l. per Annum*				30	0	0
To the Houſe-keeper thereof				8	6	8
To the Dempſter thereof				5	0	0

To

	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.
To the Clerk of our Proceſs before the Seſſion	40	0	0
To the Writer of Hornings	50	0	0
To the Keeper of the Regiſter of Hornings	20	0	0
To the Hereditary Uſher of the Exchequer	11	10	0
To the Hereditary Uſher of the Court of Seſſion	250	0	0
To the Three Macers of Exchequer, each 50 *l. per Annum*	150	0	0
To the Knights Marſhal	400	0	0
To the Clerk to the Borough-Roll	28	0	0
To the Inroller of the Property-Roll	35	0	0
To the Under-Clerk of the Proceſs	10	0	0
To the Extracter of the Proceſs	10	0	0
To the Receiver-General of our Land-Rents and Caſualties, and Paymaſter of all ſuch Salaries and Allowances to our Officers, Servants, and others, in *Scotland*, as are herein contained, and may hereafter be eſtabliſhed by us, for himſelf and Clerks	650	0	0
To our Almoner, for Salary, and the Alms on our Birth-day	150	0	0
To Mr. *David Blair*, One of our Chaplains	50	0	0
To our Limner	100	0	0
To the Maſter of our Wardrobe	55	11	4
To the Clerk thereof	30	0	0
To the Under-keeper thereof	40	0	0
To the Second Under-keeper thereof	20	0	0
To the Ducheſs of *Hamilton*, Heretable Houſekeeper of *Holy-rood-houſe*, in Lieu and Satisfaction of all Allowances formerly made to the ſaid Houſekeeper, both in Money and Victuals	46	0	0
To the Under-keeper of the Palace of *Holy-rood-houſe*	50	0	0
To the Counteſs of *Southerland*, as the Intereſt of 1,000 *l.* due to her from the Crown, for ſome Tenements in *Holy-rood-houſe*	60	0	0
To our Firſt Phyſician	100	0	0
To our other Phyſician	50	0	0
To our Apothecary	40	0	0
To the Under-Falconer	50	0	0
To the Two Maſters of our Works, each 200 *l. per Annum*	400	0	0
To the Clerk of the Stores under the Maſter of our Works	30	0	0
To the Keeper of the Phyſick-Garden	50	0	0
To our Charities and Bounties to ſuch indigent and neceſſitous Perſons as ſhall be approved of by the Barons of our Exchequer; and to be diſtributed amongſt them Quarterly, in ſuch Proportions as our ſaid Barons ſhall think fit; Liſts of which Diſtributions are to be, from time to time, tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners of our Treaſury, or High Treaſurer, for the Time being, in order to be laid before us	2,000	0	0
To the Procurator for the Church, for defraying the Charge of the Church-Affairs in *Scotland*, and the Salaries of their Officers	500	0	0
To the Conſervator of the Privileges of *Scotland* in the *Netherlands*	100	0	0
To *Wm. Carmichael*, late Sollicitor-General, a Penſion of	300	0	0
To *Margaret Sharp*, Relict of Sir *William Sharp*, deceaſed, a Penſion of	300	0	0
To *Alexander* late Biſhop of *Edinburgh*	100	0	0
To *Margaret Clellan*, Widow of *David Lindſay*, deceaſed	50	0	0

Four Univerſities, 210 *l. per Annum* each; *viz.*	Per Annum. l.	s.	d.	
Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, for their Profeſſors	210	0	0	
Univerſity of *Glaſgow*, for their Profeſſors	210	0	0	
Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, for their Profeſſors	210	0	0	
Univerſity of *Aberdeen*, for their Profeſſors	210	0	0	
				840 0 0
Amounting in all to				29,293 2 4

And our further Pleaſure is, and we do hereby alſo eſtabliſh an Allowance to be made to the Four Meſſengers of the Receipt of our Exchequer, at the Rate of 18 *l.* for each Proclamation, and Order of Council, directed to be diſtributed through *Scotland*. Dated at our Palace at *St. James's*, the 23d Day of *December* 1714, in the Firſt Year of our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,

Halifax,
Wm. St. Quintin,
Edward Wortley.

Wm. Lowndes.

AN Account of what Penſions have been granted, and alſo what Warrants for beneficial Grants have been directed to the Lords of the Treaſury, ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne; *viz.*

Dates of Warrants.	Penſions, or additional Salaries;	*Per Annum.* l.	s.	d.
19th *November* 1714.	For Letters-Patents for ſettling the Salaries of the Judges in the Three Courts, whereby there is an Increaſe to the Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench 1,000 *l.*; the Three other Juſtices of the ſaid Court, 500 *l.* each; the Chief Juſtice of the Common-Pleas, 1,000 *l.*; and the Three other Juſtices of the ſaid Court, each 500 *l.*; alſo to the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer 1,000 *l.*; and to Three other Barons of the ſaid Court, each 500 *l.*; commencing from the End of *Trinity* Term 1714, and payable to them, and their Succeſſors, during their Continuance in their reſpective Offices —	7,500	0	0
20th *December* — —	For a Grant under the Great Seal to *John* Duke of *Argyll*, from 24th *June*, 1714, during his Majeſty's Pleaſure — — — — —	3,000	0	0
4th *February* — —	For a Grant to *Daniel* Earl of *Nottingham*, from 22th *September* 1714, during Pleaſure — — — — — — —	3,500	0	0
	For a Grant to *John* Lord *Somers*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure —	2,000	0	0
28th *February* — —	For a Grant to *Judith Hawley*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; not paſſed under Seal — — — — —	300	0	0
	For a Grant to *Charlot* Lady *Fretchville*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure — — — — —	500	0	0
	For a Grant to * * Lord *Fitzwalter*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; not paſſed under Seal — — — — —	500	0	0
	For a Grant to Sir *Philip Meadows* ſenior, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure — — — — —	600	0	0
	For a Grant to *Charles* Duke of *Shrewſbury*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; not paſſed under Seal — — — —	3,000	0	0
23 *February* $171\frac{4}{5}$.	For a Grant to *Peter Flournois*, for the late Counteſs of *Clancarty*'s Children, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during his Majeſty's Pleaſure — —	1,000	0	0
	For a Grant to *William* Earl of *Dartmouth*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; not paſſed under Seal — — — —	2,000	0	0
9 *March.* — — —	For a Grant to *Thomas* Marquis of *Wharton*, ſince deceaſed, from the 22th *September* 1714, during Pleaſure; not paſſed under Seal — —	2,000	0	0
19. — — — —	For a Grant to *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure — — — — —	2,000	0	0
20 *December* 1714.	For a Grant under the Privy-Seal to the reſpective Perſons under-mentioned, the ſeveral yearly Sums following, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; *viz.*			
	To *Charles* Marquis of *Tweddale* — — — —	1,200	0	0
	To *John* Earl of *Southerland* — — — —	800	0	0
	To *David* Earl of *Buchan* — — — —	800	0	0
	To *Patrick* Earl of *Marchmont* — — — —	800	0	0
	To *James* Earl of *Bute* — — — —	800	0	0
	To *Henry* Earl of *Delorain* — — — —	800	0	0
	To *Charles Areſkine* Eſquire — — — —	400	0	0
	To *John Haldane*, of *Glenagles*, Eſquire — — — —	400	0	0
	To *Thomas Kenedy* Eſquire — — — —	400	0	0
27th — — —	For a Grant under the Great Seal to *James* Earl of *Findlater* and *Seafeild*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during his Majeſty's Pleaſure — —	1,000	0	0
	For a Grant to *Hugh* Earl of *Loudoun*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure	2,000	0	0
19th *January* $171\frac{4}{5}$.	For a Grant under the Privy Seal to the reſpective Perſons under-mentioned, the ſeveral yearly Sums following, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during Pleaſure; *viz.*			
	To *John* Earl of *Crawford* — — — —	300	0	0
	To *Alexander* Earl of *Caithneſs* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *Alexander* Earl of *Hume* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *William* Earl of *Kilmarnock* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *George* Earl of *Dunbarton* — — — —	300	0	0
	To *Alexander* Earl of *Kincardine* — — —	200	0	0
	To *James* Earl of *Hyndford* — — — —	300	0	0
	To *John* Earl of *Cromartie* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *John* Lord *Forbes* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *John* Lord *Grey* — — — —	100	0	0
	To *Francis* Lord *Sempell* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *John* Lord *Elphiſton* — — — —	100	0	0
	To *Patrick* Lord *Oliphant* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *James* Lord *Torphicon* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *David* Lord *Lindores* — — —	100	0	0
	To *George* Lord *Rea* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *George* Lord *Foreſter* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *John* Lord *Napier* — — — —	200	0	0
	To * Lord *Fraſer* — — — —	100	0	0
	To *Alexander* Lord *Elibank* — — —	200	0	0
	To *Robert* Lord *Rollo* — — — —	200	0	0
	To *John* Lord *Ballenden* — — —	200	0	0
	To *Allen* Lord *Caihcart* — — — —	100	0	0
	To Major * *Aikman* — — — —	100	0	0

To

		l.	s.	d.
	To Captain *John Campbell* — — — — —	100	0	0
	To *William Maxwell*, of *Caithneſs*, Eſquire — — —	100	0	0
23 *January* 171$\frac{4}{5}$.	A Warrant ſigned by the King, directed to the Treaſurer of the Chamber for the Time being, for paying to the Sub-Almoner for the Time being, for the Uſe of the Lady *Frances Keightley*, from *Chriſtmas* 1714, during his Majeſty's Pleaſure — — — — —	400	0	0
7 *April* 1715.	For Letters of Privy-Seal to iſſue to Mr. *Blagny*, a yearly Sum of 7,200 *l.* for divers *French* Penſioners, and others, from 1ſt *Auguſt* 1714, during his Majeſty's Pleaſure; not yet paſſed under Seal — — —	7,200	0	0
		49,600	0	0

Dates of Warrants.	Bounties.	l.	s.	d.
30th *September* 1714.	A Warrant ſigned by the King, for paying to *Charlot* Lady *Duffus* —	53	15	0
11 *November*. — —	A like Warrant, for paying to the Lady *Anne Morgan* — —	100	0	0
	A like Warrant, for paying to Sir *Robert Breedon* and *Randolph Knipe* Knights, Sheriffs of the City of *London*, as of his Majeſty's Bounty, towards the Relief and Diſcharge of poor Priſoners for Debt — —	1,000	0	0
6 *January* 171$\frac{4}{5}$. —	A like Warrant, for paying to *Richard Steel* Eſquire, now Sir *Richard Steel*	500	0	0
8 *January*. — —	A like Warrant, for paying to *Charlot* Lady *Lovelace* — —	100	0	0
8 *February*. — —	A like Warrant, for paying to Mrs. *Jane Kingdon*, One of the Maids of Honour to her late Majeſty, as a Bounty to her for her Marriage-portion	3,000	0	0
	A like Warrant, for paying to Mrs. *Mary Foreſter*, another of the Maids of Honour to her ſaid late Majeſty, as a Bounty for her Marriage-portion	3,000	0	0
23. — — —	A like Warrant, directed to the Treaſurer of the Chamber, for paying to the Sub-Almoner, for the Uſe of the Lady *Frances Keightley*, as of his Majeſty's Bounty — — — — — —	300	0	0
	A like Warrant, directed to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, for paying to Sir *Wm. Fazakerly* Knight, Chamberlain of the City of *London*, as of his Majeſty's Charity and Benevolence to the Poor inhabiting within the Pariſhes in and about the ſaid City — — —	1,000	0	0
28. — — —	A like Warrant, for paying to *Henry D'Avenant* Eſquire — —	1,000	0	0
3 *May* 1715. — —	A like Warrant, for paying to the Duke of *Montroſſe* — —	317	10	0
	A like Warrant, for a Bounty to the Marquis *Dalmaſſes* — —	215	0	0
6 *May* — — —	A like Warrant, for paying to the Earl of *Rothes*, by way of Bounty —	300	0	0
7. — — —	A like Warrant, for paying to the ſaid Earl, as High Commiſſioner of the Aſſembly in *Scotland* — — — — —	700	0	0
8. — — —	A like Warrant, for paying to *Judith Hawley* Widow, by way of Bounty	150	0	0
15 *December* 1714.	Duke of *Montroſſe*, a 3d Principal Secretary of State, for ſecret Services, 3,000 *l.*; whereof iſſued in Part — — — —	2,000	0	0
20 *December* 1714, and 13 *April* 1715.	Paid by the Hands of Mr. *Thomas Lowther*, out of 2,000 *l.* iſſued to him, purſuant to Two Warrants, ſigned by his Majeſty, in that behalf; *viz.*			
		l.	*s.*	*d.*
20 *December* 1714.	To Mon^{r}. *D'Elorme* — — — —	200	0	0
	To Mr. *Greenſheilds* — — — —	100	0	0
	To Mrs. *Mackenzie* — — — —	20	0	0
	To *John Butts* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Edith Colledge* — — — —	20	0	0
	To *William Powell* — — — —	10	0	0
	To Mr. *Cornwallis* — — — —	100	0	0
	To *John Dwyre* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Anne Whittle* — — — —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Newbery* — — — —	20	0	0
	To *Anne Kerſke* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Jane Dickinſon* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Francis* and *Rachel Manſell* — — —	10	0	0
	To *Thomas Tagg* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Newman* — — —	10	0	0
	To *Elianor Conway* — — — —	5	0	0
	To *Judith North* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Uriah Ironmonger* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Charlot Rycaut* — — — —	20	0	0
	To *Elizabeth Roſington* — — —	15	0	0
	To *Charles Palmer* — — — —	10	0	0
	To Mrs. *Griffith* — — — —	50	0	0
	To Lady *Areſkine* — — — —	43	0	0
	To *Anne Chriſtian* — — — —	20	0	0
	To Lady *Duffus* — — — —	100	0	0
	To *John Dwyre* — — — —	10	0	0
	To *Edward Williams* — — — —	15	0	0
13 *April* 1715. —	To Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham* — — —	200	0	0
	For a Sea Atlas — — — —	107	10	0
	To Mrs. *Griffith* — — — —	50	0	0
	To Mrs. *Colledge* — — — —	20	0	0

To

					l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
	To *Jane Dickenſon*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To *Anne Manſell*	—	—	—	5	0	0			
	To *Anne-Kerſke*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To *Judith North*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To Mrs. *Newbery*	—	—	—	20	0	0			
	To Mrs. *Bruges*, alias *Pride*	—	—	—	20	0	0			
	To *Anne Whittle*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To *Wm. Powell*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To *John Butts*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To *Elianor Conway*	—	—	—	5	0	0			
	To Mrs. *Rycaut*	—	—	—	20	0	0			
	To *Uriah Ironmonger*	—	—	—	10	0	0			
	To Lady *Newport*	—	—	—	50	0	0			
								1,425	10	0
13 and 30 *September* 1714, 17 *November*, 24 *February*.	Alſo paid, purſuant to his Majeſty's Pleaſure, by the Hands of *William Borret* Eſquire, on Account of the diſtempered Cattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,774	1	1
								21,935	16	1

Memorandum: Note, There have been no Payments out of ſecret Service Monies at the Treaſury ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne, as was uſual in former Reigns.

Wm. Lowndes.
10th *May* 1715.

A State

A State of her late Majesty's Revenues at the Time of her Death; distinguishing the Money that was at that time in the Exchequer, applicable to the Uses of the Civil Government; what paid into the Exchequer since on that Account; and how it has been applied; what remains in Money, or other Effects, to discharge the Debts of her Majesty's Civil Government; and what those Debts are; *viz.*

	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
To Cash remaining in the Exchequer on the 1st *August* 1714; *viz.*						
Of the 500,000 *l.* Lottery-money				16,143	15	7¾
Of other Money of the Civil-List Funds				1,350	2	2¾
						17,493 17 10½
To Money received at the Exchequer between the 1st *August* 1714, and the 6th Day of *May* 1715; *viz.*						
Hereditary and Temporary Excise				65,529	13	10½
Additional Tonage and Poundage				41,392	6	6¼
Letter-money				15,292	2	10
Small Branches				4,439	8	4½
						126,653 11 7½
			£.			144,147 9 6

	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
By paid towards clearing the Debts to her late Majesty's Civil Government; *viz.*						
To the Cofferer, to clear to *Christmas* 1713				9,339	11	8¼
To the Treasurer of the Chamber, the like				7,080	18	8¾
To the Master of the great Wardrobe, the like				11,800	16	6½
For a Surplus on the last Account of the Robes, whilst the Duchess of *Marlborough* was Mistress thereof				1,050	0	3
To foreign Ministers to *Christmas* 1713				16,859	17	6
To Fees and Salaries at the Exchequer to same time				7,283	19	5¾
To Pensions and Annuities payable there to *Do.*				3,093	11	4½
To Pensions, Bounties, &c. including 13,500 *l.* for *French* Protestants, *per* Mr. *Nicholas*				30,080	10	0
To the Band of Gentlemen-Pensioners to *Christmas* 1713				2,512	0	0
To Mr. *Scobell*, to pay for Tin				28,317	14	11½
To her late Majesty's Goldsmith, for Plate				2,823	11	11
To divers Contingencies				4,908	6	7½
				125,150	19	2¾
By Cash remaining in the Exchequer the 6th *May* 1715; *viz.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*			
Of the 500,000 *l.* Lottery-money	16,143	15	7¾			
Of other Civil-List Money	2,852	14	7½			
				18,996	10	3¼
				144,147	9	6

	l.	s.	d.
To Money remaining in the Exchequer the 6th *May* 1715, as *per contra*	18,996	10	3¼
There is further expected to be brought into the Exchequer on the said several Branches above-mentioned, about	43,000	0	0
And for the Value of Tin unsold, by Estimation, about	317,452	0	0
	379,448	10	3¼

	l.	s.	d.
By Sums owing to clear her late Majesty's Debts to the Time of her Demise; *viz.*			
To the Cofferer of the Household to 1st *August* 1714	35,884	17	1
To the Treasurer of the Chamber, yearly Payments to 24th *June* 1714; Bills to 1st *August*	15,364	1	7
To the Master of the great Wardrobe to 1st *August* 1714	3,289	16	8½
To the Works to 1st *August* 1714	40,454	18	5¼
To Mr. *Wise*, for Works at *Windsor* to *Do.*	1,722	14	11
To foreign Ministers to same time, about	30,261	0	0
To Fees and Salaries at the Exchequer to same time	25,929	15	0¾
To Pensions and Annuities payable there to same time	5,168	2	11¼
To annual Pensions, by the Hands of Mr. *Nicholas*, to *Midsummer* 1714	54,606	10	10½
To Extraordinaries of the Stables to 1st *August* 1714	18,697	6	5¼
To the Band of Gentlemen-Pensioners ½ a Year to *Midsummer* 1714	3,000	0	0
To divers Contingencies *per* Estimation	15,091	13	4¼
Total, by way of Estimate	249,470	17	5
And there is owing, for Loans undischarged, upon the Register for Tin, according to a Certificate thereof from the Exchequer, this 9th *May* 1715	96,441	9	7
	345,912	7	0

Memorandum: There is likewise a Petition of the *French* Protestants for the Arrears of 15,000 *l. per Annum* formerly paid to them.

And also a Petition of the Workmen employed at *Blenheim*, demanding about 42,000 *l.* whilst that Building was carrying on at her Majesty's Expence.

ANNE R.

WHereas, in or about the Month of *November* 1711, we did, by Commiſſion under our Seal appointed to be kept in place of our Great Seal of *Scotland*, nominate and conſtitute our Right Truſty and Well-beloved *John* Lord *Balmerino*, and ſeveral others therein named, during our Pleaſure only, to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of High Chamberlain of *Scotland*, with ſuch Powers and Authorities, and in ſuch Manner, as by the ſaid Commiſſion, Relation being thereunto had, may appear: And whereas we are graciouſly pleaſed to allow unto the ſaid Lord *Balmerino*, in Conſideration thereof, a Sum of 1,000*l.*: Our Will and Pleaſure now is, and we do hereby direct, authorize, and command, That, out of the Sum of 5,040*l.* lately paid to your Hands by the Repreſentatives of Sir *George Hume*, and others, for the Cauſes mentioned in our Letters of Privy-Seal in that behalf, you forthwith pay over to the ſaid *John* Lord *Balmerino*, or his Aſſigns, the ſaid Sum of 1,000*l.* without any Account, Impreſt, or other Charge, to be ſet upon him in our Exchequer, for the ſame: And this ſhall be, as well to you for Payment, as to the Auditors, and all others concerned, for Allowing thereof, upon your Account, a ſufficient Warrant. Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the 14th Day of *May* 1714, in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.

By her Majeſty's Command,

To our Truſty and Well-beloved *Archibald Douglas*, of *Cavers*, Eſquire, Receiver-General of our Lands-Rents, and Caſualties, in *Scotland*. *OXFORD.*

Alexander Earl of *Eglington*, *David* Earl of *Northeſk*, *Wm.* Lord *Haddo*, the like Warrants, *mutatis mutandis*.

27th *July* 1714. *Andrew Cockburn*, Merchant, a like Warrant for 1,000*l.*; mentioned to be in Satisfaction of Money expended by him for her late Majeſty's Service.

24th *July* 1714. A Warrant ſigned by her late Majeſty, directed to Mr. *Nicholas*, for paying 1,000*l.* to *David* Earl of *Northeſk*, as of her Majeſty's Bounty.

26th *July* 1714. A like Warrant, directed to Mr. *Nicholas*, for paying to *Thomas Paterſon* 1,000*l.* as of like Bounty.

ANNE R.

WHereas we directed you, our High Treaſurer, to ſignify our Commands to the Commiſſioners for managing our Revenues of Exciſe in *Scotland* to advance and pay to our Truſty and Well-beloved *Henry Maule* Eſquire a Sum of 4,000*l.* out of that Part of our Revenue of Exciſe applicable to the Uſes of our Civil Government: And whereas you our ſaid High Treaſurer have laid before us the annexed Acquittance of the ſaid *Henry Maule*, given to our ſaid Commiſſioners, acknowleging the Receipt of the ſaid Sum; and we being fully ſatisfied, not only that the ſaid Sum hath been paid to the ſaid *Henry Maule*, but alſo with the Expenditure thereof by him for ſuch our Service, as we had directed: Our Will and Pleaſure therefore is, and we do hereby direct, authorize, and command, That, in purſuance of our Letters of Privy-Seal in this behalf, you, and every of you, and all others herein concerned, do make and give full and plenary Allowance and Diſcharge to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Exciſe, in their Accounts of that Part of the Exciſe which is applicable to the Uſes of the Civil Government, of the ſaid Sum of 4,000*l.* paid to the ſaid *Henry Maule*, without ſetting him the ſaid *Maule inſuper* for the ſame, or any Part thereof: And for ſo doing, this ſhall be your Warrant. Given at our Court at *Kenſington*, the 27th *July* 1714, in the 13th Year of our Reign.

By her Majeſty's Command,

To our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, our High Treaſurer now being, and to our High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being; and to the Barons of our Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, now, and for the Time being. *OXFORD.*

The Receipt.

I DO hereby acknowlege to have received, of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Sum of 4,000*l.* being Money ariſing out of ſuch Part of the Revenue of Exciſe, under their Management, as is applicable to the Uſes of her Majeſty's Civil Government, purſuant to her Majeſty's Pleaſure, and the Commands of the Right Honourable the Lord High Treaſurer, ſignified by *William Lowndes* Eſquire, in his Letter dated the 19th of *September* laſt. Witneſs my Hand, the 4th Day of *November* 1713.

Signed *Harie Maule.*

Witneſs *Colin Aliſon*,
Louis Græme. *Wm. Lowndes.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts, Liſts, Papers, Eſtabliſhments, State, Eſtimate, and Warrants, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

But the ſaid Book containing an Account of all the Payments which have been directed out of the 500,000*l.* appropriated towards clearing Debts and Arrears owing by her late Majeſty to her Servants, Tradeſmen, and others, at or before *Midſummer* 1713, being too large to be entered, is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-five thouſand Five hundred Seventy-four Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-Pay to the Sea-Officers for the Year 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred Ninety-ſeven thouſand Eight hundred Ninety-ſix Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Ordinary of the Navy, for the Year 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred Thirty-ſeven thouſand Two hundred Seventy-ſeven Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy, Rebuilding of Ships, and other extraordinary Works; as alſo completing the Furniture and Stores of the Ships in Repair, and to be repaired; in the Year 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, Thata Sum, not exceeding Ninety thouſand Seven hundred Ninety-ſeven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, for the Year 1715.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, to juſtify ſeveral other of the Voters whom the Petitioner's Counſel had objected againſt; and afterwards to add One to the Sitting-Member's Poll, and to diſqualify ſeveral of the Perſons who had voted for the Petitioner; and alſo to examine Witneſſes, as to Bribery on the Petitioner's behalf.

And then the Sitting-Member's Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And the Petitioner's Counſel replied.

After which, the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

And Mr. *Strangwayes* was heard in his Place.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *John Strangwayes* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*; The

The Houſe divided.
The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Drew:* } 91.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Bridges:* } 154.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Peter Walter* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Bridport*;

The Houſe divided.
The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Cholmley:* } 154.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Corrance*, Mr. *Snell:* } 87.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*, by raſing out the Name of *John Strangways* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *Peter Walter* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight, at Twelve of the Clock.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 11° *die Maii*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A BILL for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls*, in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Mary* in *Oxford*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Wm. Whitelock*, General *Roſſe*, Colonel *Grahme*, Dr. *Paſke*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bladen*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Bland*, Mr. *Cæſar*, Mr. *Curzon*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Bramſton*; . . . all that ſerve for the Counties of *Oxford* and *Berks:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

Sir *John Walter* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, ſeveral Eſtabliſhments in the Time of King *Charles* the Second, King *James* the Second, King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Anne*.

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtabliſhments do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtabliſhments are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Tho. Gery* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Pulteney*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Monmouth*, in the County of *Monmouth*, which was appointed to be heard To-morrow, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Saturday* come Sevennight.

Ordered, That ſuch Perſons who were ordered to attend this Houſe, in relation to the ſaid Election, To-morrow, do attend upon *Saturday* come Sevennight.

The Houſe being informed, That a Perſon from the Treaſurer of the Chamber attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, Annual Payments in the Treaſurer of the Chamber's Office, as they ſtood in the Year 1667:

A Draught of the late King *James*'s Eſtabliſhment of the Payments in the Treaſurer of the Chamber's Office; but never was ſigned:

A Copy of the late King *William*'s Eſtabliſhment of the Payments on the Treaſurer of the Chamber's Office:

A Copy of the Eſtabliſhment of Payment on the Treaſurer of the Chamber's Office in her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*'s Reign.

And the Titles of the ſaid Eſtabliſhments were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtabliſhments do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtabliſhments are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That *Thomas Chapman* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Bucks*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers, immediately.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been graciouſly pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to One publick and Two private Bills; *viz.*

An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1715:

An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *England* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire, and *Luke King* Gentleman, the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of their Office of Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*:

An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*.

A Petition of the Seven hundred licenſed Hackney-Coachmen, on behalf of themſelves, their Widows and Children, *&c.* was offered to the Houſe; deſiring their Number may be reduced to Seven hundred, paying the whole preſent Rent; and that they may have a certain Intereſt for Fifty-two Years, without being liable to be deprived of their Licences, on Complaint to the Commiſſioners for licenſing Hackney-Coaches.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Petition be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 12° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made One Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance till the 24th Day of *June* 1715, be further continued and charged upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the 23d Day of *June* 1715, to the 24th Day of *June* 1716.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance till the 24th Day of *June* 1715, be further continued and charged upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the 23d Day of *June* 1715, to the 24th Day of *June* 1716.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Robert Blackborn*, *John Bernardy*, *Robert Caſſils*, *Robert Meldrum*, and *James Chambers*, was offered to the Houſe:

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be brought up;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Arthur Chicheſter*, Mr. *Bracebridge*:	54.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Gregory*:	115.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition of *Thomas Parr* Gentleman, and *Arthur Walter*, for and on the behalf of themſelves, and their Wives, and *Lyford Kent* an Infant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are Owners of certain Wharfs at *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*; and, by the Bill, now depending, for making the River *Kennet* navigable, find themſelves in a peculiar manner aggrieved: Theſe Wharfs are held by Leaſes, of which there are long Terms of Years to come, at the Rent of 10*l. per Annum*; and there is chargeable on them, during the Life of an Annuitant, 40*l. per Annum*; and, on taking thoſe Leaſes, large Fines were paid, and great Sums of Money afterwards laid out in improving the ſaid Wharfs; ſo that now, and for many Years laſt paſt, they have been lett at, and produced, 150*l. per Annum*; and are the only Fund, or Eſtate, out of which the Portions and Proviſions intended the Petitioners Wives, and the ſaid *Lyford Kent*, by their Father's Will, are now to be raiſed; but, by making the ſaid River navigable from or beyond theſe Wharfs, or preſent Landing-places, the Value of the ſaid Wharfs will not only be totally loſt, and thoſe Portions and Proviſions intended the ſaid Children be defeated; but the Annuitant muſt loſe her 40*l. per Annum*, or your Petitioners be bound to pay the ſaid Rent and Annuity

Annuity (full 50*l. per Annum*), without having wherewithal to do it: And praying to take the Petitioners Caſe into Conſideration, and relieve them accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

A Petition of *William Bareſby*, Under-Sheriff of the County of *Leiceſter*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

And the ſame was, by the Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn, in regard his particular Offences, for which he was committed, were not acknowleged by him in the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the Eſtabliſhment of the Houſhold and Family for his Royal Highneſs Prince *Henry*, eldeſt Son of King *James* the Firſt, or any ſubſequent Eſtabliſhment of the Houſhold and Family for any Prince of *Wales*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Incomes and Revenues of the late King *James*, when Duke of *York*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as ſhall not then attend, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

A Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Bere*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcott*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Wild*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Colonel *Stuart*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Deacle*, Sir *Robert Furneſſe*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Colonel *Grant*, Mr. *Anneſley*, Mr. *Poulteney*, Mr. *Trevanion*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Sir *Wm. Courtenay*, Mr. *Pitt*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. *Yong*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Bromly*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Douglas*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Foſter*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Wortley*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Guernſey*, Dr. *Paſke*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Cocks*, Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Dr. *Oliphant*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Pagett*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Fitz-Williams*, Mr. *Mountague*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. Attorney-General: And they are to meet this Afternoon, at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do provide, that the Clauſe for the Payment of Tythes and Churchwardens Dues, in the Act of the 7th and 8th Years of King *William*, be made more effectual.

A Petition of the People called *Quakers*, in behalf of many of their Friends in *South Britain*, and of their Friends in general in *North Britain*, who conſcientiouſly ſcruple the taking the preſent Affirmation, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Year 1696, King *William*, and the then Parliament, were pleaſed to grant us a ſolemn Affirmation, inſtead of an Oath; whereby many of us have been delivered and defended from Impriſonments, vexatious Suits, Loſs of Goods and Eſtates, as well as enabled to ſerve our Country, and promote the Trade and Wealth of it; though many of our Friends, ſcrupling to atteſt the ſacred Name of God, and all other his divine Attributes, have, by means thereof, been deprived of its intended Benefit; and have been, and ſtill are, if not relieved, liable to great Sufferings and Diſcouragements in their lawful Callings, and Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying to make ſuch Alteration in the preſent Bill before the Houſe, that our Affirmation may be in theſe Words; "I *A. B.* do ſincerely de- "clare and affirm;" which, on Inquiry, we find will be generally eaſy to our Friends; and which, we humbly conceive, will very well anſwer the Intent of the Law, and Juſtice, ſince the Penalties in caſe of Falſhood carry the ſame legal Security as in Perjury.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 13° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, of the Town and Port of *Haſting*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, divers Perſons trading in *Engliſh* Veſſels have made it their Employ to buy freſh Fiſh off at Sea, that is caught by Foreigners in Strangers Veſſels and Bottoms, and expoſe the ſame to Sale at the Markets in this Kingdom; to the great Detriment of his Majeſty's Subjects, and to the great Diſcouragement of the *Engliſh* Fiſhery and Navigation, and tending to the Encouragement and Advantage of the Fiſhery of foreign Parts; and have evaded ſeveral Laws that have been made for encouraging the Fiſhery and Trade: That the *French* Fiſhery have of late Years been numerous on the Coaſts of *Suſſex* and *Kent*; and, at all times of the Year, fiſh cloſe into the *Engliſh* Shore, and eſpecially at the Headlands, with unlawful Nets and Engines; whereby the Perſons employed in the Fiſhery of this Kingdom are prevented from following their Employ; and the Breed and Fry of Fiſh has been by them, and other Perſons uſing Nets of too ſmall a Scale or Meſh, and other illegal Practices, greatly prejudiced and deſtroyed: And praying, That Proviſion may be made to prevent the like Inconveniencies, and ill Practices, from attending the Fiſhery for the future.

A Petition of the Mayor, Jurats, Fiſhermen, and other Inhabitants, of *Folkſtone*, in the County of *Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Town depends very much upon the Trade of Fiſhing, whereby many Families in the ſaid Town, and in the Parts adjacent thereunto, get their Living: That, of late, divers Perſons, for their own private Gain, have bought, and imported into *England*, in Smacks, and other Veſſels, great Quantities of freſh Herrings, freſh Cod, Whitings, Pilchards, Plaice, Soles, Mackerel, and Congers,

and other freſh Fiſh, which were caught by Foreigners, and not by *Engliſhmen*; to the great Detriment, Damage, and Diſcouragement, not only of the ſaid Town, and Parts adjacent, but alſo of the Fiſhing-Trade and Navigation of the whole Kingdom in general: That ſuch Perſons importing ſuch freſh Fiſh in *Engliſh* Ships or Veſſels are not within the Penalties of any former Laws, which, as they pretend, do only prohibit the Importation of ſuch freſh Fiſh in foreign Ships: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will pleaſe to order ſuch Bill to be brought in, for the effectual prohibiting and preventing the Importation into *England*, *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, in any Ship or Veſſel, either *Engliſh*-built, or otherwiſe, any ſuch freſh Fiſh, as aforeſaid, caught by Foreigners, upon ſuch Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as this Honourable Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall think fit and proper.

A Petition of the Maſters of Fiſhing-Boats of the Town and Port of *Dover*, in behalf of themſelves, and other Fiſhermen, Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Fiſhermen are a great Part of the Inhabitants of the Coaſt of *Kent* and *Suſſex*, and particularly of this Port, being, of late Years, grown more numerous than formerly, on account of the general Decay of Trade under which theſe Parts labour; inſomuch that a Multitude of Families wholly ſubſiſt as well by making Nets, Lines, and other Fiſhing-Tackle, as by Fiſhing, chiefly in the Herring, Mackerel, and Whiting Seaſons; which ſerves not only for the Supply of the Ports and Places adjacent, but alſo of the City of *London*; with freſh Fiſh, being, for the moſt part, ſold, by the Takers, at Sea, to Smacks, to be carried thither: That the ſaid Fiſhery has been greatly prejudiced and diſcouraged, eſpecially ſince the Concluſion of the Peace, by a Practice, much uſed of late by the Smacks, of buying up great Quantities of Fiſh at Sea, out of *French* and *Flanders* Fiſhing-Boats, and importing the ſame to *London*, and other Markets, under Colour of being caught by *Engliſh*, to the great Damage and Impoveriſhment of the Petitioners: That, by Licence from the Kings of *England*, as Sovereigns of the Sea, ... is now conſtantly taken by very great Numbers, to the Deſtruction of the Fry and Breed of Fiſh, occaſioned by their uſing Nets of unſized Meſhes, and other Engines not allowed by the Laws of this Realm: And praying this Honourable Houſe to order a Bill to be brought in, to be paſſed into a Law, for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom; and alſo for prohibiting Foreigners from fiſhing within ſuch a limited Diſtance of the *Engliſh* Coaſt.

A Petition of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, and other Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Hythe*, in the County of *Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Town, in a great meaſure, depends upon the Trade of Fiſhing, whereby ſeveral Families get their Living: That, of late, divers Perſons, for their own Gain and Advantage, have bought, and imported into *England*, in Smacks, and other Veſſels, great Quantities of freſh Herrings, freſh Cod, Whitings, Pilchards, Plaice, *&c.* and other freſh Fiſh, which were caught by Foreigners, and not by *Engliſhmen*; to the great Damage, Detriment, and Diſcouragement, not only of the ſaid Town, and Parts adjacent, but of the Fiſhing-Trade and Navigation: And ſuch Perſons pretend, that they, importing the ſame in *Engliſh* Ships or Veſſels, are not within the Penalties of any former Laws, which, as they pretend, do only prohibit the Importation of ſuch freſh Fiſh in foreign Ships or Veſſels: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to order ſuch Bill to be brought in, for the effectual prohibiting and preventing the Importation into *England*, *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, in any Ship or Veſſel, either *Engliſh*-built or otherwiſe, any ſuch freſh Fiſh, as aforeſaid, caught by Foreigners, under ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures as this Honourable Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitions: And that Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Fane*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Gibbon*, and Mr. *Deſbovery*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Abſtract of the Produce of the Revenue of his Royal Highneſs *James* Duke of *York* for the Year One thouſand Six hundred and Seventy-eight.

Mr. *Lowndes*, at the ſame time, acquainted the Houſe, That there is no Eſtabliſhment for Prince *Henry*, when Prince of *Wales*, in the Treaſury, or any Footſteps of it.

The Title of the ſaid Abſtract was read.

And the ſaid Abſtract is as followeth; *viz.*

AN Abſtract of the Produce of the Revenue of his Royal Highneſs *James* Duke of *York* for One whole Year, ended at *Michaelmas* 1678.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Money received out of the Profits of the Poſt-Office — — — —	55,865	3	4
The Rents and Profits of forfeited Eſtates in *England* — — — — —	1,799	11	11½
The Rents of Fen-Lands — — — — — — —	1,419	19	10
The Rents and Profits of forfeited Eſtates in *Ireland* — — — —	7,519	16	10
Money received out of the Exchequer upon the Hereditary Exciſe, in lieu of the Profits of the Wine-Licence-Office — — — — — —	24,000	0	0
Do. upon an Annuity of 3,000*l.* *per Annum* allowed by his Majeſty King *Charles* the Second to his Royal Highneſs, for Maintenance of his Royal Highneſs's Children — —	3,000	0	0
Money received from the Cofferer of his Majeſty's Houſhold, for defraying the Charges of his Royal Highneſs's Diet, and Incidents thereto belonging, at 800*l.* *per* Month, 28 Days to the Month — — — — — — — —	10,400	0	0
Money received of the Maſter and Wardens, *&c.* of *Trinity-Houſe*, for a Year's Rent, iſſuing out of the Ballaſt-Office — — — — — — —	400	0	0
£.	104,404	11	11½

This Abſtract is made from a declared Account of the late Treaſurers to his Royal Highneſs for the Year aboveſaid.

Wm. Lowndes, 13 *May* 1715.

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. Attorney-General, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third, was committed, the Amendment they had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Heyſham* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulateing, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* next come Sevennight.

A Petition of the Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Great Bedwyn*, in the County of *Wilts*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That being informed, that there is at this time a Bill depending in this Honourable Houſe, for making the River *Kennett* navigable from *Newbury* to *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, which, when effected, will tend very much to the Benefit of this County, by the more cheap and eaſy carrying the Produce and Manufactures of it to the City of *London*, our common Market; which the extreme Badneſs of the Roads between *Newbury* and *Reading* make impracticable, unleſs at much greater Expence, for ſeveral Months in the Year, to the great Diſcouragement of the Woollen Manufacture; by which great Numbers of the Poor, both of this and the neighbouring Countries, are principally ſubſiſted: And praying, That Bill may have your Honours Conſent, to paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday had been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the Eſtabliſhment for his Royal Highneſs Prince *Henry*, eldeſt Son of King *James* the Firſt, or any ſubſequent Eſtabliſhment for any Prince of *Wales*, of their Houſhold or Family; and that his Majeſty had given Directions to the ſeveral Officers to inquire after ſuch an Eſtabliſhment; but that none other can be found, but an old Book, intituled, "*Anno Nono Regis* "*Jacobi*; A Book of Diet, Wages, &c. of the Prince's "Houſe:" Which he preſented to the Houſe:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Broderick* acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Paterſon* Eſquire was referred, had come to a Reſolution not to report to the Houſe the Subſtance of a Certificate from the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, annexed to the Petition; on which Certificate the Proofs relating to the Petitioner's Claim do depend.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be directed to report the Subſtance of the Certificate of the Barons of the Exchequer in *Scotland*, annexed to the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they found it neceſſary that ſeveral Accounts, and other Papers, which had been preſented to the Houſe, ſhould be referred to the ſaid Committee; and that they had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments, Accounts, Abſtracts, States, Eſtimates, Liſts, and other Papers, relating to the Matter of the Civil Liſt; and alſo the Abſtract of the Produce of the Revenue of his Royal Highneſs *James* Duke of *York* for the Year 1678; and the Book, intituled, "*Anno Nono Regis Jacobi*; A Book "of Diet, Wages, &c. of the Prince's Houſe;" which have been preſented to the Houſe, and ordered to lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf again into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they have directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 14° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Charles Turner*, from the Board of Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Men borne aboard his Majeſty's Ships for the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714; with their Wages, and the Charges of Wear and Tear; as alſo what was voted for the Ordinary of the Navy for the ſaid Four Years; and how much has been ſupplied to the Navy, in Money or Credit, on the aforeſaid Heads: Alſo,

An Account of the Charge of the Four Ships employed in the Service of the *South-Sea* Company, from the Times they were aſſigned to that Service:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follows; *viz.*

Navy:

Navy-Office, 9th *May* 1715.

AN Abſtract of the Number of Men borne aboard his Majeſty's Ships for the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714, commencing the 1ſt of *January*, and ending the laſt of *December*; and what the Wages of thoſe Men, after the Rate of 1*l.* 10*s. per* Man *per Menſem*, for thoſe Years, amounts to; with the Charge of Wear and Tear for the aforeſaid Number of Men, according to the Proportion of 1*l.* 7*s. per* Man *per Menſem*; as alſo what was voted by the Honourable Houſe of Commons for the Ordinary of the Navy for the ſaid Four Years; and how much has been ſupplied, in Money or Credit, upon the aforeſaid Heads of Wear and Tear, and Ordinary: Prepared in purſuance of an Order from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, of the 3d Inſtant.

Years.	Number of Men borne.	Their Charge of: Wages, at 1*l.* 10*s.* *per* Man *per Menſem.*			Their Charge of: Wear and Tear, at 1*l.* 7*s. per* Man *per Menſem.*			Voted by the Honourable Houſe of Commons for the Ordinary of the Navy.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
1711	46,735	911,332	10	0	820,199	5	0	120,000	0	0
1712	38,106	743,067	0	0	668,760	6	0	180,000	0	0
1713	21,636	421,902	0	0	379,711	16	0	200,000	0	0
1714	13,098	255,411	0	0	229,869	18	0	245,700	0	3
		2,331,712	10	0	2,098,541	5	0	745,700	0	3
Add the Ordinary		—	—	—	745,700	0	3			
Total	—	2,331,712	10	0	2,844,241	5	3			

Cha. Sergiſon,
Ja. Acworth,

D. Lyddell,
Cha. Cornwall,
A. Burton,
J. Fawler.

And alſo,

AN Account of what has been certified by the Treaſurers of the Navy to be received of what was voted by the Honourable Houſe of Commons for the Service of the Navy, on the Heads undermentioned, for the ſaid Four Years of 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714; *viz.*

Heads of the Naval Services.	What has been certified by the Treaſurers of the Navy to be received for the Years 1711.			1712.			1713.			1714.			Total.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Wear and Tear, and Ordinary	742,109	19	5¼	627,406	8	8½	244,205	19	8½	286,371	7	7	1,900,093	15	5¼
Seamens Wages (Including therein what was received for the Marine Regiments)	745,570	12	10¼	795,282	1	1¼	506,952	8	6½	597,004	16	8¼	2,644,809	19	2¼
Victualing	577,673	8	8½	474,118	4	9¼	219,073	12	2½	132,323	15	11¾	1,403,189	1	8
Tranſports	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,000	0	0	30,000	0	0
	2,065,354	1	0	1,896,806	14	7	970,232	0	5½	1,045,700	0	3	5,978,092	16	3½

Heads

Heads of the Naval Services.	What has been certified by the Treaſurers of the Navy to be received for the Years 1711.	1712.	1713.	1714.	Total.
	l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
More received in Tallies unapplied to any particular Head; and are reſerved in the Treaſurer of the Navy's Hands, for ſuch Uſes thereof as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall pleaſe to direct; *viz.*					
Tallies on Hops — — — — — — —	3,000 0 0	— — —	— — —		
Ditto, on Malt — — — — — — —	— — —	5,000 0 0	— — —		
Ditto, whereof 1,400*l.* is intended for the Wear and Tear, when Money ſhall be raiſed on the ſame — — — — — — —	— — —	— — —	11,400 0 0	— — —	22,189 5 7
South-Sea Stock, to be received back by the Treaſurer, of what he had iſſued to the Undertakers, for raiſing Money thereon — — — — — —	2,789 5 7	— — —	— — —		
Total —	2,071,143 6 7	1,901,806 14 7	981,632 0 5½	1,045,700 0 3	6,000,282 1 10½

Ja. Acworth, *Cha. Cornwall*, *D. Lyddell*,
Cha. Sergiſon, *A. Burton*, *J. Fawler*.

Navy-Office, 9th *May* 1715.

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the Four Ships under-mentioned, from the Times they were reſpectively ordered to be fitted for the Service of the *South-Sea* Company, to the 30th *April* laſt, for Wear and Tear, Wages and Victuals; the Wear and Tear computed by their loweſt Complements; the Wages, according to the Number of Men borne; and the Victuals, at the Rate of 8*d.* a Man a Day, according to the Number of Men muſtered: Prepared purſuant to an Order of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, of the 3d Inſtant.

Ships Names.	When ordered to be fitted for the above-ſaid Service.	Charge of Wear and Tear.	Wages.	Victuals.	Total.
		l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
Angleſea — — — — — — — — — —	17 *October* 1712	8,259 11 7	6,393 0 0	3,786 18 0	18,439 9 7
Warwick — — — — — — — — — —	D° —	8,259 11 7	6,017 0 0	3,579 14 8	17,856 6 3
Bedford — — — — — — — — — —	24 *July* 1713	9,966 17 0	7,437 0 0	4,349 4 8	21,753 1 8
Elizabeth — — — — — — — — — —	11 *Auguſt*	9,689 2 9	5,147 0 0	2,648 4 0	17,484 6 9
		36,175 2 11	24,994 0 0	14,364 1 4	75,533 4 3

Cha. Sergiſon, *D. Lyddell*, *A. Burton*,
Ja. Acworth, *Cha. Cornwall*, *J. Fawler*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the ſeveral Maltſters within the Cities of *Oxford*, *Winton*, *Sarum*, and the Towns of *Abington*, *Wallingford*, *Henly*, *Reading*, *Newbury*, *Baſingſtoke*, *Andover*, *Kings-Cleer*, *Warminſter*, and *Whitchurch*, and of many other Places adjacent, within the ſeveral Counties of *Oxon*, *Berks*, and *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of the Licence given to the Officer to gauge Malt in the Couch, and on the Floor, as in the Ciſtern, are very much damaged, by the Officers bruiſing the Malt in the Couch and Floor; and tends to incapacitate the Petitioners to diſcharge the Duty on Malt: And praying to confine the Gauge to the Ciſtern, or otherwiſe,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715, be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford*, in the County of *Hertford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Petitions, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, were read:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes as to the partial Proceedings of the Mayor; and alſo to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons who voted for the Sitting-Members.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 16° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *William Elſon* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Chicheſter*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 5. L. * To leave out "fairly," and inſert "falſly:"

Preſs 23. L. 20. To leave out "Five," and inſert "Twenty:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Clerk's Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Sir *David Dalrymple* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*: And the ſame was received.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to the Addreſs of the laſt Parliament to her late Majeſty, That the proper Officers might examine and ſtate the Debts of the Army, in order to their being laid before this Houſe, a Report of the Referrees concerning the Debts of the Army:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being moved, That the ſeveral Orders made at the Beginning of this Seſſion againſt Strangers being in the Houſe, or Gallery, while the Houſe is ſitting; and for the Serjeant at Arms clearing the Speaker's Chamber; might be read;

The ſame were read accordingly: And all Strangers withdrew.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it appears to this Houſe, That the Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum* was ſettled upon his late Majeſty King *William*, during his Life, for the Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and other his neceſſary Occaſions; and, at the time of his Majeſty's Demiſe, after the Deduction of Three thouſand Seven hundred Pounds *per* Week that was applied to the publick Uſes, was the Produce of the Civil Revenues that were continued and ſettled upon her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, during her Life.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, to enable his Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable Proviſion for the Royal Family, there be granted to his Majeſty, during his Life (which God long preſerve), an additional Revenue, which, together with the net Produce of the Civil-Liſt Branches, may make up the clear yearly Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds, for the Service of his Majeſty's Houſhold and Family, and for other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum* was ſettled upon his late Majeſty King *William*, during his Life, for the Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and other his neceſſary Occaſions; and, at the time of his Majeſty's Demiſe, after the Deduction of Three thouſand Seven hundred Pounds *per* Week that was applied to the publick Uſes, was the Produce of the Civil Revenues that were continued and ſettled upon her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, during her Life;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Chetwynd:*	222.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Anſtis:*	137.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, to enable his Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable

nourable Proviſion for the Royal Family, there be granted to his Majeſty, during his Life (which God long preſerve), an additional Revenue, which, together with the net Produce of the Civil-Liſt Branches, may make up the clear yearly Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds, for the Service of his Majeſty's Houſhold and Family, and for other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſeveral Liſts and Accounts of Annuities, Penſions, and Bounties, granted by her late Majeſty, or by his preſent Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Liſts and Accounts be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 17° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Florian Goebell took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

Ordered, That *Thomas Parr*, and others, Petitioners againſt the Bill for making the River *Kennett* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Part of the Common-Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters: And that Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, and Mr. *Drew*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *William Bareſby* Gentleman, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was offered to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be brought up.

And the ſame was brought up accordingly: And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be read upon *Thurſday* Morning next, in a full Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Northey*:	53.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lyddell*:	90.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be now read.

The ſame was read accordingly; ſetting forth, That he, having incurred the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, for having neglected to return Two Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the County of *Leiceſter*, was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms for ſuch Offence the Eleventh of *April* laſt; and that he was heartily ſorry for ſuch his great Offence; and begged Pardon for the ſame: And praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, on paying his Fees.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid *William Bareſby* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged out of Cuſtody;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Chetwynd*:	140.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Eden*:	98.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do not proceed on any more of the Petitions now before them, complaining of undue Elections, after the Caſe of *Alborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, is heard.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes for the Diſqualifying of other Voters for the Sitting-Members; and alſo, for adding Perſons to the Petitioners Poll, who offered to vote for them, but were refuſed; and alſo, touching a Witneſs who was ſummoned to attend, but was prevailed upon by one *John Brand* to keep away, in Contempt of the Order he was ſerved withal; and alſo, touching Bribery by the Agents of the Sitting-Members: After which, the Petitioners Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That *John Brand* do attend this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line* be heard, at the Bar of this Houſe, upon *Saturday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Bewdly*, in the County of *Worceſter*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 18° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Hutchinſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Sir *Pynſent Chernock* Baronet be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election of a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Bedford*.

Ordered, That the Hearing of the Matter of the ſaid Petition at the Bar of this Houſe be diſcharged.

Ordered, That *Richard Bigg* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election for

for the Borough of *Wallingford*, in the County of *Berks*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Bill to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *London*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Aſhe*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Weaver*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland* was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being moved, That the laſt Section of the Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act to make further Proviſion for electing and ſummoning Sixteen Peers of *Scotland* to ſit in the Houſe of Peers in the Parliament of *Great Britain*; and for trying Peers for Offences committed in *Scotland*; and for the further Regulating of Voters in Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; may be read, relating to the People called *Quakers* declaring the Effect of the Abjuration-Oath .....

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, preſcribing a Form of the ſolemn Declaration to be taken by the People called *Quakers*, inſtead of the Abjuration-Oath.

Ordered, That the Honourable *James Brudenel* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Chicheſter*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Petition of *Francis Beaumont*, Undertaker for Forage, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner entered into a Contract with his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and afterwards with Lieutenant-General *Cadogan*, for delivering Forage to the Troops in the Pay of her late Majeſty ſerving in *Flanders*, in their Winter-Quarters $17\frac{11}{12}$, and the Spring following, upon expreſs Condition, That he ſhould forthwith receive the Advance-money, and his entire Payment in a Month after the Delivery of the Forage; and, upon the repeated Aſſurances of a punctual Payment, he furniſhed the Forage cheaper than any former Contractors had done, or even than the States-General allowed their Undertaker for the ſame time: The Petitioner, having performed his Part of the Contract to the entire Satisfaction of all the General Officers of the Army, had Reaſon to hope for a punctual Payment, the Parliament having provided, in the Seſſions $17\frac{11}{12}$, for the greateſt Part of this Service; but that Money, as the Petitioner has been informed, being applied to other Uſes, he is ſo far from receiving the Satisfaction he expected, that, after Three Years continual Sollicitation, he has not yet received the Advance-money: The Petitioner's Account has paſſed ſeveral Examinations, and has always been reported in his Favour: It was firſt referred to Mr. *Watkins* in *Flanders*; then to the Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army; afterwards to Mr. *Brydges*, now Earl of *Caernarvan*; then to Mr. *Watkins* again, who had a particular Commiſſion from her late Majeſty for that Purpoſe; whoſe Report, being laid before the ſelect Committee of the Houſe of Commons in the laſt Parliament, was there approved of, and reported to the Houſe as a Debt amounting to 54,750 *l.* 2 *s.* 8 *d.* Sterling: The ſaid Parliament having granted 300,000 *l.* Sterling upon Account of the Debts of the Army, the Petitioner had Reaſon to hope, that he ſhould have been ſpeedily paid; but, inſtead thereof, his Account was ordered to be re-examined by the Right Honourable Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Pulteney*, and the Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army; who do not only report, That the ſaid Debt appears to be juſtly due; but alſo, that it deſerves to be paid preferably to others; and do therefore propoſe, that it ſhall be paid out of the Remainder of the ſaid 300,000 *l.*: The Petitioner humbly hopes, that this Honourable Houſe will conſider the irreparable Damages he has ſuffered by this long Delay; the Intereſt and Charges of what is ſo juſtly due to him having more than ſunk the Profit he propoſed to make by the ſaid Undertaking, having been obliged to ſell the greateſt Part of his Effects to ſupport his Credit; and, by his long Attendance at *London* to ſollicit this Buſineſs, has loſt the beſt Employment he had at *Maeſtricht*, and is in Danger of being thrown into a Gaol for the Debts he has contracted for the Service of the Crown of *England*: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave to inſert a Clauſe in ſuch Bill as they ſhall think proper, that he may be paid out of the Remainder of the ſaid 300,000 *l.* granted by Parliament upon Account of the Debts of the Army; without which, the Petitioner is in Danger of being ſtill poſtponed from time to time, to the entire Ruin of himſelf, and numerous Family, as well as many more in *Holland*, *Flanders*, and *Brabant*, who are engaged with him in this great Undertaking.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report of the Referrees concerning the Debts of the Army be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That *Frederick Tilney* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Whitchurch*, in the County of *Southampton*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Duty upon Malt in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Report of the Election for the Borough of *Malden* be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſeveral Liſts and Accounts of Annuities, Penſions, and Bounties, granted by her late Majeſty, or his preſent Majeſty;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference in the Committee who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

Ordered, That *Ralph Freman* Eſquire do take the Chair of the Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Freman* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *William Bareſby*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his Diſcharge.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 19° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of many poor Priſoners in the *King's-Bench* Priſon, in behalf of themſelves and ſeveral Thouſands, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have been great Traders both by Sea and Land, and paid great Cuſtoms and Taxes; meeting with Misfortunes by Trading, in ſo long and tedious War, are become inſolvent; not capable of making Satisfaction to their Creditors, are willing to ſurrender their All, for Relief of their Bodies: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will give Leave, That a Bill may be brought in for the Relief of the Petitioners.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners for Debt in his Majeſty's Priſon in the County of *Leiceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands poor diſtreſſed Debtors in the ſeveral Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners did moſt humbly repreſent their ſad deplorable Conditions, and long Confinements, in Gaol, the laſt Parliament, with ſuch good Effect, that the then Honourable Houſe ordered a Bill to be brought in, and paſſed it, for the Relief of the Petitioners; which was ſent up to the Houſe of Peers, read there a Firſt time, and ordered a Second Reading; but, by the ſudden and unexpected Prorogation of that Parliament, the Bill was dropped, and loſt; to the great Diſappointment and Mortification of all the Petitioners: That the Petitioners, with Hearts filled with Gratitude, and a true Senſe of the charitable and good Intentions of this Honourable Houſe, the laſt Seſſions of her late Majeſty's Reign, are thereby encouraged to preſent themſelves again to this Honourable Houſe; moſt humbly imploring your Honours Aid and Aſſiſtance for, what is moſt deſired and dear to all the World, their Liberty, upon the ſame juſt and equitable Conſiderations as the former Bill; they being willing and ready to make the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of at preſent, by ſurrendering up their All to their Creditors, and upon the ſevereſt Penalties: And praying, That your Honours will be pleaſed to take the diſtreſſed and deplorable Condition of ſo many Thouſand poor Priſoners into your Honours Conſiderations; to the end that a Bill may be ordered to be brought into this Houſe, for their Relief.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitions: And that Mr. *Bracebridge* and Sir *Thomas Cave* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Samuel Newton* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, by and with the Advice and Conſent of his Friends, is in Treaty for his Marriage, ſuitable to his Fortune: That, by reaſon of the Petitioner's being not of full Age, he cannot make a Jointure and Settlement upon the ſaid intended Marriage: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioner to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as he ſhall marry, and make a Settlement of his Eſtate, as if he were of full Age.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Hill* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of all Ships that have paſſed into any Ports beyond the Seas, from any Ports of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Nine, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; diſtinguiſhing the Number of Ships departed each Year reſpectively.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Number of Seamen employed in *Engliſh* Merchant-Ships, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Nine, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; diſtinguiſhing each Year reſpectively.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of *Henry Boult* Eſquire, *Thomas Conſtable* Merchant, and *John Silveſter* Gentleman, Proprietors of the Water-works for ſupplying the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Reading* with Water, for their neceſſary Uſes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That

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Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the Committee thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

William Bareſby, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was, according to Order, brought to the Bar of this Houſe: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

A Petition of *Henry Graham* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner ſerved in the Expedition to *Darien*; and very profitable Privileges were promiſed, by the Directors of the *Scotch African* Company, to the Firſt Undertakers to ſettle that Colony; and, the Miſcarriage of that Expedition ariſing from no Doubt of the Petitioner, he humbly conceives himſelf intitled to a Conſideration on that Account; but he hath not only been diſappointed of the Rewards and Profits ariſing from that dangerous Undertaking; but alſo was at a conſiderable Charge in fitting himſelf out for ſo long a Voyage: That his Sickneſs, for 15 Months after his Return, rendered him unfit for all other Buſineſs for Three Years: And, by Proclamation of the Council of *Darien*, each Man was to be compenſated for the ſhort Allowance of Proviſions, and drinking only Water: There are only Five Officers alive who went upon this Expedition; and Three of them, upon petitioning the Union-Parliament in *Scotland*, relieved; when the Petitioner alſo had, no doubt, been provided for, if he had not been abſent, attending the Service, with the Regiment: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Paterſon* Eſquire is referred: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members examined ſeveral Witneſſes, to qualify the Voters the Petitioners Counſel had objected to; and alſo to diſqualify ſeveral of the Voters for the Petitioners.

After which, the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That *John Brand* do attend this Houſe upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the City of *New Sarum* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Three Weeks.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 20° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Bromley* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls* in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Mary* in *Oxford*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of *George Blagrave* Eſquire, Owner of Two ſeveral Mills, called *St. Giles* and *Minſter Mills*, both within the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, ſtanding upon the River *Kennet*, and alſo One other Mill, called *Calcat Mill*, in the Pariſh of *Tileburſt*, in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner's aforeſaid Mills are ancient Corn-mills, and were lately new-built, which coſt at leaſt 3,000 *l.*; and are now lett at 300 *l. per Annum*; and grind at leaſt Ninety Load of Wheat *per* Week for *London* Market, more than what is ground for the Neighbourhood; and in caſe the ſaid River ſhould be made navigable, the Water will be ſo much diverted, that the Petitioner's ſaid Mills will not have Water enough to grind for the Families of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough; to the great Damage of the Petitioner: And praying to take ſuch effectual Care, that the Petitioner may, in caſe ſuch Bill ſhall paſs, have a Clauſe inſerted in the ſaid Bill, That all Damages, which ſhall at any time or times hereafter happen, as aforeſaid, ſhall be made good to the Petitioner, in ſuch manner as to your Honours, in your great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet: And that the Petitioner may be heard, by his Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before the ſame ſhall paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard before the Committee thereupon, by his Counſel, if he think fit.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Alborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, upon *Wedneſday* the Firſt Day of *June* next.

A Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third, be read the Third time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe an Account at what Time, and by what Warrant, * *Counter* was releaſed, who was continued in Priſon, during her late Majeſty's Pleaſure, by an Act, of the Firſt Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the continuing the Impriſonment of * *Counter*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of Sir *William Jollyffe* Knight, and *Samuel Tufnell* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *John Comyns* Serjeant at Law, and *Thomas Bramſton* Eſquire, for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*:

That the Poll ſtood thus;

For Serjeant *Comyns*,	215:	Sir *Wm. Jollyffe*,	128:
Mr. *Bramſton*,	215:	Mr. *Tufnell*,	168.

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Freemen not receiving Alms.

The Queſtion was, touching the Qualifications of the Freemen:

It was agreed, That Perſons are intitled to Freedom by Birth after their Fathers Freedom; or by Marriage with the Daughter of a Freeman ſo born; or by Seven Years Servitude as Apprentices to Freemen; and the Difference was, Whether Freemen by Redemption have a Right to vote?

That the Petitioners Counſel alleged, This is a Borough by Preſcription; and that Freemen by Redemption had no Right.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel alleged, This is a Borough, and a Corporation, by Preſcription; and that all Freemen had a Right to vote.

That, to prove this to be a Borough by Preſcription, the Petitioners Counſel produced the following Returns to Parliament;

33° *H.* 6. A Return, *per burgenſes villæ:*

7 *Ed.* 4. A Return, *per burgenſes burgi.*

The Petitioners Counſel alleged, The Incorporation began ſubſequent to theſe Returns, when their Name was changed: In Evidence of which they produced a Return,

17 *Ed.* 4. *per balivos burgi & comburgenſes:* And, 12 and 16 of *Ric.* 2. and 9 *H.* 4. Three ſeveral Grants, from the Crown, of Exemptions, *burgenſibus villæ*, for repairing their Bridge:

26 *Eliz.* A Return, *per balivos, aldermannos, capitales burgenſes, & communitatem burgi.*

The Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That this was a Borough, and a Corporation, by Preſcription; but whether

ther it was a Corporation by Preſcription, or not, yet that they had, Time out of mind, admitted Freemen by Redemption; and that ſuch Freemen had a Right to vote in Elections to Parliament.

To prove which, they produced the following Journals of the Houſe of Commons;

18° *Jan.* 1693. In the then controverted Election between Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Sir *Eliab Hervey*, when a Copy was produced of an *Inſpeximus* of a Charter from *Henry* 2. *Burgenſibus de Malden*; whereby their ancient Liberties and Privileges, which they had in the Time of the King's Grandfather, were confirmed to them: And it was teſtified by Sir *John Bramſton*, who had known the Corporation many Years, and was High Steward thereof, That honorary Freemen had always voted in Elections to Parliament; many of which were controverted, but thoſe Freemen never diſputed; which was alſo confirmed by *William Carr*, the Town-Clerk.

14 *Dec.* 1699. The Journal in the then controverted Election between Mr. *Fytche* and Mr. *Mountague*; when the Right of Election was agreed to be in the free Burgeſſes; and Perſons were admitted free Burgeſſes upon Three ſeveral Rights; *viz.* by being the Son of a free Burgeſs, by Apprenticeſhip, and by Election: And,

27 *Jan.* 1701. The Journal in the then controverted Election between Mr. *Mountague* and Mr. *Comyns*; when the Right of Election was agreed in the Freemen not receiving Alms or Charity.

That, to prove the ancient Uſage of admitting honorary Freemen, the Town-Books were produced; and 75 Inſtances were read of Admiſſions to Freedom for Fines, or *gratis*, in the ſeveral Reigns of *R.* 2. *H.* 4, 5, and 6. *Ed.* 4. *H.* 7. *Ph.* and *M. Eliz.* and *J.* 1.: And the Petitioners Counſel admitted there were Inſtances of the ſame Nature in all ſubſequent Reigns.

From whence the Sitting-Members Counſel inferred this to be a Corporation by Preſcription; or that, at leaſt, they had, Time out of mind, admitted honorary Freemen; which was what they contended for.

And, to prove farther, that ſuch Freemen had always voted in Elections, they called,

Mr. *Richard Freeman*, the Town-Clerk: Who ſaid, That honorary Freemen had voted in all Elections for Ten Years paſt; and produced the Polls taken in 93, and 95, and another without Date, when ſeveral honorary Freemen voted.

And that the Committee came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, is in ſuch Freemen only as do not receive Alms, and are intitled to Freedom by Birth, Marriage, or Servitude.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected to 113 of the Sitting-Members Voters; *viz.* 96 as diſqualified Freemen; whoſe Admiſſions to Freedom ſince 1663 were read; of which 21 are admitted *gratis*; 47, by Purchaſe; and 28, *jure hereditario*, as Children or Apprentices of Freemen, who had been admitted *gratis*, or by Purchaſe: 14 others were objected to for Bribery; Two for receiving Alms; and One for being diſfranchiſed.

In Evidence of which Bribery, the Petitioners Counſel produced,

Articles of Agreement between *Antony Bramſton* Eſquire, and the Bailiffs, Aldermen, Head-Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, of this Town, dated 27th of *Auguſt* 1714; whereby the ſaid Mr. *Bramſton* agrees to make up 30 Guineas, already advanced by the Hands of *William Fytche* Eſquire, 600 *l.* for building the Bridge at *Malden*: And,

A Letter, dated *September* 1ſt, 1714, from the ſaid Mr. *Antony Bramſton*, directed to the Bailiff, Aldermen, and capital Burgeſſes, of *Malden*; wherein he takes Notice of Mr. *Tufnel*'s Intention to ſtand, and what himſelf had done, and was willing to do, for the Corporation; and deſires them to exert their utmoſt Endeavours in behalf of Serjeant *Comyns*, and his Couſin *Bramſton*:

1 *September* 1714. A Letter from the Corporation, in Anſwer to Mr. *Bramſton*, ſigned by the Bailiff, and 16 of the chief Burgeſſes; 14 whereof voted for the Sitting-Members; wherein they return him Thanks for his Steadineſs in the Proceeding he had already made in the Affair of their Bridge; which, they ſay, they eſteem a very great Service to their Corporation, and ſhall always be ready to make a due Acknowlegement; and aſſure him of their Votes and Intereſt, as he deſired.

James Stevens, being called, ſaid, That he heard *James Lawrence*, *Matthew Whittaker*, and *Thomas Kemp*, Three of thoſe 16, own, They voted for the Sitting-Members, upon Account of the Bridge; and that, 10 Days before the Election, *James Beckwith* told him, that *Roger Budey*, who acted for the Sitting-Members, gave him Ten Shillings for Three Mugs of Beer.

Samuel Mayſant ſaid, That *Abraham Bartlet* and *Robert Chad*, Two others of the Sixteen, told him, They voted on the Account of the Bridge.

Abraham Chinery ſaid, That *Joſias Bogard*, an Agent for the Sitting-Members, gave him Eight Half-Crowns to vote for them; but ſaid, He intended to vote for them if he had not had the Money.

Michael Corder ſaid, That *Wall Reary* told him, He had a Broad Piece of Gold.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected againſt *Abraham Francis* and *William Pollard*, upon the Account of receiving Alms: And it was proved by *Wm. Morris* and *Ellis Clarke*, That thoſe Two Voters received Pariſh-Charity before and ſince the Election.

John Cook, another of the Sitting-Members Voters, was objected to, upon Account of Diſfranchiſement:

And there is an Order entered in the Town-Book, of the 9th *July* 1711; whereby he is diſfranchiſed of the Freedoms and Liberties of the Borough, and removed from all the Privileges and Immunities of a Head-Burgeſs.

Then the Petitioners Counſel inſiſted, That the Election and Return of Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* is void, by his Refuſal to take the Oath of Qualification: Touching which, the Evidence on both Sides was as follows;

That the Petitioners Counſel called,

James Stevens: Who ſaid, That Mr. *Coe* and *Mayſant*, Two of the Voters, declared, before the Election, That the Two Candidates, the now Sitting-Members, ſhould make good their Qualifications: That *Coe* ſaid ſo to both thoſe Candidates in particular; and that Mr. *Gibſon*, the Bailiff, took no Notice of it; but proceeded to the Poll.

Mr. *Coe* ſaid, That he demanded the Qualifications of Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* and Mr. *Bramſton*, at the Election before the Poll began: That Serjeant *Comyns* replied, He did not think himſelf obliged to give it then:

That Mr. *Mayſant*, another Voter, ſeconded him in this Demand; and while they were talking, the Bailiff went on with the Poll:

Being croſs-examined, he owned, That Serjeant *Comyns* gave him a Particular of his Qualification in the Time of the Poll; which being Five hundred Pounds, he ſaid, That he thought ſurely the Serjeant was qualified; but that, the others inſiſting on his Qualification, and again demanding the Oath, the Serjeant replied, An Oath was a weighty thing; and that he would not take a falſe Oath for all the World, much leſs for that Election:

Mr. *Coe* ſaid farther, That he ſtaid till the Poll was over; and then they again demanded the Qualification; and that Sir *William Jollyffe* demanded the ſame thing: That he did not remember the Serjeant named any Time to take the Oath; but he refuſed to take it then:

Mr. *Coe*, being farther examined, owned, That, when he firſt received the Particular from Serjeant *Comyns*, he promiſed to deliver it back again; but carried it away with him; and that Night, after the Court was adjourned, he returned the Particular to the Bailiff, at whoſe Houſe the Serjeant was to lie.

Sam. Mayſant ſaid, That the Petitioners deſired him, and others, to demand the Qualifications of the other Candidates, the now Sitting-Members; and that they did accordingly demand the ſame before the Poll began; but thoſe Candidates did not then take the Oath: That the Bailiff went on with the Poll; and, juſt as the Court was over, they again demanded the Qualification; and then Serjeant *Comyns* replied, That an Oath was a ſacred thing; and that he would not take a falſe Oath for all the World, much leſs to qualify him for this Corporation: But Mr. *Bramſton*, before he was declared, did take the Oath.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel called, to this Point,

Mr. *Henry Edwards:* Who ſaid, That he was at the Beginning of the Election; and that, after a Poll was demanded, Mr. *Coe* ſtood up, and ſaid to the Sitting-Members, "Gentlemen, Your Qualifications, your Qualifications:" To which Mr. *Bramſton* anſwered, He was ready to do it; and that he expected the Petitioners ſhould do ſo too: Serjeant *Comyns* ſaid, He believed, very few queſtioned his Qualification; but, to ſave the Time of the Court, he thought it better to go on with the Poll; and ſaid, he would do it afterwards: Then they proceeded in the Poll; and, after it was over, Mr. *Coe* came into the Court, with a Paper in his Hand, and ſaid, They had ſeen the Serjeant's Qualification, and were ſatisfied with it; but demanded Mr. *Bramſton*'s; and he produced it: That, after the Proclamation was made, there was no Demand of the Serjeant's Qualification, or any Refuſal by him:

The Witneſs ſaid, He was at the Table, and ſhould have heard if there had been any Refuſal: What Serjeant *Comyns* ſaid, was, That he was ready to make Oath of his Qualification; which he would not do for all the World, unleſs he was qualified.

Mr. *Richard Comyns* ſaid, He was preſent during the time of the Poll; and that, before it began, Mr. *Coe*, addreſſing himſelf to the now Sitting-Members, ſaid, "Gentlemen, Your Qualifications, your Qualifications:" Mr. *Bramſton* replied, His was ready: Another Perſon ſaid, There was more Reaſon to doubt the Qualifications on the other Side: Upon which, a Diſpute ariſing, the Serjeant ſaid, They need not diſpute about that; he was ready to take the Oath when they deſired it: Then *Coe*, and the others with him, ſaid, Go on with the Poll; and they did ſo: That, after the Poll was over, *Coe* came into Court, with a Paper in his Hand, and ſaid, They inſiſted only on Mr. *Bramſton*'s taking the Qualification-Oath:

This Witneſs ſaid, He heard no Demand of the Qualification in any other manner than *Coe* crying out at the firſt, "Your Qualifications, Gentlemen, your Qualifications:" Nor did he hear the Serjeant once refuſe it; but, on the contrary, ſaid, He would be ready to take it, when deſired.

Mr. *Cha. Tyrrel* ſaid, That, when the Poll was ended, *Coe* declared, They were very well ſatisfied with the Qualification of Serjeant *Comyns:* That they demanded Mr. *Bramſton*'s; which he gave them, and ſaid, He was ready to take the Oath: That he did not hear any body require the Serjeant to take the Oath, nor he refuſe it.

Mr. *R. Freeman* ſaid, That there was a great Croud and Hurry at the Election: That he had the Care of the Poll, and heard but little of the Qualifications: He ſaw Serjeant *Comyns* give a Particular of his Eſtate to Mr. *Coe*; who made Anſwer, Very well, and that he was very well ſatisfied; or to that Purpoſe: That he did not hear any body in particular demand the Serjeant's Oath; and believes, the Serjeant was gone off the Bench when Mr. *Bramſton* took the Oath: That he was preſent all the while, and did not hear any thing ſaid to the Bailiff about the Serjeant's taking the Oath, nor any Complaint for want of it.

Mr. *Tho. Gibſon*, the Bailiff, ſaid, That Mr. *Coe*, at the Beginning of the Poll, moved for the Qualifications; and, thereupon, Serjeant *Comyns* gave him a Paper, and bid him peruſe it: That *Coe* afterwards anſwered, He was well ſatisfied with his Qualification: That Serjeant *Comyns* was not well, and went off the Bench; and, after he was gone, it was inſiſted on, that he ſhould take the Oath; but there was no Complaint to the Witneſs of his not taking it; nor did he remember that it was inſiſted on, or that Sir *William Jollyffe* ſaid any thing about it till after the Serjeant was gone: That *Coe* was a Manager for the Petitioners, and ſpoke for the reſt; and was the only Perſon that ſtarted the Queſtion about the Qualifications.

That, in Anſwer to the Petitioners Objections to the 96, as diſqualified Freemen, the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That the Sons and Apprentices of honorary Freemen had a Right to Freedom; and, being admitted, had a Right to vote: Which was denied by the Petitioners Counſel.

The Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſuch Perſons who derive their Right to Freedom from honorary Freemen of the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, have not a Right to vote in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Then the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That although ſeveral of the 96 Perſons objected to had purchaſed their Freedom, yet, in reſpect of their being Tradeſmen, and reſident in the Borough, ſuch Freemen ought to be admitted to vote:

Which was denied by the Petitioners Counſel; who admitted, ſuch Freedom intitled them to all Privileges of the Corporation, except that of voting in Elections to Parliament.

The Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Perſons claiming their Freedom by Purchaſe, and exerciſing Trades within the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, have not a Right to vote in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Four of the 96 Perſons before objected to having ſerved as Members of Parliament, the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That was a good Qualification.

Then the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to 58 of the Petitioners Voters, diſqualified as being honorary Freemen, or by Redemption, or claiming under ſuch: And they appeared to be ſo by the Entries of their Admiſſions in the Town-Books.

The Sitting-Members Counſel alleged, That the Affair of the Bridge was a Tranſaction between the Corporation and Mr. *Antony Bramſton*, their High Steward; and that the Sitting-Members were no way concerned in it.

They proceeded to juſtify the 14 Voters objected to on that Head; and produced,

An Order in the Town-Book, dated 13 *Ja.* 1. for rateing the Inhabitants to repair the Bridge: And,

21 *April* 1714, a Letter from the Corporation to *Wm. Fytche* Eſquire, deſiring an Act of Parliament might be obtained for building their Bridge, by a Duty of 12 *d. per* Chaldron on Coals, and 1 *d. per* Quarter on all Grain and Meal ſhipped off there: And,

A Petition, under the Corporation-Seal, intended to be preferred to the Houſe of Commons, for that Purpoſe: Alſo,

A Letter, dated 30th *Auguſt* 1714, from Mr. *Coe* to Mr. *Antony Bramſton*; taking Notice of his being that Day to ſign Writings for the Bridge, and of Mr. *Tufnell*'s Encouragement to ſtand; and propoſing, That the Sitting-Member, Mr. *Thomas Bramſton*, ſhould decline the Election; and Serjeant *Comyns* join with Mr. *Tufnell*, as a Perſon that would do more for the Town than ever any other had done.

Mr. *Coe* ſaid, That, a Year ago, ſome of the Aldermen bought Timber for building the Bridge; and that Mr. *Fytche* and Mr. *Antony Bramſton* undertook it before *May* 1714.

Ja. Lawrence ſaid, That, in the End of *May*, or the Begin-

Beginning of *June* 1714, he laid in 80 Pounds worth of Timber, by Order of Mr. *Fytche* and Mr. *Antony Bramſton*, for repairing the Bridge.

That, to prove Bribery and Corruption on the Petitioners Part,

John Bowes was called: Who named Eight of the Petitioners Voters; and ſaid, They were treated at the *White Horſe* at *Chelmsford*, the Night before the Election, with Beer and Wine: Mr. *Tufnell*, who was there, left Word, The Reckoning was paid; and went from thence next Morning to the Election: He alſo named Ten other of the Petitioners Voters who were treated at Mr. *Coe*'s on the Day of Election; and their Votes aſked for the Petitioners:

The Witneſs, being croſs-examined as to theſe Treats, ſaid, He did not ſee any of the Reckoning paid, or hear any Order by any of the Candidates for that Purpoſe:

That *Joſeph Sams* gave him 7 *s.* 4 *d.* to take up his Freedom, and vote for Mr. *Tufnell*; which he did accordingly.

Joſeph Newbold ſaid, That *James Stevens*, who appeared at the Publick-houſes, and paid the Charge for Mr. *Tufnell*, declared, ſome time before the Election, That, if they would come in with Mr. *Tufnell*, they would lay out Money enough to repair the Bridge; would alſo build ſome Alms-houſes; and ſaid, That Mr. *Tufnell* was a Merchant, and would take off their Goods.

Wm. Cholmly ſaid, That Mr. *Tufnell*, a little after the Queen's Death, and before the Articles for building the Bridge, expreſſed to him his Deſire to ſerve the Corporation; and declared, He would himſelf give 300 *l.* towards building the Bridge; and if Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* would add 300 *l.* more, it was well; if not, he would recommend a Friend that ſhould make it up 600 *l.*; and ſaid, The Money ſhould be paid within 14 Days after his Return to Parliament.

Robert Batrum ſaid, That Mr. *Leeper* gave him 6 *s.* 6 *d.* to take up his Freedom, and vote for Mr. *Tufnell*, and 16 Shillings more for his Expences; otherwiſe, he would have voted for the Sitting-Members: And that Mr. *Leeper* gave *Thomas Waters* 6 *s.* 6 *d.* to take up his Freedom, and vote for Mr. *Tufnell*, and 20 *s.* more for his Loſs of Time, and Expences.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Comyns*, Serjeant at Law, having, at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, wilfully refuſed to take the Oath of Qualification, as is directed by an Act of Parliament, of the 9th Year of the late Queen, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the farther qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, though duly required ſo to do; and not having at any time before the Meeting of this Parliament taken the ſaid Oath; his Election is thereby void.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Thomas Bramſton* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Samuel Tufnell* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Malden*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, is in ſuch Freemen only as do not receive Alms, and are intitled to Freedom by Birth, Marriage, or Servitude;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That ſuch Perſons who derive their Right to Freedom from honorary Freemen of the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, have not a Right to vote in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Perſons claiming their Freedom by Purchaſe, and exerciſing Trades within the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, have not a Right to vote in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And Mr. Serjeant *Comyns* was heard in his Place;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *John Comyns*, Serjeant at Law, having, at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, wilfully refuſed to take the Oath of Qualification, as is directed by an Act of Parliament, of the 9th Year of the late Queen, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the farther qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, though duly required ſo to do; and not having at any time before the Meeting of this Parliament taken the ſaid Oath; his Election is thereby void.

The Fifth Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Thomas Bramſton* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*.

The Sixth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Samuel Tufnel* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Malden*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*: } 171.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Corance*, Mr. *Herne*: } 106.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Malden*, in the County of *Eſſex*, by raſing out the Name of *John Comyns*, Serjeant at Law, and inſerting the Name of *Samuel Tufnell* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 21° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Charge of the Ordnance paid for Sea-Service for the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as followeth; *viz.*

AN Account of the Charge of the Ordnance paid for Sea-Service for the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714.

			l.	*s.*	*d.*
For the Year 1711	—	—	66,405	9	$0\frac{1}{3}$
For the Year 1712	—	—	111,867	13	$4\frac{1}{4}$
For the Year 1713	—	—	56,496	4	$11\frac{1}{3}$
For the Year 1714	—	—	33,713	8	$11\frac{3}{4}$
			£. 268,482	16	4

Tho. Erſe.

D. Windſor,
Edw. Aſhe,
John Armſtrong.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Guydot*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. *Douglas*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *York*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Booth*, Sir *Henry Houghton*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Jeſſup*; and all the Members that ſerve for *North Britain*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the Sea-Chaplains, in behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of their Brethren unprovided for in time of Peace, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for laying additional Duties on Soap, *&c.* for raiſing the Sum of 1,400,000*l.* by way of Lottery, there is a Clauſe inſerted in theſe Words, Page 322.; "And any further Sum, not exceeding 3,000*l.* to be equally diſtributed among the "Chaplains that ſerved in the Fleet during the late War, "and are not otherwiſe provided for:" That the Petitioners, purſuant to the Advertiſements of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, did lay in their ſeveral Claims; and were in Hopes to have had a Diſtribution of the ſaid Sum at the time fixed, by their laſt Advertiſement, for receiving any further Claims; but, after ſeveral Applications to their Lordſhips, they were at length pleaſed to declare themſelves unable to determine the Import of the general Terms in which the ſaid Act, with regard to the Petitioners, is conceived; and therefore are reſolved to make no Diſtribution of the ſaid Sum among the aforeſaid Chaplains, without a more full Explication of the Words of the ſaid Act, from this Honourable Houſe: And praying to take into Conſideration the hard Circumſtances of the Petitioners; and, by giving a more full Explanation of the Import of the ſaid Act, to enable their Lordſhips to make a ſpeedy Diſtribution of the abovementioned Sum among ſuch Chaplains as are unprovided for.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty to lay before this Houſe an Account how the Three thouſand Pounds given, the laſt Parliament, to the Chaplains of the Fleet unprovided for, hath been diſtributed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Wool have been imported into this Kingdom from *Spain*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Quantities imported in each Year reſpectively.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Cochineal have been imported into this Kingdom, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, and from thence to the 1ſt of *May* 1715; diſtinguiſhing the Places from whence the ſaid Cochineal came, and the Quantities imported in each Year, reſpectively.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Wines have been imported into this Kingdom from *France* or *Spain*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Quantities imported in each Year, together with the Amount of the Duties of ſuch *French* and *Spaniſh* Wines, reſpectively, in each of thoſe Years.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Houſe proceeded to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford:*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel examined ſeveral other Witneſſes, to diſqualify Voters for the Petitioners, and as to Threatnings and Bribery.

After which, the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That Mr. *Boteler*, one of the Petitioners, was not qualified according to the Act of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.

And the Particular of the ſaid Mr. *Boteler*'s Qualification, delivered in to the Clerk of the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt, was read; and alſo the Will of *Philip Boteler* Eſquire.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, touching the Matter of the ſaid Mr. *Boteler*'s Qualification.

And then the Counſel were ordered to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford* be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That *John Brand*, who was ordered to attend the Houſe this Day, do attend upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* Sevennight, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Petition of *Andrews Windſor* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Monmouth*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Perſons who were ordered to attend the Houſe this Day, in relation to the ſaid Election and Return, do attend this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ,

Lunæ, 23° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Caſtle of *York*, which is the Priſon for the County thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Diſappointment in Trade, and otherwiſe, are become incapable of paying their full Debts; although their Creditors do well know, and are convinced of, the Truth thereof; yet, out of an uncharitable and unchriſtian Temper, they have more Satisfaction in keeping the Petitioners under Confinement, to the utter Ruin of themſelves and Families, than to accept ſuch Part of their Debts as their Debtors are able to give them, or allow Time for Payment of the ſame: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Diſcharge of inſolvent Debtors, with ſuch Reſtrictions and Conditions as to your Honours Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt on *Ouſe-Bridge*, in the City of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Diſappointments in Trade, and otherwiſe, are become incapable of paying their full Debts; though their Creditors do well know, and are convinced of, the Truth thereof; yet, out of an uncharitable and unchriſtian Temper, they have more Satisfaction in keeping the Petitioners under Confinement, to the utter Ruin of themſelves and Families, than to accept ſuch Part of their Debts as their Debtors are able to give them, or allow Time for the Payment of the ſame: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Diſcharge of inſolvent Debtors, with ſuch Reſtriction and Conditions as to your Honours Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Caſtle of *Norwich*, for the County of *Norfolk*, in behalf of themſelves, and many others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and unavoidable Misfortunes in Trade, and otherwiſe, are thereby uncapable of paying their Creditors their reſpective Debts; but the Petitioners are ready and willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable, by delivering up unto them, or their Uſe, upon Oath, all the Petitioners Subſtance and Effects, without Fraud or Concealment, under the ſevereſt Penalties, ſo as they may be diſcharged from their Impriſonments: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave for the bringing in a Bill for ſo pious and compaſſionate an End.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Sheriff's Ward, or Priſon, at the Pariſh of *St. Thomas the Apoſtle*, in and for the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid poor diſtreſſed Priſoners, being about 107 in Number, being in a very diſmal and deſpicable Eſtate and Condition by Impriſonment, occaſioned chiefly through the malicious Proſecutions of our Creditors; for ſome of us have been, in ſome meaſure, able to ſatisfy our Creditors, and have offered ſo to do; which they would not accept of, in ſuch reaſonable manner as we were able to do; and others of us, who would have ſatisfied our Creditors, if we might have had reaſonable Time from them ſo to do; and others of us, who, through Loſſes, and Impoveriſhments by long abſconding for Debts (who, in that time of ſuch Abſconding, we endeavoured with the utmoſt Diligence to reconcile ourſelves to our Creditors), long Impriſonment, and rigorous Proſecutions, our Eſtates are either waſted, wholly gone, ourſelves almoſt ſtarved, and our Families in a periſhing Condition; and all of us utterly diſabled to make Satisfaction of our Debts: And praying your Honours to conſider our miſerable Condition, and to give us your Aſſiſtance in procuring an Act of Parliament for our Relief, and Freedom from Impriſonment, as to your Honours ſhall think meet and convenient.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Caſtle of *Lincoln* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by great Loſſes and Diſappointments in Trade, and otherwiſe, are become incapable of paying their reſpective Creditors full Debts; but the Petitioners are ready and willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by delivering up unto each reſpective Creditor, or to their Uſe, upon Oath, all the Petitioners Subſtance or Effects, without Fraud or Concealment, under the ſevereſt Penalties that can be inflicted upon them, ſo as they may be diſcharged of their Impriſonments: And praying your Honours will not ſtop your Ears at the Cry of the Poor, but, as it is in your Powers, will undo the heavy Burden many of us having ſo long groaned under.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of above Four hundred inſolvent Debtors in the *Marſhalſea* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners Inſolvency is chiefly by Badneſs of Trade, occaſioned by a long, though neceſſary, War: That the Petitioners, to obtain their Liberty, are willing to give their reſpective Creditors the utmoſt Satisfaction they are able, by delivering up their All, on the ſtricteſt Oaths and Obligations; which Terms are humbly conceived to be agreeable to Religion, Reaſon, and Humanity: That a great Number of miſerable Debtors have been ſtarved to Death in the ſaid Priſon; on which account poor Inſolvents have reaſon to envy the Condition of Felons, and other Criminals, who are either puniſhed, or diſcharged, ſoon after their Commitment, and, in the mean time, ſupported with Bread; which your unhappy Petitioners want: And praying, That a new Bill may be brought in for their Relief this happy Juncture, now the Crown is demiſed on a Prince endued with ſo much Juſtice, Mercy, and Clemency, whom God grant long to reign.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the Sheriff's Ward, and County-Priſon, in *Ivelcheſter*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That your poor Petitioners, or moſt of us, have been ſeveral Years in Priſon, occaſioned by many Loſſes and Diſappointments; and, by reaſon of the Largeneſs of our Debts, could not take the Benefit of the late Act of Parliament, made in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, which was reſtrained to the Sum of Fifty Pounds; whereby Two-thirds of us were incapable of being diſcharged; ourſelves and Families are likely to ſtarve, and ſuffer inevitable Ruin, unleſs timely relieved: Some of us have ſerved in the late War ſeveral Years, and moſt of us largely contributed towards the Carrying on of the ſame, which was ſo very expenſive, long, and tedious: And praying your Honours to take our miſerable Condition into your moſt ſerious Conſideration; and be pleaſed to grant us ſuch an Act for our Releaſement, as in your great Wiſdom ſhall think meet; we being ready to deliver up to our Creditors all that we have in the World, that we may be freed from the heavy Miſery of Impriſonment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Broderick* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Wm. Patterſon* Eſquire was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolutions of the

the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *William Paterſon* Eſquire;

The Committee having taken into Conſideration the Matters of the ſaid Petition, it appeared;

That, by the Fifteenth Article of the Treaty of Union, it is agreed, That, in the Firſt place, out of the aforeſaid Sum, what Conſideration ſhall be found neceſſary to be had for any Loſſes which private Perſons may ſuſtain by reducing the Coin of *Scotland* to the Standard and Value of the Coin of *England*, may be made good: In the next place, That the capital Stock, or Fund, of the *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*, advanced, together with the Intereſt for the ſaid capital Stock, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the reſpective Times of the Payment thereof, ſhall be paid; upon Payment of which capital Stock and Intereſt, it is agreed the ſaid Company be diſſolved, and ceaſe: And alſo, That, from the time of paſſing the ſaid Act of Parliament in *England*, for raiſing the ſaid Sum of 398,085 *l.* 10*s.* the ſaid Company ſhall neither trade, nor grant Licence to trade; providing, That if the ſaid Stock and Intereſt ſhall not be paid in Twelve Months after the Commencement of the Union, that then the ſaid Company may from thenceforward trade, or give Licence to trade, until the ſaid whole capital Stock, and Intereſt, ſhall be paid.

That, ſoon after paſſing the Treaty of Union by the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, the Parliament of *Scotland*, by an Act, intituled, Act concerning the Payment of the Sums out of the Equivalent to the *African* Company, did, among other Things, limit and reſtrict the Payment of ſuch Intereſt of 5 *l. per Centum per Annum* to the 1ſt Day of *May* 1707 then next following; and the whole Sums of Principal and Intereſt to be paid to the Creditors and Proprietors of the Joint-Stock of the ſaid Company, to the groſs Sum of 232,884 *l.* 5*s.* $0\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* only; appointing the Directors of the ſaid Company, or any Five of them, with their Secretary, to ſtate the Account of ſuch Debts and Stock advanced of the ſaid Company; but ſo as, in the Whole, not to exceed the ſaid groſs Sum of 232,884 *l.* 5*s.* $0\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *May*, on Pain of Letters of Horning; in which Proceedings, the Petitioner's Claim and Demand upon the ſaid Company was omitted.

That, upon the Petitioner's humble Application to the Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, it was by an Act thereof, intituled, An Act for the further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money, particularly declared and enacted as follows; *viz.*

" And whereas it appears, That the Accounts of the " Stock advanced, and Debts due, by the *African* and " *Indian* Company in *Scotland*, have been made up with- " out Regard to the Claim of *William Paterſon* Eſquire, " for his Expences, Pains, and Loſſes, on Account, and " at the Inſtance, of the ſaid Company; Be it Enacted, " by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Omiſſion or Ne- " glect of the Directors of the ſaid Company, or of " others concerned in ſtating, adjuſting, or certifying, the " Claims or Demands upon the Equivalent, ſhall preju- " dice the Right, Intereſt, Claim, or Demand, of the " ſaid *William Paterſon* in and upon the ſaid Company; " but that the ſeveral Sums due to him by the ſaid Com- " pany ſhall be certified, and thereupon fully ſatisfied " and paid in the Terms of the Treaty of Union, as the " ſame ſhall be proved before the aforeſaid Judges of the " Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*.

" And in regard that, ſince the making of the Firſt " Contracts and Agreements, the ſaid *William Paterſon* " hath been at further Expences, and ſuſtained other " Loſſes and Damages, for and on account of the ſaid " Company; Be it therefore further Enacted, That the " ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* " ſhall, and are hereby required to take an Account of " thoſe his Expences and Loſſes, and likewiſe of his good " Services and publick Cares; and make a full and fair " Repreſentation thereof to her Majeſty.

" And to the end that the more full and free Inqui- " ries may be made, and Information had, of the Pre- " miſes, the ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in " *Scotland* ſhall and may, from time to time, direct their " Commiſſion or Commiſſions to any Commiſſioner or " Commiſſioners within this Kingdom of *Great Britain*, " or Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, for " taking the requiſite Examinations or Informations to the " Purpoſes aforeſaid; and for reporting the ſame to the " ſaid Judges of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*."

That by a Certificate from the ſaid Judges, bearing Date at *Edinburgh* the 16th Day of *February* $171\frac{4}{5}$, it appears;

That after paſſing the ſaid Act of Parliament, *viz.* in the Months of *June* and *July* 1708, the Petitioner made his humble Application to that Court; upon which, the Court was pleaſed to give their Orders and Directions:

That, upon ſuch Order, *James Dunlop* and *John Symmer*, Accountants to the ſaid Company, did, on the 2d Day of *July* 1708, lay before that Court a State of the Petitioner's Account of Debt and Credit; which was, by the ſaid *James Dunlop* and *John Symmer*, ſworn unto, before Mr. Baron *Maitland*, upon the Fifth Day of *Auguſt* then next following:

That Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie*, late Secretary to the ſaid Company, did, by like Order, on the 23d Day of the ſame Month of *July*, lay before that Court a Report, with Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books of the ſaid Company, relating to the Petitioner's Claim; which were ſworn unto before Mr. Baron *Scrope*, on the 29th Day of the ſaid Month of *July*.

The which original Account of Debt and Credit, and Report, with Extracts, are now in the Hands of the Clerk of this Houſe.

That, towards being ſtill the better enabled to examine Witneſſes, and bring his Proofs together, the Petitioner did, in *Michaelmas* Term 1710, exhibit a Bill in that Court againſt the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent, her then Majeſty's Lord Advocate, and Lord Clerk Regiſter:

That, upon Interrogatories in relation to the Matter of the ſaid Bill, the Depoſitions of Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie* were taken on or about the 30th Day of *December* following, together with the like Extracts directly from the ſaid Company's original Regiſter-Books.

That it appears from the before-mentioned Proofs, that the Petitioner hath been at great Expence and Pains, and ſuſtained very conſiderable Loſſes, in the Service of the late *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*; and that it doth not appear, that he hath received the Two Pounds *per Cent.* Premium ſtipulated in the Preamble or Conditions of Subſcriptions, marked N° 1. in the above-mentioned Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books of the ſaid Company; or had other Satisfaction for his ſaid Expences, Pains, and Loſſes; only that the Sum of 435 *l.* 15*s.* $1\frac{1}{3}$ *d.* with the Intereſt thereon from the 7th Day of *November* 1701, remains in his Hands:

Upon Conſideration whereof, and of the Proofs made in that Court upon the Matter therein ſet forth;

" Since both at the time when the Company was be- " ginning to be formed, and after it was carried into a " Settlement, it was intended by thoſe intereſted therein, " that the Petitioner ſhould have a conſiderable Recom- " pence for his extraordinary Services, in projecting the " ſaid Company, and carrying on the Intereſts thereof; " as by the particular Propoſals made for that Purpoſe " fully appears, though they were never perfected, or " carried into an Execution; the ſaid Judges are of Opi- " nion, That the Petitioner had a juſt Right to have had " the ſaid intended Recompence made good to him out " of the Equivalent-money appointed to make good the " Loſſes of the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Com- " pany.

" And ſince hath been excluded from any Share " thereof; and alſo in regard that he hath been very in-

" ſtrumental

" ſtrumental in carrying on other Matters of a publick " Nature, which ſeem to them to have been very much " to his Country's Service;"

" The ſaid Judges think it juſt and reaſonable, that " ſome Way ſhould be found out to give him that Re- " compence for his ſaid Services, which he appears to " have merited, and of which he hath hitherto been diſ- " appointed of."

That by the before-mentioned Report, and Extracts out of the Regiſter-Books of the ſaid Company, and Depoſitions of Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie*, their late Secretary, it particularly appears;

That in regard the Petitioner, and others concerned with him, had been at great Pains and Expence in making ſeveral conſiderable Diſcoveries of Trade, and Improvements in and to both *Indies*; and likewiſe, in procuring needful Powers and Privileges for a Company of Commerce from ſeveral ſovereign Princes and States; and for which, he and they had contrived, ſuited, and deſigned, the ſaid Company; in Conſideration whereof, by the Preamble, or Conditions of Subſcriptions, bearing Date at *London*, the 6th Day of *November* 1695, it was agreed, That the Petitioner, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhould, out of the Firſt Payment, have and receive Two *per Cent.* of the Money to be ſubſcribed to the capital Stock of the ſaid Company; which was to conſiſt of 600,000 *l.* Sterling; as alſo 3 *per Cent.* of the Iſſues, Profits, and Product, of the ſaid Fund, for the Space of Twenty-one Years; which was to be redeemable for 2 *per Cent.* more of the ſaid capital Fund any time in Five Years:

That, afterwards, it was principally by the Petitioner's Intereſt that the Sum of 300,000 *l.* was firſt, in the ſaid Month of *November* 1695, ſubſcribed to the capital Stock of the ſaid Company at *London*; and that One Fourth-part thereof was at the Time of Subſcription paid, either in Money, Bank-Notes, or Notes payable on Demand to the Company's Order and Uſe:

That, after the Proceedings in Parliament againſt the Subſcriptions taken at *London*, the Petitioner was prevailed upon to leave his Effects and Buſineſs in *London*, then very conſiderable, and to go to *Scotland*; where, by his Countenance and Influence, the Subſcriptions to the ſaid capital Stock of 600,000 *l.* was completed on or before the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1696:

That the Sums ſubſcribed in *London*, and thoſe in *Scotland*, were always underſtood and reputed to be Parts of the ſame Joint-Stock, and ſubject to the ſame Rules and Conditions:

That, after the Subſcriptions in *Scotland* were completed, the Petitioner did not only continue very much to ſupport and promote the Company's Affairs at home; but was further prevailed upon to go to *Holland* and *Hamburgh*, to negotiate the Transferring of ſuch *Engliſh* Subſcriptions, as, by reaſon of the before-mentioned Oppoſition, were relinquiſhed:

That the Petitioner was ſtill further prevailed upon to embark in the ſaid Company's Expedition to *Darien*; where, by his Conduct and Credit, he contributed much to the Support of that Colony whilſt it ſubſiſted:

That at his Return, he gave a particular Journal, or Report, of his Negotiations and Tranſactions there:

That the Petitioner hath often expreſſed his Concern for the Loſſes and Misfortunes of the ſaid Company, and was very inſtrumental in having them made good out of the Equivalent-money, as ſtipulated in the 15th Article of the Treaty of Union.

That the ſaid Mr. *Roderick Mackenzie*, according to Order, attended the Committee:

Whereupon a Copy of a Releaſe from the Petitioner of the aforeſaid Contract for Two *per Cent.* Premium, and Three *per Cent.* Profits, as delivered by him the ſaid *Mackenzie* to a Committee of the then Houſe of Commons, during the Time of the Parliamentary Inquiry into, and Proceedings againſt, the ſaid Subſcriptions taken at *London*, in the Journal of this Houſe of the 21ſt Day of *January* 1695, was read:

And the ſaid *Mackenzie*, being thereon examined by the Committee, declared;

That the aforeſaid Copy of a Releaſe, by him delivered to a Committee of the then Houſe of Commons, was not by him, the ſaid *Mackenzie*, taken or collated from any Original; but only from the Copy of a Copy written by one *Andrew Johnſton*:

And he further informed the Committee, and is ſatiſfied, That the ſaid Releaſe was not intended to operate in Bar of the Petitioner's Claim; but intended only to ſilence Reports then raiſed, That the ſaid 2 *per Cent.* was not really for the Petitioner's Uſe, but deſigned for other Purpoſes:

That he, the ſaid *Mackenzie*, had Occaſion to be ſo thoroughly verſed in all the Tranſactions relating to that Company, as having been ſole Secretary thereto, both in *England* and *Scotland*, from the Time of its Inſtitution, in the Year 1695, to its Diſſolution, by the Union, in the Year 1707; that he dares confidently aver, it will always be found, upon the ſtricteſt Examination that can be made, that, as the Petitioner had no Equivalent, or valuable Conſideration, given him before, or at the Time of, making ſuch Releaſe; ſo it was originally, according to his Apprehenſion, and the beſt Information he ever had, only a Contrivance towards defeating the ſaid invidious Calumny, as aforeſaid.

The Recommendation of the Petitioner to her late Majeſty by the laſt Parliament of *Scotland*, on the 25th Day of *March* 1707, in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the ſaid Parliament, was read, as follows; *viz.*

" It being moved to recommend Mr. *Paterſon* to her " Majeſty, for his good Services; after ſome Reaſoning " thereon, it was put to the Vote, Recommend him to " her Majeſty, or not? And it carried, Recommend."

The Reſolution of this Houſe, in the Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, relating to the Petitioner, in the Journal of this Houſe of the 18th Day of *March* $170\frac{7}{8}$, was likewiſe read; and is as follows; *viz.*

" *Reſolved*, That the Petitioner, Mr. *William Pater-* " *ſon*, ought to be ſatisfied and paid all the ſeveral Sums " owing to him by the *African* and *Indian* Company in " *Scotland*, purſuant to the ſeveral Agreements made " between him and the ſaid Company, in the Terms of " the Treaty of Union, ſo far as the ſame ſhall be proved " before the Commiſſioners that ſhall be appointed for " Stating of the publick Debts; and likewiſe that ſuch " a Recompence be given to him, as may be ſuitable to " his Services, Expences, Loſſes, and publick Cares."

The Petitioner delivered to the Committee the following State of his Claim and Demand upon the ſaid Company:

A State of Mr. *Paterſon*'s Claim upon the Equivalent.

The *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland*,

D^r.				C^r.			
		l.	*s.* *d.*			*l.*	*s.* *d.*
1695. *November* 6.	To a Premium of 2 *per Cent.* on the Company's Stock of 600,000 *l.* — — —	12,000	0 0	1701. *November* 7.	By Balance of his Account, as ſtated in the Company's Books of Accounts, and proved before the Barons of Exchequer in *Scotland*, by Meſſieurs *Dunlop* and *Symmer*, the Company's Accountants	435	15 1⅓
1707. *May* 1.	To Intereſt of 12,000 *l.* from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1696, the Time when the Subſcriptions to the Company's capital Stock were completed, to the 1ſt of *May* 1707, the Time of the Commencement of the Union; to which the other Demands of the Company have been ſtated and paid, at 5 *per Cent.* as allowed by the 15th Article of the Treaty of Union — —	6,450	0 0	1707. *May* 1.	By Intereſt of 435 *l.* 15 *s.* 1⅓ *d.* to this Day, at 5 *per Cent.* — — —	121	2 9
		18,450	0 0			£. 556	17 10⅓
1714. *Auguſt* 1.	To like Intereſt on 18,450 *l.* from the ſaid 1ſt of *May* 1707, to this Day — —	6,688	2 6	1714. *Auguſt* 1.	By like Intereſt of 556 *l.* 17 *s.* 10⅓ *d.*, from the ſaid 1ſt of *May* 1707, to this Day — — —	201	17 6
	To his Expences in the Company's Service, from the ſaid 1ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1696, to the 1ſt *May* 1707, the Time of the Diſſolution thereof by the Union, amounting to at leaſt 500 *l.* *per Annum* — — —	5,375	0 0		By Balance he claims	31,702	16 1⅔
	To Intereſt of 5,375 *l.* from the ſaid 1ſt of *May* 1707, to this Day — — —	1,948	9 0				
	£.	32,461	11 6		£.	32,461	11 6

Beſides his Proportion of 3 *per Cent.* of the Intereſt, allowed by the Treaty of Union, on the Company's capital Stock advanced, amounting to about 2,160 *l.* principal Money; his great Loſſes, occaſioned by his Abſence, and Circumſtances in the Company's Service; particularly of his Intereſt in that then hopeful Conſtitution of the Orphans Fund, being 5 *per Cent.* of the Profits of the capital Stock thereof, conſiſting of 600,000 *l.* ſettled upon him for Twenty-one Years.

It appeared to the Committee;

That the before-mentioned Premium of Two *per Cent.* on the ſaid Company's capital Stock of 600,000 *l.* by them ſtipulated to be paid in the Conditions of the Subſcriptions thereto, which were completed on the 1ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1696, amounting to 12,000 *l.* principal Money, remains ſtill due to the Petitioner — — — — — — — — — 12,000 0 0

That 6,450 *l.* being the Intereſt of the ſaid principal Sum of 12,000 *l.* at 5 *per Cent. per Annum*, from the ſaid 1ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1696, to the Firſt of *May* 1707, the Commencement of the Union, to which time the other Demands of that Company have been ſtated and paid, is alſo due to the Petitioner — — — — — — — — — 6,450 0 0

£. 18,450 0 0

That 6,688 *l.* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* being the Intereſt of 18,450 *l.* from the ſaid Firſt Day of *May* 1707, to the 1ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1714, is alſo due to the Petitioner — — — — — — — 6,688 2 6

Which, in all, amounts to — — — — £. 25,138 2 6

That there is charged on the Petitioner, in the ſaid Company's Books of Accounts, the 7th Day of *November* 1701, a Sum of — — — — — — — 435 15 1⅓

That the Intereſt thereof, at 5 *per Cent.* from the ſaid 7th of *November* 1701, to the Firſt of *May* 1707, is — — — — — — — — 121 2 9

£. 556 17 10⅓

That the Intereſt of 556 *l.* 17 *s.* 10⅓ *d.* from the ſaid Firſt Day of *May* 1707, to the 1ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1714, is — — — — — — — — 201 17 6

The whole Charge upon him will then be — — — — — — — — — — 758 15 4⅓

That the ſaid Sum of 758 *l.* 15 *s.* 4⅓ *d.* ought to be deducted out of the above Sum of 25,138 *l.* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* and there will remain due to the Petitioner — — — — £. 24,379 7 1⅔

Upon

Upon Conſideration of the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Eighteen thouſand Two hundred Forty-one Pounds Ten Shillings Ten Pence and Two-thirds of a Peny, together with Intereſt for the ſame after the Rate of 5 *per Cent. per Annum*, from the 25th Day of *March* 1713, is due to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for Payment of the ſaid Sum, with Intereſt for the ſame accordingly, in Debentures upon the Equivalent, payable in Courſe after thoſe already iſſued, or which ought to have been iſſued, for the Debts ſtated thereon; and, in the mean time, the Intereſt upon ſuch Debentures be paid in the ſame manner, as in caſe of other Debentures.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent-money, for what is due to him: And that the Lord *William Powlet* and Mr. *Broderick* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls* in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Mary*, in *Oxford*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls* in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Mary*, in *Oxford*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bromley* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That *Francis Chamberlayne* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *New-Shoreham*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding on the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they have directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Town of *Cambridge*, be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 24° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That *Salway Winnington* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Bewdley*, in the County of *Worceſter*.

Ordered, That the Bailiff and Burgeſſes of the ancient Corporation of *Bewdley*, in the County of *Worceſter*, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return.

Ordered, That the Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Bewdley*, at the Bar of this Houſe, be diſcharged.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill; and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Bill for the effectual preventing freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Delawn*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Packer*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Deſhovery*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Swift*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Deacle*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Monroe*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Vernon*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Freman*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Eyles*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Suſſex*, *Kent*, *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and the Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to repeal ſo much of the Act, of the 10th and 11th Years of King *William*, intituled, An Act for making *Billingſgate* a free Market, as prohibits the Importation of Lobſters in foreign Veſſels.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the better Preſervation of the Fiſhing in the River of *Severn*.

Mr. *Broderick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons: And that Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Freman*, and Sir *Arthur Kay*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, to enable his Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable Proviſion for the Royal Family, there be granted to his Majeſty, during his Life (which God long preſerve), an additional Revenue of 120,000 *l. per Annum*; which, together with the net Produce of the Civil-Liſt Branches, may make up the clear yearly Sum of 700,000 *l.* for the Service of his Majeſty's Houſhold and Family, and other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, to enable his Majeſty to ſupport the Dignity of the Crown, and to make an honourable Proviſion for the Royal Family, there be

granted to his Majeſty, during his Life (which God long preſerve), an additional Revenue of 120,000 *l. per Annum*; which, together with the net Produce of the Civil-Liſt Branches, may make up the clear yearly Sum of 700,000 *l.* for the Service of his Majeſty's Houſhold and Family, and other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in *Bury* Gaol, in the County of *Suffolk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Diſappointments in Trade, and otherwiſe, are become incapable of paying their reſpective Creditors their full Debts; but are ready and willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by delivering up unto them, or to their Uſe, upon Oath, all the Petitioners Subſtance and Effects, without Fraud or Concealment; ſo as they may be diſcharged of their Impriſonments, and be at Liberty to follow their reſpective Trades and Employments, for the Subſiſtence of themſelves, and their Families: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave for the bringing in a Bill for ſo pious and compaſſionate an End.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſhortening the Time for future publick Mournings: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Heyſham*, and Mr. *Yonge*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackburn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Hertford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Petitioners Counſel examined Witneſſes to juſtify ſeveral Voters, which the Sitting-Members Counſel had objected againſt:

And one *Thomas Webb* being offered to be examined as a Witneſs;

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected againſt his being examined; for that he was charged, by the Sitting-Members Evidence, to have endeavoured to procure a Vote for the Petitioners by Corruption, at the laſt Election; and had reflected on the Juſtice of this Houſe:

The Counſel were heard in relation to that Matter.

And then withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners Counſel be admitted to examine *Thomas Webb*, in relation to *John Bowles*'s being an Inhabitant of the Borough of *Hertford* at the time of his being made free.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution:

And the ſaid *Thomas Webb*, and other Witneſſes, were examined.

And then the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to juſtify the Petitioner Mr. *Boteler*'s Qualification.

After which, the Petitioners Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel replied, as to the Matter of the Qualification, and the new Evidence which had been given.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

And Mr. *Cæſar* was heard in his Place.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *Charles Cæſar* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Hertford*, in the County of *Hertford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Conyers*:	105.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Cholmley*:	166.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then Mr. *Goulſton* was heard in his Place.

And withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *Richard Goulſton* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Dr. *Peſke*:	108.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Yonge*:	163.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Sir *Thomas Clerk* Knight is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Grimſton*, Mr. *Erle*:	154.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Peter Mew*, Mr. *Rowney*:	108.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *John Boteler* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hertford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Monſon*:	149.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Bramſton*:	105.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Hertford*, in the County of *Hertford*, by raſing out the Names of *Charles Cæſar* and *Richard Goulſton* Eſquires, and inſerting the Names of Sir *Thomas Clerk* Knight, and *John Boteler* Eſquire.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do now adjourn;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Vernon*:	78.
Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Fitz-Williams*:	125.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Reſolved, That *Joſeph Calton*, Mayor of the Borough of *Hertford*, is guilty of acting in an illegal and arbitrary Manner in the late Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Hertford*, in Contempt of the Act to prevent falſe and double Returns of Members to

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ſerve in Parliament, and in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Joſeph Calton* be, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the City of *New Sarum* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Day of *June* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 25° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors confined in the Priſon at *Fiſherton-Anger*, in the County of *Wilts*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas the Number of poor inſolvent Debtors daily increaſing, even to a prodigious Number, ſome of which is of long Standing, and in a very periſhing and miſerable Condition, in the ſaid Priſon: And whereas the Misfortunes of thoſe who are not Traders, and others who owe but ſmall Sums, are greater than thoſe of large Extent, inaſmuch as the Act concerning Bankrupts do, at once, on ſurrendering what they have, or are poſſeſſed of, free them from Confinement; but, on the other hand, thoſe to whom the ſaid Act do not extend itſelf, and others who owe ſmaller Sums, are wholly left to periſh in Confinement: And praying your Honours to grant us Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Priſon of *Glouceſter*, for the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the poor Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Misfortunes in Trading, and by Fire, Loſs of Cattle, bad Debts, and by Water, are become uncapable of paying their reſpective Creditors their full Demands ... the one Moiety thereof; by reaſon our Creditors have run us up to ſuch a great and large Expence of Law-Proceedings; but the Petitioners, under their deplorable Condition, are ready and willing to make our Creditors our utmoſt Satisfaction, by delivering up our Subſtance and Effects, without Fraud or Concealment, ſo as we may be diſcharged of our Impriſonment, and to be at Liberty to exerciſe our reſpective Trades, for the Maintenances of ourſelves, Wives, and Families: And praying your Honours will be pleaſed to take into your tender Conſiderations our ſubmiſſive Suit and Petition.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Priſon of the City of *Lincoln* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by great Loſſes and Diſappointments in Trade, and otherwiſe, are become incapable of paying their reſpective Creditors their full Debts; but the Petitioners are ready and willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by delivering up unto each reſpective Creditor, or to their Uſe, upon Oath, all the Petitioners Subſtance or Effects, without Fraud or Concealment, under the ſevereſt Penalties that can be inflicted upon them, ſo as they may be diſcharged of their Impriſonments, and at Liberty to exerciſe their reſpective Trades, for the Subſiſtence of themſelves, and their Families: And praying your Honours will aſſiſt us; and hope no Creditor will oppoſe the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Hertford*.

A Petition of *John Kent*, for and on behalf of himſelf, and of *Elizabeth Attwater* Widow, and her Children, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That * * * *

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

Ordered, That *John Rolle* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Two Months, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe being acquainted, That ſome Perſons from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, Mr. *Burnett*, Comptroller of the Cuſtoms, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to an Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: And alſo,

An Account of the Produce of the Cuſtoms for Wines and Brandy, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen: And,

Mr. *Martin*, Inſpector-General of the Imports and Exports, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to the ſaid Addreſs, an Account ſhewing the Quantities of all Woollen Manufactures, and of all Lead, Tin, and Fiſh, that have been exported from *England* in the ſeveral Years from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, reſpectively; to what Places, and in what Shipping: Alſo,

An Account of all Woollen Manufactures exported from *England*, from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-ſeven, to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-nine; and to what Places: And,

An Account of what Logwood, Fuſtick, Indico, and other Materials or Drugs for Dyeing, have been ſent from *England* to *France*, ſince the late Peace concluded at *Utrecht*, up to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of the Mayor, capital Burgeſſes, and Aſſiſtants, together with the Merchants, Clothiers, Fullers, and other the Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Tiverton*, in *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the uncommon Difficulties, with which the Woollen Trade of the Country hath for ſome time been, and ſtill is, oppreſſed, appear chiefly to proceed from the Loſs of our Wool, which has been ſent out of his Majeſty's Dominions to *France* in great Quantities; by which the *French* have been enabled to ſupply foreign Markets with their Woollen Manufactures, on eaſier Terms than his Majeſty's *Britiſh* Subjects, who are obliged to pay a conſiderable Duty for all the Wool they receive out of *Ireland*; from which the clandeſtine Traders with *France* exempt themſelves: And praying, That a Law may be made, more effectually to reſtrain that pernicious Trade chiefly practiſed in *Ireland*; to the great

Prejudice of the publick Revenues of that Kingdom; and to preſerve to your Petitioners their Manufactures; by which the Value of our Lands is chiefly ſupported, and our Poor almoſt univerſally employed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and alſo the Merchants, Fullers, Clothiers, and others, trading in the Woollen Manufacture, within the City of *Exon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under great Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually carried to *France*, and other foreign Ports, from this Kingdom; and more eſpecially from *Ireland*, where ſeveral Ships of Wool, bound to *France*, have of late been ſeized; and where the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.* which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; by means whereof the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation in general, and of this City and Country adjoining in a more particular Manner, ſuffers under the greateſt Hardſhip, and is in Danger of being loſt: The many Thouſands of poor Families who were ſubſiſted by their Labour in that Manufacture alone, muſt fall a grievous Charge to the Pariſhes where they dwell; and we, to our unſpeakable Grief, and Impoveriſhment, muſt ſee the Subjects of the *French* King growing rich by our Ruin; and foreign Markets, formerly ſupplied from *England* with our Manufacturies, are now, by the Help of *Iriſh* Wool, ſupplied from *France:* And praying, That ſuch ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief .....

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, capital Burgeſſes, and chief Inhabitants, of *Great Torrington*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Inhabitants of this Town, who are very numerous, do chiefly depend on the Woollen Manufactury for their Subſiſtence; which Trade is of late very much decayed, occaſioned by the great Quantities of Wool and Yarn ſent into *France* from the Kingdom of *Ireland*; by which means, they who ſend it in ſuch a clandeſtine Manner, ſave about 20 *per Cent.* Duty; which is paid by all thoſe who fairly export for *England*; and not only the Government ſuſtains a great Loſs in the Revenue, but the *French* are enabled to ſupply foreign Markets cheaper than can be done from *England*; which if not timely prevented, the Trade of this Town will be loſt, and many Thouſands in this, and neighbouring Parts, muſt inevitably come to Want: And praying, That ſome effectual Methods may be found out for preventing the ſame for the future.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual:

And it is referred to Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Drew*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Boteler*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Wild*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Calmady*, Mr. *Northmore*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Chetwind*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Foreſter*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of the Shoemakers, Curriers, and Sadlers, of the ancient Town of *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds of the ſame Trades, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the great Duty upon Leather, and the numerous Quantities exported, occaſioned by the great Encouragement given to Merchants, and Exporters of the ſame, of One Peny in the Pound Drawback, Leather is amounted to ſuch an exceſſive Price, being very near double what formerly, that, without ſome Relief, the Petitioners will, in a little time, be incapable of following and exerciſing their reſpective Trades; and not only they, and their Families, but many others, who work for, and have a Dependence on, them, reduced to extreme Poverty: And praying, That the ſaid Drawback of One Peny in the Pound may be taken off.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr. Sollicitor-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do deliver to the proper Officer the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments in the Time of King *Charles* the Second, King *James* the Second, King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Anne*; which were preſented to the Houſe the Eleventh Day of *May* inſtant.

A Petition of *John Barlow* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner ſtood Candidate at the Election of a Burgeſs for the Town and County of *Haverford-Weſt:* That Sir *George Barlow* Baronet, who was the other Candidate, notwithſtanding the Petitioner was duly elected by a Majority of legal Electors, did procure himſelf to be returned, by the illegal Practices of *James Wheeler* Eſquire, the preſent Mayor of the ſaid Town and County, and Brother-in-law to *Joſeph Pruſt* Gentleman, Sheriff; who did, in favour of Sir *Geo. Barlow*, bring ſeveral Perſons, Foreigners to the ſaid Corporation, whom he pretended had a Right to vote at the ſaid Election; though the Petitioner is very well informed, they were made Freemen againſt the Rules of the ſaid Corporation; the ſaid Sheriff declaring, notwithſtanding all Objections made by the Petitioner, That he would allow of whomſoever the ſaid Mayor ſhould bring up; and he accordingly did admit the Perſons, ſo illegally made, to vote, and returned the ſaid Sir *Geo. Barlow*; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do appoint the Matter of the ſaid Petition to be heard upon this Day Month;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Arth. Owen*, Mr. *Craggs:*	180.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Parry:*	95.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners for taking, examining, and ſtating, the publick Accounts of the Kingdom;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Palmer:*	98.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Northey:*	159.

So

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do provide for transferring to the Regiſter upon that Bill, the unſatisfied Loans on the Malt-Act, for the Year ending at *Midſummer* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen; with the Intereſts thereof.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do receive a Clauſe for Relief, in Caſes where Exchequer-Bills, or Lottery-Tickets, ſhall be made appear to be loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do receive a Clauſe for inlarging the Time for taking and adjuſting Claims to Benefits in the ſeveral Lottery-Acts which paſſed in the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill, for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, was committed, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 26° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Taviſtock*, in the County of *Devon*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Thouſands, concerned in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſuffer extremely by reaſon of the immenſe Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually exported to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from *England*, and particularly from *Ireland*; where ſeveral Veſſels of Wool, bound to *France*, have been ſeized; and where the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.* which the honeſt Exporter for *England* is forced to pay; by means whereof, the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation in general, and of this Part in a more particular manner, labour under the greateſt Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt; the many Thouſands of poor Families who had their Livelihood in this Manufacture alone, muſt fall a grievous Charge to the Pariſhes where they dwell: And praying, That ſuch ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem convenient.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of the Clothiers of the County of *Glouceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands employed in the ſaid Trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have, of late Years, and do ſtill, find a great Decay in their Trade; to the utter Ruin of the Poor, whoſe Burden daily increaſeth upon them: This Grievance, they humbly conceive, is occaſioned by the large Quantities of Wool and Yarn tranſported from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to other Nations, and more particularly to *France*; where it is manufactured at a much cheaper Rate than the Petitioners are able to do it for, and ſent abroad to our Markets; which proves very detrimental to our Trade: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will grant the bringing in a Bill, which may prevent the Running of our Wool and Yarn, *&c.* to *France*, and other Nations.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Priſoners for Debt in his Majeſty's Priſon of *Southgate*, in the City of *Exon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are in a deplorable Condition, occaſioned by their long Confinement, and the obdurate Hearts of Creditors, that will not accept of the utmoſt Satisfaction that can be made, although offered; alſo, their Families are reduced to live on the charitable Benevolence of good People: And praying, That Leave may be given for bringing in a Bill for granting to us that Bleſſing which is moſt valuable, even our Liberty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Victualing for the Men borne in the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714; beginning the Firſt of *July*, and ending the 31ſt of *December*, annually: And alſo,

A Report from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, relating to the 3,000 *l.* voted for the Chaplains of the Fleet:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Eſtimate and Report are as follows; *viz.*

An Eſtimate of the Charge of the Victualing for the Men borne in the Years 1711, 1712, 1713, and 1714; beginning the 1ſt of *January*, and ending the 31ſt of *December*, annually; *viz.*

	N° of Men borne.	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
1711	46,735	850,577	0	0
1712	38,106	591,355	2	8¼
1713	21,636	335,762	6	9¼
1714	13,098	203,263	15	6¾
		£. 1,980,958	5	0¼

Amounting, *per* Eſtimate, in the Whole, to the Sum of 1,980,958 *l.* 5 *s.* ½. Dated at the Victualing-Office, *London*, the 16th of *May* 1715.

Tho. Reynolds. *R. Harris.* *Pet. Jeyes.*
Tho. Bere. *W. Bacon.*

By the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, &c.

THE Honourable Houſe of Commons having, on the 21ſt of this Month, upon a Petition of the Sea-Chaplains, praying an Explanation of the Clauſe, granted the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, for appropriating 3,000 *l.* for their better Support, voted an humble Addreſs to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Directions to us, to lay before them an Account how the ſaid 3,000 *l.* hath been diſtributed; We do, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, hereby humbly repreſent, That, upon the directing the ſaid Sum, we cauſed a Liſt of the Names of all the Sea-Chaplains to be prepared, in order to the coming to as clear a Light as 'twas poſſible, which of them out of Employment had a Right to partake of the aforeſaid 3,000 *l.*: Which Liſts we having taken into our Conſideration, and ſeveral Particulars occurring to us, upon debating this Matter, which we judged neceſſary to be explained by the Houſe of Commons, before we gave any final Directions for the Diſtribution of the ſaid Sum of Money among the Chaplains; we do humbly lay the following Queries before the Houſe: And pray, That we may receive their Pleaſure thereupon; *viz.*

1ſt. Whether, by theſe Words, "equally divided," in the Vote of the Houſe, it is meant, That ſuch Chaplains, who have ſerved but a very little while, ſhould have equal Shares with thoſe who have been many Years in the Service?

2d. Whether all the Chaplains who ſhall appear to have a Right to Part of the aforeſaid 3,000 *l.* and have ſerved in ſmall or great Ships, ſhall be upon the ſame Foot? Or whether they ſhall have a Proportion according to the Rates of the Ships wherein they have ſerved?

3d. Whether Curacies or Lectureſhips, from which they are liable to be removed, ſhall be deemed a Proviſion for any of them?

4th. Whether the being unprovided for, when the Houſe of Commons were pleaſed to vote the 3,000 *l.* for their Support, or at any determined Day, ſhall intitle them to a Share of the ſaid Money?

5th. What Proof ſhall be required of the Value of their Livings? Or what Value of ſuch Livings ſhall qualify or diſqualify them, as to a Share of the aforeſaid 3,000 *l.*?

6th. Whether the Widows of ſuch deceaſed Chaplains who were intitled to Part of the ſaid Sum, when voted by the Houſe, ſhall have the ſame Share thereof as their Huſbands would have had if they were living?

Admiralty-Office, *Orford.* *G. Byng.*
24th *May* 1715. *Geo. Dodington.* *J. Jennings.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate and Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Hyde*, Mr. *Rudge*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Curzon*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Selwyn*, Mr. *Downdeſwell*, Sir *Nic. Morris*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Henry Johnſon*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Hillier*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Char. Hotham*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Drew*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Glouceſter*, *Wilts*, *Somerſet*, *Worceſter*, *Devon*, and *York*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Bracebridge* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors: And the ſame was received.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to continue the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Preſident, Treaſurer, and Governors, of *Chriſt*'s Hoſpital, *London*, for and on behalf of the poor Children harboured in the ſaid Hoſpital, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Blackwell-hall*, in *London*, is the Place that, for very many Years, hath been uſed for a common publick Market for Sale of *Engliſh* Cloth, brought to *London* for Sale; and has been ſet apart for this Purpoſe; and, before the Fire of *London*, was very commodious for it; and ſince then, the ſame has, at great Charge, been rebuilt, and new Additions made, to render it ſtill more convenient for theſe Purpoſes; which it accordingly is: That, by Act of Parliament, in the 39th of Queen *Elizabeth*, Northern Cloths of all Kinds, brought to *London* for Sale, are to be brought to the ſaid Market in *Blackwell-hall*; and, upon Application by the Clothiers of divers other Counties, an Act was obtained, in the 9th Year of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act to reſtore the Market of *Blackwell-hall* to the Clothiers; and for regulating the Factors there; whereby it is enacted, That the Petitioners, Governors of the ſaid Hall, and their Deputies, ſhall ſet forth and appoint to the Clothiers of all Counties, that ſhall bring up Cloths to ſell at the ſaid publick Market, the moſt convenient Room in the ſaid Hall, for the Sale of their Cloth; and likewiſe Warehouſe-Room for the lodging and ſafe-keeping any Cloth of the ſaid Clothiers, unſold; the Clothiers, or their Servants, paying unto the Hall-keepers the ancient Duties of the ſaid Hall, and no more; and the Hall-keepers, Clerks, and Maſter-Porters, of the ſaid Hall, are to keep their Books, and Weekly Regiſter, of all the Cloths bought and ſold in the ſaid Market; in which they ſhall truly enter the Names, and Places of Habitation, of the Owner, Buyer, and Seller, of the ſaid Cloths, together with the Time of the Sale thereof; and likewiſe of the Factor, or any other Perſon other than the Owner, buying or ſelling the ſame; to the end, Clothiers, and others, may be ſatisfied how their Cloths are ſold and diſpoſed of; without Fee or Reward: And they are ſubjected to a Penalty of 10 *l.* for every Offence againſt the ſaid Act: And that no Factor, or Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, other than the Owner of the Cloth, ſhall ſell, cauſe to be ſold, or expoſe to Sale, out of the ſaid Market, any Cloth conſigned, or directed, by the Owner thereof, to be brought to the ſaid Market, or to any Factor there, to be ſold, under the Penalty of 5 *l.* for every Cloth ſo ſold: That the keeping up the ſaid Market for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, tends greatly to the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom; and is for the Benefit and Advantage of the Clothiers: That the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act is defective, in regard, as the ſame now ſtands, neither the Owner, nor the Factor, without

without expreſs Direction from the Owner, is obliged to bring their Cloths to the ſaid Market; notwithſtanding what the Intent of the ſaid Act ſeemed to be, and the great Charges the Petitioners have been at, and by the ſaid Act are to be at, to accommodate the Clothiers, and their Factors, as to their Cloths: And praying, That the ſaid Act, of the Eighth and Ninth of King *William*, may be made more effectual, and the Petitioners have Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the hearing the Merits of the Election for the City of *New Sarum*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the ſeveral Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid City were read.

And a Witneſs being produced to prove a Copy of a Deed, by which the Sitting-Member, Mr. *Swanton*, conveyed the Inheritance of a Meadow to the Corporation;

The Sitting-Member's Counſel objected againſt ſuch Copy's being read as Evidence:

And the Counſel were heard thereunto.

And then they withdrew.

And, being called in;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Petitioners Counſel, That the Houſe expected they ſhould give ſome Evidence of the Execution of the ſaid Deed:

And they examined Witneſſes touching the ſame; and alſo to prove the ſaid Copy of the Deed:

And then the ſaid Copy was read.

After which, the Petitioners Counſel inſiſted, That Mr. *Swanton* was not qualified, according to the Act, of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons:

And the Particular of the ſaid Mr. *Swanton*'s Qualification, delivered in to the Clerk of the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt, was read:

And the Petitioners Counſel produced the Will of *Edward Pyle* Eſquire; and called a Witneſs to the Value of One of the Farms mentioned in the ſaid Particular, in relation to the Taxes payable for the ſaid Farm:

And an Objection being made to that Sort of Evidence;

The Counſel were directed to withdraw.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Petitioners be admitted to give in Evidence, in relation to the Value of the Farm of *Grately*, in the County of *Southampton*, what the ſaid Farm pays to the publick Taxes, in proportion with other Farms in the ſame Pariſh;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Gregory:*	81.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Corrance*, Mr *Bampfylde:*	62.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And the Petitioners Counſel examined Witneſſes accordingly.

And afterwards they ſummed up their Evidence.

After which, the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the City of *New Sarum* be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Fourteenth Day of *June* next.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 27° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, Fullers, Dyers, and other principal Inhabitants, of the Town of *Taunton*, in *Somerſetſhire*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the late Peace and Treaty of Commerce with *Spain*, the Woollen Manufacture of this Country has laboured under great and unuſual Difficulties here at home, and as great Diſcouragements from abroad; which, the Petitioners are well aſſured, do proceed from the Exportation of Wool, in greater Quantities than ever, out of his Majeſty's Dominions, into *France*; by which means, the *French*, who have the Liberty of foreign Markets, are able to ſupply them on lower Terms than his Majeſty's *Britiſh* Subjects; who, beſides the other Duties on the Manufactury, are obliged to pay a conſiderable Duty on all the Wool they receive out of *Ireland*; which all that is clandeſtinely exported into *France* does eſcape: And praying, That ſuch effectual Reſtraints may be provided againſt that pernicious Trade, ſo injurious to the publick Revenues in *Ireland*, and to the Woollen Trade in this Kingdom, and ſuch Encouragements given to the Woollen Manufacture, by which ſo many Thouſands of the Poor are maintained in this Country, as, in your Honours great Wiſdom, ſhall be thought proper.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough and Pariſh of *Barnſtaple*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under great Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually carried to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom, and more eſpecially from *Ireland*; where ſeveral Ships of Wool, bound to *France*, have of late been ſeized; and where the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.* which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; by means whereof, the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation in general, and of this Town, and Country adjoining, in a more particular Manner, ſuffer under the greateſt Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt; the many Thouſands of poor Families, who were ſubſiſted by their Labour in that Manufacture alone, muſt fall a grievous Charge to the Pariſhes where they dwell; and we, to our Grief, muſt ſee the Subjects of the *French* King growing rich by our Ruin; and foreign Markets, formerly ſupplied from *England* with our Manufactures, are now ſupplied from *France*: And praying this Honourable Houſe, That ſuch ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief . . . . . .

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Freeholders, and chief Inhabitants, of *Northwych*, and Parts adjacent, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the River *Weaver*, in *Cheſhire*, from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych* aforeſaid, is capable of being made navigable for Barges, and other Veſſels; which, in caſe the ſame may be effected, will be of Advan-

tage to the Publick, and tend very much to the Preſervation of the Highways, Improvement of Trade, and Increaſe of Watermen: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring a Bill into this Honourable Houſe, for making the ſaid River navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych* aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Booth* and Sir *George Warburton* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Maltſters within the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*, and Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That within the ſaid Borough, and Places adjacent, there anciently hath been, and now is, a very great Trade of Malting; and that the Barley, with which the Maltſters there are ſupplied to make Malt of, is very bold and good; and the Petitioners, and their Predeceſſors, have conſtantly uſed to ſteep their Barley in the Ciſtern much longer time than the Maltſters in other Places uſually do; by reaſon whereof, and of the Goodneſs of the Barley, it ſwells as much, or more, in the Ciſtern, as in moſt other Places it doth in the Couch: That, by reaſon the King's Officers may take as many Gauges as they pleaſe, the Petitioners are forced to let it lie, in a regular Form, in the Couch, 30 Hours; which is not only in itſelf very prejudicial to the Malt, but alſo the Officers, in taking their Couch-Gauges, cannot avoid treading upon Part of it; which, being bruiſed, corrupts the reſt that it is mixed with, and proves prejudicial to the Petitioners: And praying your Honours to conſider their Caſe, and give Leave, That a Clauſe may be added to the Bill, now before you, for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715, That the Gauge of the Petitioners Malt may be confined to the Gauge of the Ciſtern only.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Heyſham* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſhortening the Time for publick Mournings: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Northampton*, in the County of *Northampton*, in the room of *George Montagu* Eſquire, now Lord *Halifax*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

Ordered, That *John Roberts* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they have directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Houſe being informed, That both the Petitioners and Sitting-Members for the City of *New Sarum* are willing, that the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid City of *New Sarum*, at the Bar of this Houſe, be diſcharged;

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the ſaid Election be diſcharged.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Town of *Cambridge*, be now received;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Smelt*, Mr. *Gibbon:* } 140.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Trevanion:* } 126.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the ſaid Committee, the Matter touching the ſaid Election, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read: And the Report and Reſolutions are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Samuel Shepheard* junior, and *John Jenyns* junior, Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *John Hynde Cotton* Baronet, and *Thomas Sclater* Eſquire, for the Town of *Cambridge:*

That it was agreed, That *Cambridge* is a Corporation by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in all Freemen not receiving Alms.

That the Poll was;

For Sir *John Hynde Cotton*, 196: Mr. *Shepheard*, 156:
Mr. *Sclater*, 175: Mr. *Jenyns*, 105.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected to 61 of the Sitting-Members Voters; *viz.* 36 as diſqualified Freemen; 23 on account of Bribery; One under Age; and One receiving Alms:

That, on the Head of diſqualified Freemen, the Petitioners Counſel alleged, There are Two Courts held in this Town; One called the General Common Day, the other the Private, or Summoned, Common Day:

That the General Common Day is held Five times a Year, on particular Days appointed by the Charter, when the Corporation aſſemble without Summons; and the Private, or Summoned, Common Day, is held as often as the Mayor thinks fit; of which, they inſiſted, there ought to be a reaſonable Summons, by One Day's Notice at the leaſt; and that no Freemen could be admitted but at One of theſe General, or Summoned, Common Days, when a Majority of the Aldermen, being Six at leaſt, muſt be preſent:

That they produced the following Inſtances in the Town-Books;

In

In Phil. & Mar. Eight Summoned Common Days held; *viz.*

One, *præſentibus majore, aldermannis, balivis, et* 24:

Another, *coram majore, et balivis, necnon Roberto Smith, uno aldermannorum villæ prædictæ, ac aliis aldermannorum, ac etiam magna congregatione burgenſium villæ, prout mos eſt:*

Another, *coram majore et balivis, necnon Willielmo Haſſell, uno aldermannorum, prout mos eſt:*

Another, *præſentibus majore, aldermannis, balivis,* 24, *et communitate:*

Another, *præſentibus majore, aldermannis, et* 24:

Another, *coram majore et balivis, necnon Roberto Chapman, uno aldermannorum, prout mos eſt:*

Another, ſtiled *Dies communis legitime ſummonitus*; and no Mention is made of Aldermen being preſent:

Another, ſtiled *Dies communis, præſentibus de aldermannis*, the Mayor, and Nine other, Three Bailiffs, and 14 of the 24.

9° of *Eliz.* Two Summoned Common Days; One, *præſentibus majore, aldermannis, et* 24; and the other, ſtiled *Dies communis legitime ſummonitus:*

That it does not appear, that any Freemen were admitted at any of theſe Courts; but other Buſineſs was done.

7° *Jan.* 1633. A Summoned Common Day, when a Freeman was admitted; and the Recorder, and Nine Aldermen, are mentioned to be preſent:

That, between the Years 1633 and 1653, the Petitioners Counſel produced Nine Inſtances; *viz.* Four of Admiſſions of Freemen at Summoned Common Days; and Five other Inſtances of Buſineſs done on the like Days, when Six, or a greater Number of, Aldermen are mentioned to be preſent:

That the Stile of theſe ſeveral Courts is, a Summoned Common Day; without mentioning before whom held:

In 1653, the Stile of the Summoned Common Days is altered; they are then mentioned to be held before the Mayor and Bailiffs:

And between the Years 1653 and 1660, the Petitioners Counſel produced 13 Inſtances; *viz.* Five of Admiſſions of Freemen at Summoned Common Days ſo held; and Eight Inſtances of Buſineſs done on the like Days, when Six, or a greater Number of, Aldermen are mentioned to be preſent.

That in 1660, the Stile of theſe Courts is again altered; in that Year, they are mentioned to be held before the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes: Afterwards, that Stile is altered: and the uſual Stile is, a Summoned Common Day Court, ſuch a one Mayor:

In the Years 1660, 1661, and 1662, the Petitioners Counſel produced 14 Inſtances; *viz.* Six Summoned Common Days, Two General Common Days, when Freemen were admitted; and Six other Summoned Common Days, when Buſineſs was done; and another Summoned Common Day in 1713, when a Freeman was admitted: At all which Days, Six, or a greater Number of, Aldermen are mentioned to be preſent.

That the Petitioners Counſel offered to produce many other Inſtances ſince the Year 1662, of Admiſſions of Freemen, when a Majority of Aldermen appeared to be preſent.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel admitted, That, from the Year 1662, whenever the Aldermen preſent are named, they are generally Six, or more, in Number.

That the Petitioners Counſel produced an Inſtance, 14 *April* 1653, of a Summoned Common Day, when the Entry is thus; "Nothing done at the ſaid Day, by Defect "of a competent Number of Aldermen, moſt of them "being out of Town."

That the Petitioners Counſel allowed there are ſome Entries of Admiſſions to Freedom, when leſs than Six Aldermen are named to be preſent; but inſiſted Six Aldermen are neceſſary.

To ſhew ſuch Entries might be miſtaken, they produced the Town-Book of a Common Day Court, held 12 *February* 1713, when only Six Aldermen are named to be preſent; and called,

Mr. *Joſeph Pyke:* Who ſaid, He was then an Alderman of the Town, and was preſent during that whole Court; although his Name is not entered in the Book.

That the Petitioners Counſel produced a Collection of Orders in the Town-Book, for the better Government and Quiet of the Town, made at a Summoned Common Day, 14 *Auguſt* 1629; One of which is, That before the Mayor ſummon a Common Day, he and the Aldermen meet, and agree of the Things to be propounded that Day; and what ſhall be agreed by the major Part, the Mayor ſhall propound; and that no Propoſition ſhall be made by the Mayor againſt the Will of the greater Part of the Aldermen; and when the Propoſitions are agreed on, then, and not before, the Common Day to be warned.

That it appears by the Town-Book, that 28 *July* 1691, a Summoned Common Day was held in the Mayoralty of Mr. *Ewen:* Five Aldermen are named to be preſent; and there is a Raſure among their Names.

The Petitioners Counſel alleged this to be a Raſure of the Name of another Alderman then preſent; and called

Thomas Sanders: Who ſaid, That, ſince *Michaelmas* laſt, he had ſome Diſcourſe with Mr. *Fox* the Town-Clerk; who told him, There was always Six Aldermen preſent when any Freemen were admitted in Mr. *Ewen*'s Mayoralty: But *Fox* was not then Town-Clerk.

Thomas Crab, One of the Common-Council, ſaid, He has been a Freeman 40 Years; and has been Treaſurer and Bailiff; and that he never heard it pretended, till now, that Freemen could be admitted, without Six Aldermen preſent:

That, for 21 Years, he has known this to be the Uſage upon the Common Days; the Mayor and Aldermen aſſemble in their Parlour, and the Common-Council in their Hall; and nothing can be done but what is firſt propoſed by the Mayor, and agreed to by Six Aldermen then preſent; and for want of a Sixth Aldermen, he has ſeveral times known the Common Days break up, and nothing done, though the Mayor and Five Aldermen have been preſent.

John York ſaid, He has been a Freeman 20 Years, and 16 Years a Common-Council-man: That it is requiſite the Mayor and Six Aldermen be Preſent at the Admiſſion of Freemen at a Private Common Day: That when Three, Four, and Five Aldermen, beſides the Mayor, have been preſent, he has known the Common Day break up for want of a Sixth Alderman; and that he remembred but Two or Three Inſtances of doing any Buſineſs when leſs than Six Aldermen were preſent.

Wm. Simonds ſaid, He has known the Corporation Thirty Years; and has been of the Common-Council 18 Years: That Six Aldermen, beſides the Mayor, were always neceſſary for admitting Freemen; he has ſeveral times known the Courts break up for want of Sixth Alderman, when Five have been preſent, beſide the Mayor; and never knew it otherwiſe, but in a late Inſtance or Two within theſe Three Years.

Wm. Read and *Tho. Sanders* (one is of the Common-Council, the other a Burgeſs), ſaid, They had known the Corporation 17 Years: That Six Aldermen, beſide the Mayor, were always neceſſary for admitting Freemen: That they never knew any Buſineſs of Moment done, ſuch as making Leaſes or Freemen, though intitled by Birth, or Service, without Six Aldermen preſent; and that they had known the Courts break up ſeveral times for want of that Number of Aldermen.

John Wendy, another of the Common-Council, ſaid, He had known the Corporation 30 Years: That Six or more Aldermen are neceſſary to make Freemen; and that they always broke up if Six Aldermen were not preſent.

That, as to the Manner of making the Thirty-ſix Freemen objected to, the Petitioners Counſel called,

Wm. Rumbold: Who ſaid, That, on the 5th of *October* laſt, the Mayor propoſed to make ſome honorary Freemen: Twelve Aldermen were then preſent, and Se-

ven of them oppoſed it; which ſtopped thoſe Proceedings that Day.

John York ſaid, He was at the Common Day the 14th of *October* laſt, when the Mayor, and only Five Aldermen, were preſent: The Mayor declared to the Common-Council, That he called that Common Day to make his own Freeman; and, after a little Diſcourſe, propoſed that Freeman, and ſeveral more; but the Witneſs, and others, proteſted againſt admitting any Freeman at that time, for want of a ſufficient Number of Aldermen preſent; and cautioned the Mayor againſt proceeding: But the Mayor ſaid, There was an Alderman of the Corporation that would juſtify him, and he would do it; and that he made 36 Freemen that Day, notwithſtanding their Proteſts.

That it was admitted by the Sitting-Member's Counſel, That the 36 Freemen objected to were admitted to Freedom on the 14th of *October* and 10th of *November* laſt, when only the Mayor, and Five Aldermen, were preſent.

Tho. Sanders ſaid, That 13 of thoſe 36 Freemen had a Right by Birth, or Service; and the reſt purchaſed, or were honorary Freemen: That, the Witneſs afterwards telling the Mayor he could not juſtify thoſe Admiſſions; and that Complaint would be made to the King's Bench, and to the Houſe of Commons; the Mayor ſaid, He did not value either; and that, if thoſe he had made would not carry the Election, he would make 60 or 100 more: And the Town-Clerk ſaid, They would give Mr. *Shepheard* his Belly-full of the King's-Bench, and of the Houſe of Commons:

The Witneſs farther ſaid, The Sitting-Members were preſent at both Courts when theſe 36 Freemen were admitted; and, if they had not been there, they durſt not have done as they did.

Mr. *Crab* ſaid, He was ſummoned to be at the Common Day Court the 14th of *October* laſt, at Two of the Clock; and that he had no Notice of it till between 11 and 12 the ſame Day: That, formerly, Notice was given the Day before; but, of late, it has been uſual to give it at Nine of the Clock in the Morning of the ſame Day.

Theophilus Tyrrel ſaid, That diſcourſing with the Mayor, laſt Aſſizes, about the Election, he told the Mayor, That he heard he had Security given him; and that now the Petitioners had petitioned, the Witneſs ſuppoſed he was ſatisfied in his Security: To which the Mayor anſwered, He wiſhed it was more, or to that Purpoſe; but did not ſay from whom he had Security; or that he had any.

That the Petitioners Counſel produced a Rule of the Court of King's-Bench in *Hilary* Term laſt, for an Information, in the Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, againſt the Mayor, and Five Aldermen, for claiming a Privilege of admitting Freemen without a Majority of the Mayor and Aldermen preſent.

That, on the Head of Bribery, they called the following Witneſſes;

Wm. Rumbold ſaid, *Nicolas Apthorpe* told him, He intended to vote for Mr. *Shepheard*; but Dr. *Edmonds*, of *St. John's*, who has 60 Scholars, threatening him with the Loſs of their Cuſtom for Grocery, made him vote for the Sitting-Members.

Nicolas Culchy, who ſerves Gravel to *St. John's* and *Trinity* Colleges, ſaid, He was threatened to loſe their Cuſtom, elſe he would have voted for Mr. *Shepheard*.

James Ivers promiſed Mr. *Shepheard* a ſingle Vote; but ſaid, He could not give it; becauſe Sir *Pynſent Charnock* and Mr. *Hervey* threatened he ſhould loſe their Buſineſs if he did; and that he voted for the Sitting-Members.

Martin Appleyard promiſed Mr. *Shepheard* a Vote; but ſaid, He voted for the Sitting-Members, becauſe Mr. *Sclater* paid his Apothecary's Bill.

Edward Turkey promiſed Mr. *Shepheard*; but ſaid, He voted for the Sitting Members, becauſe his Landlord threatened to arreſt him for Rent if he voted otherwiſe.

John Sewſter ſaid, *Nicolas Cutchy* declared, He had rather vote for Mr. *Shepheard*; but, if he did not vote for the Sitting-Members, he ſhould loſe all his College-Places.

Thomas Sanders ſaid, *Gutchy* had declared he would vote for Mr. *Shepheard*; but durſt not, for fear Dr. *Berry* ſhould turn him out of his Buſineſs at *St. John's*; and that he ſhould loſe all his other Work: The Witneſs overheard Dr. *Berry* threaten to turn him, and his Son, out of their College-Employments:

That *Charles Harding* was arreſted by the Witneſs for 30 Shillings; and Mr. *Whiſkin*, who voted for the Sitting-Members, paid the Money; and that *Harding* voted for the Sitting-Members.

Richard Sanders ſaid, Alderman *Carrington*, who voted for the Sitting-Members, lent him 10 Pounds, without Intereſt; that he voted for Mr. *Shepheard* and Mr. *Sclater*: And ſaid, He voted for Mr. *Sclater* becauſe he knew him to be an honeſt Gentleman; and that he did not know but he might have voted for him if he had not had the Money.

John Bird ſaid, That, on the 14th of *March* laſt, *David Hall* told him, at *Wilton* in *Norfolk*, That a Meſſenger who came down for him bore his Charges to *Cambridge*; that Mr. *Sclater* gave him Two Guineas to take up his Freedom, which coſt him 10 Groats: Then he went down again, and was ſent for at the Election, and engaged to vote: After he had voted, Sir *John Hynde Cotton* bid him go to Alderman *Carrington*, who ſhould ſatisfy him for his Trouble and Charge: He went; and the Alderman gave him Four Guineas, and a Five Shilling Piece.

Thomas Gale ſaid, He aſked *Thomas Fuller*, the Night before the Election, Why he would not vote for Mr. *Shepheard?* He anſwered, Becauſe the Mayor had taken away a Horſe; but that he was promiſed to have his Horſe again, or one as good, or Nine Pound in Money; and that was the Reaſon he voted:

That *Philip Sanders* told him, the Night before the Election, He would vote for Mr. *Shepheard*; but that *Joſeph* and *BenjaminWendy*, Two Butchers, who voted for the Sitting-Members, had ſent him as many Sheep-ſkins as came to Three Pounds and Ten Shillings, to vote for the Sitting-Members.

Thomas Jones, a Voter for the Sitting-Members, ſaid, Alderman *Carrington*'s Brother paid Six Shillings for his Horſe-hire, and gave him Half a Guinea for his Charges; and, after he had polled, the Alderman gave him Two Guineas; and told him, Sir *John* and Mr. *Sclater* ſent them: That *Carrington* likewiſe paid Ten Shillings to *Benjamin Pearce*, which the Witneſs owed him.

Mr. *Short* ſaid, *Thomas Rowland*, who voted for the Sitting-Members, told him, He had Four Guineas and an Half; Two before the Election, from an Agent for the Sitting-Members; and Two after, from Sir *John Hynde Cotton* himſelf.

John Witham ſaid, His Son *Charles* told him, Mr. *Whiſkin* had promiſed him a new Suit of Cloaths, and had given him a Pair of Breeches; and that he was to have the reſt when the Two Sitting-Members were ſeated in the Houſe: He was alſo promiſed to be helped to Dr. *Bentley*'s Service:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, He drove Four Aldermen out of Town; *viz.* Mr. *Pyke*, *Ewen*, *Rumbold*, and *Fowle*; upon the 14th of *October* laſt; and that Mr. *Shepheard* was with them, at *Bourn Bridge*.

That it appeared, by a Copy of the Regiſter-Book of *St. Sepulchre*'s Pariſh, in *Cambridge*, that *Thomas Rowland* was baptized the 3d of *February* 1695.

John Witham ſaid, *John Morgan*, who voted for the Sitting-Members, has received Collections of Sacrament-money and Bread Three or Four Years paſt.

John Woolar ſaid, *John Wildman* promiſed to give Mr. *Shepheard* a ſingle Vote; but, being afterwards arreſted, he told the Witneſs, Sir *John Hynde Cotton* ſent him 50 Shillings, and paid the Debt; and gave him a Suit of Cloaths; which made him vote for Sir *John*.

That the Petitioners Counſel acknowleged they could not make a Majority for Mr. *Jenyns*; but ſubmitted, whether Sir *John Hynde Cotton*'s Election was not vitiated by Bribery.

That

That the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That the 36 Freemen admitted 14th of *October* and 10th *November* laſt, when only Five Aldermen were preſent, with the Mayor, were regularly admitted: That the Common Day Courts are held before the Mayor and Bailiffs, and ſo ſtiled; and that the Aldermen are no eſſential Part of thoſe Courts: That the moſt ancient Entries do not ſhew any Number of Aldermen preſent; nor does it appear what Number they had, till their Charter in 1632 appointed 12 Aldermen: That the Admiſſion of Freemen is an Act of the Common-Council: That here is a Mayor, Four Bailiffs, and 24 of the Common-Council; and that the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes aſſembled, can admit Freemen, without Six Aldermen preſent.

They produced the following Inſtances in the Town-Books; *viz.*

In *Ed.* VI. Three Common Days when Freemen were admitted; and no mention made of any Aldermen being preſent.

The Stile of thoſe Courts is thus; "A Common Day "held."

1ſt and 2d *Ph.* and *Mary*, a Common Day held, when a Freeman was admitted: And,

2d and 3d *Ph.* and *Mary*, a Summoned Common Day, when Members of Parliament were choſe; and Notice is not taken of any Aldermen being preſent:

1° *Eliz.* a Summoned Common Day, when Freemen were admitted, and other Buſineſs done, *præſentibus tota communitate.*

Nineteen other Inſtances; *viz.* Seven *tempore Eliz.* and Eleven between the Years 1636 and 1649, of Summoned Common Days, when Freemen were admitted, and Leaſes for 21 Years, or greater Terms, granted; a general Common Day held in 1683, when a Freeman was admitted: In all which Inſtances, no Notice is taken whether any Aldermen were preſent.

In the Stile of theſe Courts, the Mayor is but twice named; the reſt are ſtiled Summoned Common Days, without mentioning either Mayor, or Bailiffs.

Two-and-twenty other Summoned Common Days held; *viz.*

Seventeen between the ſaid Years 1636 and 1649; at Three of which Days Freemen were admitted, and Leaſes for 21 Years granted, when only Five Aldermen are named to be preſent:

At Four other of the ſaid Days Officers were elected, and other Buſineſs done, when the like Number of Five Aldermen are named to be preſent:

At Five other of the ſaid Days, Freemen were admitted, and Leaſes for 21 Years granted, when only Four Aldermen are named to be preſent:

At another of the ſaid Days a Mayor and Aldermen were elected; and, at another, a Treaſurer elected; and the like Number of Four Aldermen named to be preſent:

At Three other of the ſaid Days Freemen were admitted, when only Two Perſons are named to be preſent.

5 *Mar.* 1640, a Summoned Common Day, when Members of Parliament were choſe, the greateſt Part of the Burgeſſes of the Town being preſent; and no Notice is taken, whether any Aldermen were then preſent, or not.

4 *September* 1643, Preſent, Mayor, Recorder, and Five Aldermen; and the Entry is, That nothing was done this Day for want of a Bailiff, One Bailiff only being preſent; upon which, the Day was adjourned.

16 *September* 1678, a Summoned Common Day held, when a Freeman was ſworn, and only Five Aldermen named to be preſent.

28 *July* 1691, a Summoned Common Day, in Mr. *Ewen*'s Mayoralty, when Three Freemen were admitted, and other Buſineſs done, and only Five Aldermen named to be preſent: This is the Court where the Petitioners Counſel taken Notice of a Raſure among the Aldermens Names.

10 *December* 1695, a Summoned Common Day, when a Freeman was admitted, and but Five Aldermen named to be preſent.

The Stile of theſe laſt-mentioned 22 Common Days, held ſince 1636, are thus; *viz.*

Five are ſtiled, Summoned Common Days, held *coram majore et balivis*; the reſt, Summoned Common Days, ſuch a one Mayor.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel produced the old Book of Orders, eſtabliſhed 16 *March* 1626; One of which is, That no Mayor ſhall, at any time hereafter, propound any thing to the Houſe, unleſs he do firſt acquaint the Aldermen then preſent with his Purpoſe; and that the moſt Part of the Aldermen preſent do give their Aſſent to the ſame:

This, they ſaid, was the Firſt time any Aldermen became neceſſary; but the Number is not named.

And they produced the new Book of Orders and Conſtitutions, eſtabliſhed 20th *April* 1686; by which all Orders contained in the former Book of Orders are made void, and new Orders eſtabliſhed; One of which new Orders is, That the Mayor ſhall not propound any thing at a Private Common Day, unleſs Five Aldermen be there then preſent, and all conſenting: And

Another, That, from thenceforth, no Leaſe ſhould be granted for longer than 21 Years, without the Conſent of Six Aldermen, preſent at One of the General Common Days; under a Penalty upon the Mayor.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel inferred from theſe Conſtitutions in 1686, That no certain Number of Aldermen were neceſſary before that time.

As to Notice of the Two Courts held in *October* and *November* laſt; they called,

Richard Ewin, *John Wiſh*, and *William Gunbay*, Serjeants at Mace: Who ſaid, They ſummoned the Common Days of 14th *October* and 10th *November* laſt by Order of the Mayor: That the ſame Notice was given of thoſe Courts as had been of all Courts in their Time, which was about Seven Years; and that they never knew Notice given but on the ſame Day the Courts were held; or any Court objected to for want of a legal Summons.

John Wardall ſaid, He had been of the Common-Council 27 Years, of the Corporation 40 Years, and had known the Town 79 Years: That, in all his time, the Common Days were ſummoned on the ſame Day they were held; he never knew any other Summons; or ever heard any body object to a Court ſo ſummoned for want of due Notice: And ſaid, He did not know he had in his Life miſſed 10 times attending the Courts.

That, to prove a wilful Abſence of the Aldermen who were not at theſe Courts, the Sitting-Members Counſel called,

Francis Peircy: Who ſaid, He was Deputy-Mayor in *October* laſt; and that, Two Days before the Common Day Court was held, Mr. *Pyke* bid him take care what he did at that Court; for none of them would attend; and that the Witneſs ſhould anſwer for it above.

Thomas Wilkes ſaid, The Night before the Common Day was held in *October* laſt, Alderman *Newland* told him, He ſuppoſed there would be a Common Day held the next Day; and ſaid, That Seven Aldermen would go out of Town, and not appear there; *viz.* Mr. *Ewen*, *Rumbold*, *Frowhock*, *Lancaſter*, *Pyke*, * *Fowle*, and himſelf: And, ſome Days afterwards, he told the Witneſs, He met thoſe Gentlemen at *Bourn-Bridge*.

John Grumbold ſaid, That, after the Court Day in *October*, Alderman *Newland* told him, He went out of Town with the reſt of the Aldermen: He ſaid, There was a Deſign to keep a Court; but they had tricked them; and they went out of Town on Purpoſe to prevent that Court:

That, about Three or Four Years ago, Mr. *Pyke*, being then Mayor, granted a Warrant to the Witneſs, who was Churchwarden, for levying a Church-rate, which had been refuſed to be paid; and afterwards, on a Tryal before the Lord Chief Baron *Ward*, touching the Validity

of that Warrant, Mr. *Pyke* denied his Hand to it; although his Hand was proved by the Witneſs, who ſaw him write the Warrant, and ſign it, and by ſeveral other Witneſſes, upon Oath; for which the Judge reprimanded *Pyke*; and told him, He would have made an Example of him, if it had not been in that Place where he had been Mayor.

That it appeared by the Town-Book, That of the 36 admitted 14th of *October* and 10th of *November* laſt, 19 had a Right to Freedom, Nine purchaſed, and the reſt were admitted *gratis*.

Thomas Rowland ſaid, That his Son *Thomas*, who was objected to by the Petitioners Counſel as a Minor, is 22 Years of Age; and was Three Years old when he was chriſtened.

That, on the Head of Bribery, to affect Mr. *Shepheard*, and 12 of his Voters; the Sitting-Members Counſel called,

John Flanders: Who ſaid, He voted for Mr. *Shepheard:* That *John Witham* gave him Ten Shillings at one time, and Twenty Shillings at another, to take up his Freedom; and that he had 26 Shillings more of Mr. *Shepheard*; and that, if no Money had been given him, he ſhould not have changed his Word:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, That, after he had promiſed Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Franks*, Mr. *Sclater*'s Agent, threatened to arreſt him for a Debt; and offered him a Bill for 40 Shillings to alter his Mind.

Lazarus Munns ſaid, Mr. *Shepheard* ſent for him, and gave him 20 Shillings to take up his Freedom; and told him, He ſhould vote, and he would juſtify his Title; but the Witneſs did not vote, becauſe they would not admit him to Freedom, though he had a Right:

That, the Day after the Election, *Robert Parker* ſhewed him Three Guineas, which, he ſaid, he had for voting for Mr. *Shepheard:*

That *James Munns* told him, Mr. *Shepheard* gave him 40 Shillings after he had voted.

Rebecca Spilman ſaid, That *Morley*'s Wife declared, Mr. *Bromley* gave her a Ten Pound Bill, for her Huſband to vote for Mr. *Shepheard*; and that ſhe had received the Money: And that *Robert Sibthorpe* and *Thomas Gotobed* ſaid, Mr. *Shepheard* gave them 30 Shillings apiece for their Votes.

Hatton Buck ſaid, *Robert Parker* told him, He had 20 Shillings of *John Sewſter*, by Order of Mr. *Shepheard*, to take up his Freedom, and Ten Shillings for his Charges; and that, after he had voted, Mr. *Pyke* gave him Three Guineas, by Order of Mr. *Shepheard:*

That *Joſeph Cook* told him, He had a Guinea when he was made free, Two Guineas afterwards for his Charges; and that, when he came to vote, Mr. *Shepheard* gave him Two Guineas more, and paid a Reckoning of 16 Shillings.

Richard Linſey ſaid, One *Tabor*, a Friend of Mr. *Shepheard*, offered him Four Guineas; and ſaid, He would give him Nine Pounds to vote for Mr. *Shepheard:* He voted for the Sitting-Members.

John Wiſh ſaid, He ſollicited his Brother-in-law, *Charles Stone*, to vote for the Sitting-Members; but he anſwered, That Mr. *Shepheard* had engaged him, and given him Two Guineas to take up his Freedom, and Two more for his Vote.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Town of *Cambridge*, may hold a Summoned Common Day Court, and admit Freemen, without Six Aldermen of the ſaid Town being then preſent.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *John Hynde Cotton* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Cambridge*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Thomas Sclater* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Cambridge*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Town of *Cambridge*, may hold a Summoned Day Court, and admit Freemen, without Six Aldermen of the ſaid Town being then preſent;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Lawſon:* } 126.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Bromley:* } 129.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Sir *John Hynde Cotton* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Cambridge*.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That *Thomas Sclater* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Town of *Cambridge*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Bond:* } 121.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Hillerſden:* } 133.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Samuel Shepheard* junior, Eſquire, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Cambridge*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Arthur Owen*, Mr. *Cholmley:* } 126.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Conyers:* } 98.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe on *Monday* Morning next, to amend the Return for the Town of *Cambridge*, by raſing out the Name of *Thomas Sclater* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *Samuel Shepheard* junior, Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 30° die Maii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to continue the Act, of the 7th and 8th Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, be read the Third time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

A Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties laid by an Act, of the 9th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon Hops, be continued from the Firſt Day of *June* to *Michaelmas* next.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties laid by an Act, of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon Hops, be continued from the Firſt Day of *June* to *Michaelmas* next.

Ordered, That Leave be given, upon the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715, was committed, to offer a Clauſe, to continue the Act for laying the ſaid Duties upon Hops, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of what Propoſals have been made in relation to the Coinage of Farthings and Halfpence:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Burgoyn*, Deputy Regiſter-General of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of all Ships that have paſſed into any Parts beyond the Seas, from any Ports of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Number of Ships departed each Year, reſpectively.

And then withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as followeth; *viz.*

AN Account of all Ships that have paſſed into any Parts beyond the Seas, from any Ports of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Number of Ships departed each Year, reſpectively.

			Ships.
In the Year 1710	—	—	3,550
In the Year 1711	—	—	3,759
In the Year 1712	—	—	4,267
In the Year 1713	—	—	5,807
In the Year 1714	—	—	6,614.
Total	—		23,997

John Burgoyne, Deputy Regiſter-General.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Booth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*: And the ſame was received.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Town of *Cambridge*.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*, be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered to the Houſe, to be added to the Bill, for continuing the Duty upon Hops:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Dr. *Aubrey*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday, at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*: And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. *Cholmly* and Sir *Richard Steele* do acquaint him therewith.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 31° *die Maii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time this Day Fortnight.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners for Debt, in his Majeſty's Priſon of the *Fleet*, as well on the behalf of themſelves, and very many Thouſands poor diſtreſſed Debtors in the ſeveral Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners did moſt humbly repreſent their ſad deplorable Conditions, and long Confinement in Gaols, to the laſt Parliament, with ſuch good Effect, that this Honourable Houſe ordered

dered a Bill to be brought in, and paſſed it, for the Relief of the Petitioners; which was ſent up to the Houſe of Peers, read there a Firſt time, and ordered a Second Reading; but, by the ſudden and unexpected Prorogation of that Parliament, the Bill was dropped, and loſt; to the great Diſappointment of all the poor Petitioners: That the Petitioners, with Hearts filled with Gratitude, and a true Senſe of the charitable and good Intentions of the Honourable Houſe . . . laſt Seſſions of her late Majeſty's Reign, for their Relief, are thereby encouraged to preſent themſelves again to this Honourable Houſe for, what is moſt deſired, and dear to all the World, their Liberty, upon the ſame juſt and equitable Conſiderations as in the former Bill; they being willing and ready to make the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of at preſent, by ſurrendering their All to their Creditors; and upon the ſevereſt Penalties; and, further, alſo, after a reaſonable time, to ſubject their future Acquiſitions and Fortunes to the Payment of the Remainder of their Debts: And that many of the poor Petitioners have been long confined to Priſons; ſome Five Years, ſome Ten Years, and ſome 15 Years and more, in Gaols: And praying, That your Honours will be pleaſed to take the diſtreſſed and deplorable Condition of ſo many Thouſand poor Priſoners into your Conſideration; to the end that a Bill may be ordered to be brought into this Honourable Houſe, for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Direction to the proper Officers, to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Quantity of foreign Hops that have been imported ſince the Duty laid thereupon, by an Act paſſed in the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign; and what hath been the net Produce of the reſpective Duties laid upon Hops by the ſaid Act; diſtinguiſhing the Produce of the ſaid Duty in the ſeveral Years, reſpectively.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That *Henry Trenchard* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the Laws expired, and near expiring; and to report which of them are fit to be revived, or continued:

And it is referred to Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Morrice*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Wilkinſon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Thomas Clark*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *England*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two thouſand Eight hundred Thirty-two Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Military Officers, and Chaplains who have ſerved in the Train of Artillery in *Flanders* and *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions; which, with what they have on the Eſtabliſhment in the Office of Ordnance, is to complete their Half-Pay for the Year 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-three thouſand Five hundred Twenty-five Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of Seven Battalions, conſiſting of the Royal Regiment of Foot, and the Regiments of *Webb*, *Forfar*, *Hill*, *Orrery*, and *Sutton*, brought lately from *Flanders*, from the Twenty-ninth of *September* 1714, to which time they were provided for by Parliament, until the 25th of *March* 1715, at which time they were transferred to the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Eight thouſand Four hundred Sixty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eight Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of the Three Battalions of *Harriſon*, *North and Grey*, and *Sterne*, now in *Flanders*, from the Twenty-ninth of *September* 1714 to the Twenty-fifth of *December* following.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Eight thouſand One hundred Eighty-three Pounds Nine Shillings and Four Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Charge of Officers Servants of the Regiments in *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*, from the 25th of *June* 1713 to the 24th of *December* 1714, being One Year and an Half.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four hundred Sixty-eight Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for Bounty-money to diſbanded Men of ſeveral Regiments, which were reduced, in order to be transferred to the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for Support of the Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea*, and Pay of the Out-Penſioners, for the Year 1715, over and above the ſeveral Poundages, and Days Pay, applicable thereunto.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty-three thouſand Three hundred Twenty-two Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupplying the Deficiency of the Fund for the *Claſſis* Lottery, in the Year 1711, for the Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1714.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty-two thouſand Nine hundred Thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupplying the Deficiency of the Fund for the *Claſſis* Lottery in the Year 1712, for the Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1714.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Sir *David Dalrymple* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, was read:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined a Witneſs, touching One of the Petitioners Witneſſes being ſeduced away by the Mayor; and alſo Witneſſes, for the adding ſeveral Perſons to the Petitioners Poll, which had been refuſed by the Mayor; and to diſqualify ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting-Members; and alſo, touching Bribery, Threats, and other undue Practices.

And

And then the Counſel on both Sides were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line* be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Twenty-third Day of *June* next.

Ordered, That the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; be read a Second time upon *Friday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 1° die Junii;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Arthur Kay* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Edward Norris* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendments be now read.

The ſaid Amendments were read accordingly; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. 5. After "Troops," inſert "not exceeding Eight thouſand and Fifty Men, over and above the "Twelve Companies of Invalids, conſiſting of Six hundred and Ninety-ſix Men; and Three Independent "Companies in *North-Britain*, conſiſting of One hundred and Forty-ſeven Men; and alſo a Number of "Men, not exceeding One hundred and Eighty, for the "Gariſons of *Edinburgh*, *Dunbarton*, *Blackneſs*, and *Stirling*, Caſtles:"

L. 9. After "Seas," inſert "belonging to "the Crown of *Great Britain*; and alſo, the Three Regiments at preſent in *Flanders*, conſiſting of 1,895 "Men."

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Shippen:*	90.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *D'Gray*, Mr. *Onſlow:*	248.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendments be read a Second time.

The ſaid Amendments were ſeverally read accordingly; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *George Evans*, now Lord *Carbery* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and *Charles Allanſon* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of the Honourable *Willoughby Bertie* and *Francis Anneſley* Eſquires, for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts:*

That it was agreed, That *Weſtbury* is a Borough by Preſcription; and that only Burgage-Tenants have a Right to vote.

That the Petitioners Counſel inſiſted, They muſt be ſuch Tenants only as hold in Fee for Life, or 99 Years determinable on Lives, or by Copy of Court-Roll, and pay an annual Rent of Four Pence, or Two Pence, to the Lord; from which Rent they are called whole or half Burgages.

The Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, That Tenants for Terms abſolute, and Quarter-Burgages; *viz.* ſuch as pay a Peny Rent to the Lord; have alſo a Right to vote.

That the Petitioners Counſel called,

Zach. Bayly: Who ſaid, He had known the Town 16 Years: That thoſe who have an Eſtate of Inheritance, or for One, Two, or Three Lives, or 99 Years, determinable on Lives, or ſuch a long Term as ordinarily extends to a Man's Life, and who pay a whole or half Burgage-Rent, have a Right to vote: That he had known Two controverted Elections, when the Quarter-Burgages were refuſed: That they were always refuſed in his time; and he had heard, They were always refuſed before; but he could not ſay, whether the Quarter-Burgages had a Right, or not:

That the Leaſes for Terms were always for 99 Years determinable on Lives; and that he never heard of any Leaſe in the Borough for 99 Years abſolute, or for any abſolute Term, till, of late, the Leaſes have been ſhortened, to make Votes.

Thomas Hayward ſaid, He had known the Borough 25 Years; and had been at Five or Six Elections within theſe Ten Years; that the Quarter-Burgages were then allowed to vote, if they pleaſed Mr. *Gibbs*, and not elſe; but it was always looked upon, that they had no Right; and that only whole and half Burgages had a Right of Voting.

That the Petitioners Counſel produced the Town-Book, wherein there is a Declaration entered, under the Hands and Seals of the Mayor and Burgeſſes, aſſembled at a General Council, held the 5th of *January* 1685, That, by a Cuſtom there, Time out of mind, the Right of Voting for this Borough is in Perſons having, in any Meſſuage, or Meſſuages, within the Borough, out of which a yearly Rent of One, To, or Four, Pence, or more, called Burgage-money, is iſſuing, any Eſtate in Fee, Fee-Tail, or for One, Two, or more, Lives, or for any Number of Years determinable on One, Two, or more, Lives, or for any long Term of Years; and in no others.

It appears by the Book, That, in that Part of this Declaration, which ſpecifies the Rent, the Words "One, To, "or," are wrote upon a Raſure; and the Spelling differs from the reſt of the Entry.

Mr. *James Edgill* ſaid, That he was Steward of the Borough when this Declaration was made: That it is all his Hand-writing, except the Alteration where the Raſure is; which is done ſince the making the Declaration:

That they keep Books of Entries of the Burgage-Tenures; and that he has ſearched thoſe Books down from the Time of *Philip* and *Mary*, and finds no mention of any Quarter-Burgage till the Year 1671:

That the Right of Voting is in ſuch as have a Freehold, or an Eſtate for Life, or a Term of 99 Years, or 80 Years, or ſuch a Term as ordinarily extends to a Man's Life, determinable on Life, or Lives, out of which a Burgage-Rent iſſues of Four Pence, or Two Pence, yearly:

That the Peny-Burgages have been objected to; but he never knew them rejected in his time; which is from 1684; nor did he know of any Leaſes for Years abſolute in the Borough:

Being croſs-examined, he owned, That he polled the Peny-Burgages when he was Mayor; but firſt aſked them, Who they would be for; and ſaid, He did not remember, that he gave any Evidence for Terms of Years abſolute, when he was a Witneſs in the controverted Election in 1702.

That, to prove that Quarter-Burgages, and Leaſeholders for Years abſolute, have a Right to vote, the Sitting-Members Counſel called,

Samuel Gibbs: Who ſaid, He had known the Borough Sixty-four Years: That he was taken into Cuſtody for refuſing the Quarter-Burgages in his Mayoralty, about 37 or 38 Years ago; and ever ſince that time thoſe Burgages have voted: That Tenants for Years alſo voted in that Election; but he could not ſay what Terms they held under.

Benjamin Bourn ſaid, He has lived at *Weſtbury* Sixty Years; and that all Perſons living within the Borough, whether Whole, Half, or Quarter, Burgages, or Tenants for Years, or Copyholders for Life, had voted in all his time; and that, 30 Years ago, *William Cockle*, who was reported to have only a Leaſe for 21 Years abſolute, was allowed to vote in a controverted Election.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel produced the Journals of the Houſe of Commons, in the following controverted Elections; *viz.*

1ſt *December* 1702. When the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Owners of Burgage-Houſes; no Diſtinction was then taken of Quarter-Burgages: The Objection was only to Leaſeholders for Years abſolute: And *James Edgill*, and others, gave Evidence, That Tenants for Years abſolute were always reputed to have a Right; and gave an Inſtance of one *Browne* voting under a Leaſe for 99 Years abſolute: And the Houſe then adjudged, That Leaſeholders for Years abſolute had a Right to vote.

26° *November* 1680. *Samuel Gibbs*, the Mayor, was ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to anſwer, at the Bar of the Houſe, for great Miſdemeanors by him committed in that Election and Return.

William Cockle and *Benjamin Bourne* were called: And, confronting each other, touching *Cockle*'s Voting;

Cockle ſaid, That both he and his Father always voted for a Copyhold; and that neither of them ever voted for a Leaſe of Years:

Bourne ſaid, That neither of the *Cockles* ever had a Copyhold; but they had a Leaſehold, and always voted for that:

Cockle, in Reply, ſaid, His Father had a Copyhold 50 Years, for which he voted; and that he had been dead 30 Years.

That the Committee came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, is in every Tenant of any Burgage-Tenement, in Fee for Life, or Ninety-nine Years determinable on Lives, or by Copy of Court-Roll, paying a Burgage-Rent of Four Pence, or Two Pence, yearly; being reſident within the Borough, and not receiving Alms.

That the Poll was;

For Mr. *Bertie*, 29: For Lord *Carbery*, 19:
Mr. *Anneſley*, 28: Mr. *Allanſon*, 18.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected to 16 of the Sitting-Members Voters, as having no Right; and alleged, They ſhould add 12 to the Petitioners Poll, who had a Right, and were refuſed.

To take off the 16 objected to, they called the following Witneſſes;

Wm. Cockle and *Thomas Phipps:* By whoſe Evidence it appeared, That *James Clift*, the Voter, had confeſſed, His Father had only a Chattel-Leaſe; and that Mr. *Poulgrain*, the Earl of *Abingdon*'s Steward, had told him, He could not renew till the Election was over; becauſe it would be Bribery if he did: That his Father died inteſtate, and left a Widow, who is in Poſſeſſion:

And the Petitioners Counſel objected, That there was no Adminiſtration taken out to the Father:

The other Side produced a Leaſe to the Father for 99 Years determinable on Three Lives; and Letters of Adminiſtration granted to the Voter.

It appeared by the Evidence of *Wm. Cockle*, *Richard Connop*, and *John Sly*, That *Thomas Gray* voted for a Houſe granted in Leaſe to *John Watts*, deceaſed; who left a Wife and a Daughter: That *Gray* was in Poſſeſſion; but they did not know by what Title:

To this it was anſwered, The Poſſeſſion was an Evidence of a good Title, unleſs a better appeared.

John Withers, *Wm. Sweetland*, ſaid, That *John Barker* voted for a Houſe which his Mother and he live in; and that *Barker* confeſſed, His Father had mortgaged the Leaſe:

The other Side produced a Leaſe to *Barker*'s Father, determinable on Three Lives; and Letters of Adminiſtration to the Father granted to the Voter.

Thomas Brown, *John Sly*, and *Zach. Bayly*, ſaid, That *Patrick Mackay* voted for a Copyhold Tenement, formerly *Wm. Cockle*'s; and that *John Sly* was in Poſſeſſion at the time of the Election, as Tenant to *Samuel Gibbs*; who paid the Poor-Rate for it as his own Houſe:

On the other Side it appeared, That *Suſan Cockle*, who has been dead 18 Years, was admitted to this Houſe in 1681: That *Samuel Gibbs* purchaſed it of *William Cockle* in *January* 171$\frac{2}{3}$; and that, in *December* laſt, *Patrick Mackay* was admitted thereto, as a Purchaſer from *Samuel Gibbs:* And *Mackay*'s Payment of his Purchaſe-money was proved:

But the Petitioners Counſel objected to the Title, for want of a Surrender to *Gibbs*.

Roger Kelloway ſaid, That the Tenement for which *William Amills* and *Samuel Bigood* voted, was never but One Half-Burgage, till, about 10 Years ago, it was divided into Two Tenements; before which Diviſion it never had but One Vote:

On the other Side,

George Amills ſaid, This was always Two Half-Burgages; and that, for above 40 Years, he had known Two Voters allowed for it.

John Kelloway ſaid, His Father told him, That *James Kelloway* ſhewed him Four Guineas, which, he ſaid, Mr. *Poulgrain*, the Lord *Abingdon*'s Servant, gave him to vote for the Sitting-Members; and ſaid, They would not let him have his Leaſe till the Election-day:

To which it was anſwered, That this Evidence was only Hearſay.

Wm. Sweetland and *William Jorden* ſaid, That *Michael Goddard* voted for the Houſe which his Mother is in Poſſeſſion of; and in which ſhe has her Widow's Eſtate; and that *Michael Goddard* has confeſſed, He had no Intereſt in the Houſe:

Wm.

Wm. Amylls, on the other Side, ſaid, That *Michael Goddard* has been in Poſſeſſion near 40 Years; and has voted before for this Tenement, which is Copyhold; and that his Mother alſo lives in it:

Wm. Jorden ſaid, That *Jonas Dier* has, for ſome Years, lived in the Houſe he voted for; but it was generally reported, That he never had any Leaſe of it:

To which it was anſwered, That this was only Hearſay.

Joan Carpenter ſaid, That *William Syms* voted for his Mother's Houſe, in which they both live together: That ſhe heard *Syms* ſay, His Mother would not let him vote, unleſs my Lord *Abingdon* added Two Lives to the Leaſe; and that he had no Title till ſince the Election:

The other Side produced a Title to *William Syms*, by Aſſignment from the Mother, executed in *December* laſt.

Wm. Cockle ſaid, That *Michael Bayly* voted for a Quarter-Burgage; and that his Vote had been always denied:

This Vote was not inſiſted on.

Thomas Browne and *John Hayward* ſaid, They did not know, that the Houſe for which *Philip Bendall* voted had any Vote:

But *Hayward* owned, The former Poſſeſſors had voted; and that it had been voted for at Three former Elections:

Upon which Evidence the other Side reſted his Title.

Wm. Cockle ſaid, That the Houſe for which *Samuel Watts* ſenior voted is a Quarter-Burgage: And,

Walter Smith ſaid, That *Clift*, the former Owner, had ſometimes voted; and was ſometimes refuſed, when they did not want Quarter-Burgages; Mr. *Gibbs* refuſed him, telling him, There was no Occaſion for him: That *Watts* has had it Ten Years; and his Vote was always accepted, becauſe it was in the Earl of *Abingdon*'s Intereſt:

Upon this Evidence of Voting, the other Side reſted his Title.

Wm. Jorden ſaid, He had heard *Samuel Watts* junior confeſs, His Houſe was mortgaged by *John Hancock*, the former Owner, to *George Turner*; but the Witneſs ſaid, *Turner* never was in Poſſeſſion: That *Watts* had not Poſſeſſion 12 Months; and this was the Firſt time he voted:

The other Side produced a Leaſe from the Earl of *Abingdon* to *George Turner*, dated 5 *December* 1711; and *Turner*'s Aſſignment to *Watts* thereof, dated 24th *June* 1714, for 25 *l.* Conſideration-money.

Wm. Cockle ſaid, He very well knew *James Manſell*; and knew, that he had no Burgage-Houſe, and nothing to vote for.

Wm. Jorden ſaid, That *Roger Perkin* has lived ſome Years in the Town; but never voted before; and that he had nothing to vote for:

On the other Side, it was inſiſted, This Evidence was not ſufficient to take off the Votes of *Manſell* and *Perkin*.

It was proved, That the 16 Perſons before-named, were objected to at the time of the Election.

To add 12 to the Petitioners Poll, who were proved to have offered their Votes for the Petitioners, but were refuſed;

Mr. *Edgill* ſaid, That the Wife of *John Whitacre*, the Voter, was Daughter of *Edward Paſhion*, who was a Copyholder for Three Lives:

And produced the Admiſſion of *Paſhion*; and ſaid, He thought *Whitaker* lived at *Bratton*; but could not tell whether he lived at *Weſtbury*, or not:

Wm. Cockle ſaid, That *Whitaker* had a Burgage-Houſe; and that he lived within the Borough before the *Teſte* of the Writ, and at the time of the Election; but his Family was at *Bratton*, which is in the Pariſh of *Weſtbury*, but Two Miles from the Borough:

Benjam. Bourne and *John Coe*, on the other Side, ſaid, That *Whitaker* and his Family have lived at *Bratton* theſe 20 Years: That he comes to Market every Week; but never was reſident, nor kept Houſe nor Servant within the Borough; and, though he has a Copyhold there in Right of his Wife, they never knew him vote before.

A Leaſe was produced from *John Withers* to *Philip Withers*, who voted, dated 4 *October* 1714: And,

John Phips and *Thomas Phips*, the Witneſſes to the Execution of this Leaſe, being examined, ſaid, They ſaw the Leaſe ſealed, and delivered, by *John Withers*, for the Uſe of his Brother *Philip*:

Being croſs-examined, they ſaid, They ſaw no Money paid: But *John* declared, He was ſatisfied with the Conſideration: It was executed at Mr. *Cockle*'s Houſe:

John Phips ſaid, It was executed on the Day of the Date, or the Day after: And,

Thomas Phips ſaid, It was executed in *December* laſt, about *Chriſtmas*:

They ſaid, That *Philip* was not then preſent: That *John Withers*, after he had ſealed it, took it into his Cuſtody, for his Brother *Philip*'s Uſe: That *Philip* is in Poſſeſſion, and his Mother lives with him; and they did not believe it to be a fraudulent Deed:

To this, on the Sitting-Members Side,

Samuel Sweetland ſaid, That, Three Weeks after the Election, *Philip Withers* told him, That his Grandfather, who died inteſtate, had promiſed to make a Leaſe to his Mother, for the Lives of her, him, and his Siſter; and had given a verbal Direction to his Brother *John* to grant ſuch a Leaſe; but he would not ſeal any: And,

John Barker ſaid, That he was in Company with *Philip Withers* upon the 20th of *March* laſt, when *Philip* owned, He had no Right or Title from his Brother *John*.

A Conveyance to *Walter Smith* was produced; but not proved:

Roger Tucker ſaid, That *Smith* has voted Eight or Ten Years for a Half-Burgage, which his Father voted for before:

On the Sitting-Members Side,

Samuel Sweetland ſaid, *Smith* lives a Mile and a Half out of the Borough.

As to *William Cockle*, who alſo voted for the Petitioners;

An Aſſignment of a Half-Burgage was produced, from *Grace Cockle* to *Henry Murford*, dated 6 *May* 1702; and a ſubſequent Aſſignment from *Murford* to *William Cockle*, the Voter, dated 29 *December* 1714: The Conſideration mentioned in each Aſſignment is 10 *l.*: But,

Grace, being called, denied her Hand; and ſaid, The Deed went for nothing: That ſhe never aſſigned, or parted with, the Houſe to *Murford*, nor ever received any thing for it; and that ſhe has always had the Poſſeſſion, and received the Profits.

A Leaſe from the Earl of *Abingdon* to *Adam Watts* was produced, dated 1 *May* 1683; and an Aſſignment thereof, dated 1ſt *January* 1714, from *Anne Watts*, as Executrix of her Mother *Margaret Watts*, to *William Hilman*, the Voter: And the Witneſs to it ſaid, That Aſſignment was executed above a Week before the Election:

It appeared by Certificate from the Regiſter of *Sarum*, That Letter of Adminiſtration to *Margaret Watts* had not iſſued:

Zach. Bayly ſaid, He knew *Anne Watts* was in Poſſeſſion at *Chriſtmas* laſt; and knew ſhe had ſold to *Hilman*:

On the other Side, it was objected, That it did not appear *Margaret Watts* had any Title: And,

James Kemp, being called, ſaid, That, about Three Days after the Election, *Anne Watts* had offered to lett this Eſtate.

As to *John Sly*, who offered to vote for the Petitioners;

A Leaſe was produced from the Earl of *Abingdon* to *Francis Amiot*, in 1700; and an Aſſignment by *Elizabeth Amiot*, as Widow and Adminiſtratrix of *Francis*, to *Thomas Uſher*, in 1706; and a ſubſequent Aſſignment from *Eliz. Uſher*, as Widow and Adminiſtratrix of *Thomas Uſher*, to *John Sly*, executed in *December* laſt: And,

It was proved, That *Sly* is in Poſſeſſion, and pays the Rates:

To which it was objected, That Poſſeſſion, without a Title, was not ſufficient; and that no Adminiſtration was produced, either to *Francis* or *Eliz. Amiot*, or *Elizabeth Uſher*:

Mr.

Mr. *Cockle*, in Anſwer to this, ſaid, He had, ſince the Election, demanded the Letters of Adminiſtration to the *Amiots*, of Mr. *Theophilus Dyer*, the Regiſter of *Sarum*, and offered him his Fees; but that *Dyer* refuſed to iſſue ſuch Adminiſtration; and ſaid, None ſhould go till this Diſpute was over.

An Aſſignment from *Thomas Norton*, and his Wife, to *Thomas Wright*, who voted, was produced, and proved to be executed at Mr. *Cockle*'s Houſe, in *October* laſt, for 100 *l.* Conſideration; of which, the Witneſs ſaid, *Wright* paid down 30 *l.* and gave a Note of his Hand for the reſt: That *Wright* carried away the Deed; and was in Poſſeſſion at the time of the Election:

Wm. Turner was called on the other Side; and ſaid, That, in the latter End of *December* laſt, *Wright* declared to him, That he had no Title to vote.

Wm. Cockle ſaid, That his Brother *John Cockle*, who voted, had been in the Poſſeſſion of a Burgage 18 Years; and voted for it in the controverted Election between Mr. *Trenchard* and Mr. *Bertie*.

The Sitting-Members Counſel offered to produce a Leaſe to *Suſan Cockle*, who was admitted to be dead; and it appeared by Certificate, that nobody had yet adminiſtred to her.

A Leaſe, dated 15 *January* 1714, from *George* and *William Taylor* to *John Seaſon*, who voted, was produced, and proved to be executed at Mr. *Cockle*'s Houſe, about a Fortnight before the Election: And,

The Leaſe appeared to be but for 80 Years, determinable on Two Lives.

Matthias Amiat claimed by a Leaſe for 99 Years, determinable on the Life of *Edmund Patient* the Leſſor, who was a Copyholder for Life: And,

The other Side inſiſted, This was not a good Title; for that ſuch a Copyholder could not grant ſuch a Leaſe:

Wm. Turner ſaid, That *Patient* is in Gaol; and confeſſed to him, That he had but a Guinea for his Eſtate.

Thomas Browne ſaid, *Thomas Amills*, who voted for the Petitioners, has been in Poſſeſſion of a Burgage-Tenement many Years; and his Vote was taken in former Elections: And,

That *Wm. Sweetland*, who voted, has lived in a Burgage-Houſe about 40 Years: And both are Tenants to the Earl of *Abingdon:*

On the other Side, it was objected, That *Amills*' Title was not ſufficiently proved: And,

William Sweedland, being examined, ſaid, That himſelf lives in *London*; and has ſo done for Seven or Eight Years paſt.

On the Head of ill Practices; the Petitioners Counſel obſerved, upon the Poll, That all the Sitting-Members Voters were taken, before any one was polled for the Petitioners: And they called,

John Kelloway: Who ſaid, That Six of the Sitting-Members Voters, *viz. Samuel Watts* ſenior, *Samuel Watts* junior, *Roger Kelloway*, *John Barker*, *Samuel Sweetland*, and *Roger Perkin*, were ſent, Six Miles out of Town, to *Weſt-Lavington*, on the *Friday* Night before the Election; and were entertained at an Inn there, from that time to *Tueſday* Morning, when the Election was: On *Saturday* the Witneſs was there; the Maſter of the Houſe told him, They muſt not go home till the Morning of the Election; and they ſaid, They would go home time enough to ſpeak the Word; and that they got drunk Three times a Day: The Witneſs ſaw them at the Earl of *Abingdon*'s on *Saturday* Night and *Monday* Morning; and, on *Tueſday* Morning, they came to the Election with his Lordſhip, on Horſes provided for them; but they went out of Town on Foot:

Nicolas Humphrys ſaid, That none of thoſe Six Voters had any Horſes of their own; and that they came to the Poll on Horſeback, with the Earl of *Abingdon:*

Thomas Phipps ſaid, That *James Kelloway* told him, Mr. *Poulgrain* refuſed to let him have his Leaſe till after the Election; and threatened to take away his Houſe, if he would not vote for the Sitting-Members; before which, *Kelloway* had told the Witneſs, He would vote for the Petitioners:

That *John Barker*, about a Week before the Election, declared, That he would vote for the Petitioners; but Mr. *Baxter*, who had his Leaſe in Mortgage, upon which there was about 16 *l.* due, refuſed to let him have his Leaſe till after the Election; and told him, He ſhould never have it, if he voted againſt the Sitting-Members.

Wm. Jorden ſaid, That the Earl of *Abingdon* made a publick Treat a little before this Election; and that there had been, once in Three Years, diſtributed among the Voters a conſiderable Number of Guineas, in Wheat, Woollen, or Linen, under the Denomination of *Bertie* and *Anneſley:* The Firſt Diſtribution was about Six Years ago; ſince which, it had been done twice or thrice; and the laſt time was about a Twelvemonth ago, or not ſo much, when the Witneſs received his Proportion, to the Value of a Guinea, in Wheat:

Being examined to the laſt Time, in particular; he declared, He could not be poſitive in that to a Month; nor whether it was before or after the Queen's Death: But ſaid, It was diſtributed under the Denomination of *Bertie* and *Anneſley*; and that none but Voters had it.

Thomas Browne ſaid, That Mr. *William Bourne*, the Mayor, declared publickly, in a Court held about a Fortnight or Three Weeks before the Election, That he would return Mr. *Bertie* and Mr. *Anneſley*, though the other Candidates ſhould have a Majority: He ſaid, Several other Perſons were preſent; but he did not know their Names.

Thomas Neat ſaid, That, about a Week before the Election, upon the Day the Earl of *Abingdon* came to *Weſtbury*, *James Coward*, who took the Poll for the Sitting-Members, ſollicited his Father's Vote; and ſaid, He came from the Earl of *Abingdon*; and aſſured his Father, That his Lordſhip had promiſed, upon his Honour, That he ſhould have a farther Eſtate in his Houſe, if he voted for the Sitting-Members; and *Coward* offered Security for it, by a Bond of 100 *l.*; but did not ſay what he was to pay for ſuch further Eſtate.

Roger Kelloway ſaid, That his Son *James Kelloway* ſhewed him Four Guineas, which, he ſaid, Mr. *Poulgrain*, the Earl of *Abingdon*'s Steward, on the *Wedneſday* or *Thurſday* before *Chriſtmas*, gave him, to vote for whom his Lordſhip ſhould deſire; and that *Paulgrave* ſollicited Votes for his Lordſhip's Friends, the Sitting-Members.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel objected againſt Nine of the Petitioners Voters; *viz.* againſt *John Auſtin*, as being in the ſame Caſe with *Samuel Watts* junior, a Voter for the Sitting-Members, whoſe Houſe was in Mortgage:

To which it was anſwered, That *Watts*'s Title was good; but his Vote vitiated by Bribery.

Wm. Turner ſaid, That the Houſe for which his Brother *John Turner* voted was a Leaſe, to which himſelf, and his other Brother, had an equal Title with his Brother *John:* That his Father had been dead 18 Years; and that the Houſe is now in Leaſe to *William Hall*, from *John Turner:*

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, His Brother *John* voted without Oppoſition.

The Sitting-Members Counſel produced the Leaſe to the Father, dated 19 *November* 1692: And,

The Petitioners Counſel produced an Aſſignment thereof from *Wm. Turner* the Witneſs, and *Robert Turner*, as Two Executors of the Father, unto the other Executor, their Brother, *John Turner* the Voter: But,

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected, for want of producing the Father's Will, or any thing to manifeſt their Title to aſſign.

Henry Cocks was objected to, as having no Title under his Father:

A Leaſe to *Robert Cocks* the Father was produced, dated *November* 8th, 1693: And,

Samuel Gibbs ſaid, That *Joan*, the Widow of *Robert Cocks*, had been in Poſſeſſion ever ſince his Death; and that *Henry* lives with her, and never voted before.

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The Petitioners Counſel offered to prove a Poſſeſſion in *Henry Cocks*; and that he had always voted:

To which it was anſwered, That would not do, without a Title.

Matthew Neate was objected to, for want of Letters of Adminiſtration to the Father:

A Leaſe to the Father was produced, dated 28 *April* 1670: And,

Benjamin Bourne, being examined on both Sides, ſaid, That *Neate* the Father had been dead 10 or 12 Years; his Widow is living; he left Three Children, *Matthew* the Voter, and Two Daughters; and that *Matthew* the Voter had been in Poſſeſſion ever ſince the Father's Death; but he never knew him vote before.

Roger Fricker was objected to, as having no Title under his Mother: And,

A Copy of the Father's Will, dated 15 *November* 1708, was produced; whereby he deviſes the Weſt End of his Houſe, and the Uſe of his Goods there, and Half the Garden, to his Wife *Alice*, during her Widowhood; and reſerves to his Executors, his Three Sons, the Malting-Rooms:

To juſtify this Vote, the Petitioners Counſel produced an Aſſignment of the Houſe, dated 10 *May* 1709, from Two of the Three Executors, to *Roger Fricker* the Voter, who is the other Executor: And,

It was replied on the Sitting-Members Side, That the Mother, who had her Widow's Eſtate in the Houſe, had not aſſigned.

George Taylor was objected to, as voting under a Leaſe to his Father, who died inteſtate, and no Adminiſtration is taken out to him:

No Leaſe was produced; but it was proved, That the Father died in Poſſeſſion, and the Voter is his eldeſt Son.

Thomas Norton was objected to, as having no Title:

A Leaſe to *Henry Belton*, deceaſed, dated 30 *September* 1668, was produced: And,

It was proved, That *Samuel Norton*, the Voter's Father, married *Belton*'s Daughter; and that ſhe is in Poſſeſſion:

To which it was anſwered by the Petitioners Counſel, That this Leaſe was expired, and a new one granted to the Voter in 1707:

But ſuch new Leaſe was not proved.

John Amills was objected to, as having no Title under *Cicely* and *Mary Jones*, to whom a Leaſe was granted, dated 1 *April* 1682:

It was anſwered on the Petitioners Side, That this Leaſe was expired; and they produced a new Leaſe, granted to the Voter, dated 26 *March* 1704:

To which it was replied, That *Amills* was diſqualified by Bribery.

Benjamin Bourne ſaid, That he knows *Richard Clacey*'s Houſe is a Quarter-Burgage:

William Sweetland, on the other Side, ſaid, He formerly collected the Rents, and then this Houſe was a Half-Burgage; but he could not ſay what it is now.

On the Head of Bribery, the Sitting-Members Counſel called the following Witneſſes; *viz.*

Samuel Watts junior ſaid, He voted for the Sitting-Members; but that Mr. *Robert Holton* offered him 20 *l.* to redeem a Mortgage upon his Houſe, if he would have voted for the Petitioners.

Samuel Sweetland ſaid, He was preſent when Mr. *Holton* offered *Watts* this 20 *l.*; and that *Holton* then ſaid, If they could have ſuch Men choſe as the Petitioners, they would regulate the Saints Days, and Ceremonies of the Church, that they might become one People.

Geo. Amills and *Wm. Amills* ſaid, They heard *John Davis*, who is dead, declare, That he would have voted for the Sitting-Members; but that he voted, againſt his Conſcience, for the Petitioners, becauſe Mr. *Holton* and *Gibbs* proffered him 10 *l.* for it: He complained, that he had it not; and, to the time of his Death, repented this Voting againſt his Conſcience, for Money.

James Kemp ſaid, That, when the Lord *Carbery* firſt came down, he aſked the Witneſs, If he was any-ways incumbred; and proffered to relieve him, as far as 10 Guineas would go, if he was.

Sam. Bigood, *Sam. Sweetland*, and *Wm. Amills*, ſaid, *John Amills* confeſſed to them, That he would have voted for the Sitting-Members; but voted for the Petitioners, becauſe *John* and *Thomas Phipps* promiſed him 10 Guineas; which, he has ſince declared, he is to receive as ſoon as the Petition is over, whether the Petitioners prevail or not:

Wm. Amills, being croſs-examined, owned, He had laid a Guinea with *Zach. Bayly*, about the Succeſs of this Cauſe.

Anto. Clacey ſaid, That *Richard Clacey* told him, He was offered ſome Money to vote for the Petitioners; but did not ſay by whom, or what; and that he put his Hand to a Writing, but did not know what it was.

Eliz. Auſtin ſaid, She was preſent when the Petitioner the Lord *Carbery* deſired her Mother to make a Bargain with any of the Voters for their Votes; and particularly with *John Hayward*; her Mother bargained with him for 15 Guineas; which his Lordſhip being afterwards acquainted with, approved, and ſaid, He would pay the Money:

That his Lordſhip put 10 Guineas into her Hand, to engage her Father's Vote; but ſhe returned the Money:

That *Richard Tracey* was guarded about the Town by another Perſon, to prevent his going over to the Sitting-Members.

Wm. Adlam ſaid, That *Wm. Jorden* offered him 10 Guineas to vote for the Petitioners: He voted for the Sitting-Members; but was not polled.

Sam. Sweetland ſaid, He heard *Jorden* own, ſince the Election, That he had depoſited 10 Guineas in the Hands of a Third Perſon to be given to *Adams*, if he voted for the Petitioners.

John Hale ſaid, He ſaw the Petitioner the Lord *Carbery* draw out his Purſe, and offer *Henry Cocks* 20 Guineas for his Vote: He ſaw no Money produced; but heard it rattle in the Purſe.

Samuel Sweetland ſaid, That *Zach. Bayly*, who made Intereſt for the Petitioner, told him, There was Two Gentlemen ſent down by my Lord Chancellor *Cowper*, and now was the time to do his Family Service: He offered the Witneſs 30 Guineas to vote for the Petitioners; and ſaid, If that was not enough, he ſhould have 40 or 50; and if the Witneſs would engage his Brother-in-law *Michael Goddard*, *Bayly* promiſed him 1,000 *l.* Security, That he ſhould have a Place in the Stamp-Office, which *Gibbs* formerly had; and ſaid, That now it lay in my Lord Chancellor's Breaſt to diſpoſe of that Office as he pleaſed:

Bayly likewiſe ſaid to him, That my Lord Chancellor had Power to turn out what Juſtices of the Peace he thought fit; and that Mr. *Long* would be put out, and Mr. *Bennet* put in: That Mr. *Long* made Intereſt for the Sitting-Members, and Mr. *Bennet* for the Petitioners: That Mr. *Bennet* has a Parſonage at *Weſtbury*, of 3 or 400 *l.* a Year; and that the Witneſs, and his Brother *Goddard*, voted for the Sitting-Members:

This Witneſs alſo ſaid, That *Robert Hooper*, ſome time before the Election, told him, and his Brother *Goddard*, That if they would vote for the Petitioners, they ſhould have 100 *l.* for a Hayrick; which was *Goddard*'s, and was but worth 5 *l.*:

The Witneſs ſaid, He keeps the Books for the *London* Waggon; had 5 *l.* a Year Wages; and that his Maſter acquainted him, He had received Commands from Mr. *Robert Holton* to turn him out of his Service, unleſs he voted for the Petitioners:

That his Father, *Wm. Sweetland*, who came down Ten Days before the Election, and lodged at *William Cockle*'s, told the Witneſs, He was to be there free-coſt as long as he ſtaid in Town: That he was ſent down by Mr. *Bere*, a Commiſſioner of the Victualing-Office; and that his

Charges were borne, and his Wages went on the mean time; and, ſince the Election, he has a Watchman's Place upon *Tower* Wharf:

That Mr. *Read*, ſome time before the Election, invited the Witneſs, in the Duke of *Bolton*'s Name, to a Treat at *John Hayward*'s; and ſhewed him a Letter, ſigned *Bolton*, deſiring him to come to *Weſtbury*, and, in the Duke's Name, to make Intereſt for the Petitioners.

Sam. Gibbs ſaid, That, upon the *Monday* the Writs bore Date, Mr. *Read* ſhewed him a Letter which he received that Morning, and was dated the *Saturday* before, from the Duke of *Bolton*, authorizing him to make Intereſt for the Petitioners: The Subſtance of the Letter was, That the Duke deſired *Read* to go to *Weſtbury*, and give his Service to the Voters; and that his Grace would take their Votes for the Petitioners as a Favour:

The Witneſs could not ſay it was the Duke's Hand; but ſaid, It was ſigned *Bolton*, in capital Letters: That *Read* deſired of the Witneſs (being Churchwarden), That the Bells might ring on that Occaſion; which he refuſing, *Read* replied, If he would not let them be merry with the Bells, they would be merry without them; and that *Read* invited the Voters to a Treat that Day.

Sam. Bigood ſaid, He heard *Thomas Hayward* declare, That he got 50 *l.* for his Father's voting for the Petitioners.

Michael Bayly ſaid, Mr. *John Cooper* offered to cloath his Three Children, if he would vote for the Petitioners.

Wm. Sims ſaid, That, 22d *January* laſt, Mr. *Robert Holton* offered him 10 Guineas to vote for the Petitioners; or if he would not vote, offered him the ſame Sum, and a Horſe to carry him out of Town.

John Adlam ſaid, The Lord *Carbery* offered any Money for his Vote; that he did not vote: And that he had been threatened by *William Jorden* upon Account of his giving Evidence.

Sam. Sweetland ſaid, That *George Taylor*, One of the Petitioners Voters, ſaid to him in the Market-place, ſince the Election, That it was a damned, toadiſh, whiggiſh, low, Parliament; and that he was ſure the Petitioners would be brought in, had they had but Ten Votes: And that *Wm. Jorden* had threatened him if he gave Evidence.

Wm. Kemp ſaid, *Roger Fricker* threatened him, That he ſhould be thrown into *Newgate* if he came up on the Sitting-Members Side.

Samuel Sweetland ſaid, That *Thomas Brown*, a Witneſs for the Petitioner, is a lazy, troubleſome Fellow: That, in 1710, he ſtole a Hood from his Lodgings, which he afterwards returned with Shame; and that he enticed a Woman from her Huſband, and kept her all Night.

To invalidate the Credit of *Sam. Sweetland*, a Witneſs for the Sitting-Members, the Petitioners Counſel, on their Reply, called,

Walter Smith: Who ſaid, That, ſome time before the Election, when the Petitioners firſt came down, *Sweetland* told him, That, if the Petitioners would give him 50 *l.* he would vote for them himſelf, and bring Two others; and would diſcover all the Roguery in the Borough:

That *Sweetland* is a Bailiff, and has as ill a Character in the Corporation as any-body:

This Witneſs, being croſs-examined, owned, himſelf was, Two Years ago, a Week in *Saliſbury* Gaol; but ſaid, It was for no Harm:

Hugh Whatley ſaid, That *Samuel Sweetland* is a Bailiff, a ſcandalous Fellow, of very ill Reputation, and a great Lyer.

All the Leaſes, produced on either Side, appeared to be ſuch, as give a Qualification to vote within the Reſolution of the Committee; except thoſe to *John Seaſon* and *Matthias Amiat*, who the Petitioners would add to their Poll.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Honourable *Willoughby Bertie* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Francis Anneſley* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right Honourable *George* Lord *Carbery*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Charles Allanſon* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, is in every Tenant of any Burgage-Tenement in Fee for Life, or Ninety-nine Years determinable on Lives, or by Copy of Court-roll, paying a Burgage-rent of Four Pence or Two Pence yearly, being reſident within the Borough, and not receiving Alms.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Honourable *Willoughby Bertie* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Briſtow:*	178.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Calvert:*	107.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Francis Anneſley* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right Honourable *George* Lord *Carbery* of the Kingdom of *Ireland* is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Benſon:*	174.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *James Bertie*, Mr. *Herbert:*	103

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Fifth Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Charles Allanſon* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weſtbury*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, by raſing out the Names of the Honourable *Willoughby Bertie* Eſquire, and *Francis Anneſley* Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of the Right Honourable *George* Lord *Carbery* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and *Charles Allanſon* Eſquire.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*, be now received;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Chetwynd:* } 165.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Winſor*, Mr. *Eden:* } 80.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Hampden* accordingly, according to Order, reported from the ſaid Committee, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the ſaid Election, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Edward Minſhull* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *Thomas Styles* Baronet for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex:*

That it was agreed, That *Bramber* is a Borough by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in the Perſons inhabiting in ancient Houſes, or in Houſes built on ancient Foundations, paying Scot and Lot.

That the Poll was;

For Sir *Tho. Styles* — — — — 17:
Mr. *Minſhull* — — — — 13.

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected to Seven of the Sitting-Member's Voters; and alleged, they ſhould add Four to the Petitioner's Poll.

Richard Parſons, *Philip Caplin*, and *Thomas Potter*, ſaid, *John Seward* Eſquire came down about an Hour or Two before the Election; and went away immediately after it: That he voted for an empty Houſe belonging to the Lord *Windſor*; and never was an Inhabitant at *Bramber.*

On the Sitting-Member's Side,

It appeared by the Rates, That Mr. *Seward* paid to Church and Poor for a Houſe:

And *Thomas Waller* ſaid, Mr. *Seward* has had a Burgage-houſe ſome Years, for which he has voted before; and the Widow *Symonds* lives in it, but as his Servant only: That Mr. *Seward* came down about a Week before the Election; and eat at the Witneſs's Houſe; but he could not ſay where he lay.

That it appeared by the Evidence of

Thomas Potter, *Richard Parſons*, and *Philip Caplin*, That Mr. *John Thompſon* is the Lord *Windſor*'s Steward; he now voted for a Houſe where the Widow *Symonds* lives: In former Elections, he voted ſometimes for one Houſe, and ſometimes for another: He never came down but againſt an Election; and never was an Inhabitant:

That, on the Sitting-Member's Side, it appeared by the Rates, That Mr. *Thompſon* is rated; and it was proved, he paid to Church and Poor for a Houſe: And

Thomas Waller ſaid, That Mr. *Thompſon* has voted for a Houſe in the Borough at Two or Three Elections: It goes in his Name; but the Witneſs could not ſay whether he lay in it, or not.

Philip Caplin and *Thomas Potter* ſaid, That *Stephen Ruſſell* was no Inhabitant: He voted for an empty Houſe; and that he came about an Hour or Two before the Election; and went away in a little time after it.

On the Sitting-Member's Side,

Thomas Waller ſaid, That *Stephen Ruſſell* has a Houſe in the Town, for which he pays Scot and Lot; and that he has voted before for the ſame Houſe:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, Mr. *Ruſſell* came ſome Days before the Election; and had lived in the Houſe more than Two Hours at a time: The Witneſs had ſeen him there; but could not ſay the Day when; and that a Widow keeps the Houſe for him, only as his Servant.

Thomas Potter ſaid, That *Richard Chipper* is no Inhabitant; has no Houſe in the Borough; is a yearly Servant to a Farmer who lives Six Miles off; and voted for the Widow *Norris*'s Houſe:

Being croſs-examined, the Witneſs ſaid, *Chipper* voted once or twice before; and was then a yearly Servant to one who lived within the Pariſh, but out of the Borough:

Thomas Waller, on the Sitting-Member's Side, ſaid, That *Chipper* had voted in former Elections; and that he lived with the Farmer but ſometimes, when he pleaſed; and was not a yearly Servant to him:

That *Chipper* has been Four or Five Years an Inhabitant in the Pariſh; pays Scot and Lot; has a Houſe within the Borough, for which he voted; and lived in that Houſe at the time of the Election:

Being croſs-examined, the Witneſs ſaid, He had known *Chipper* live in the Borough Half a Year together: That the Widow *Norris* now lives in the Houſe, and keeps it for him.

Thomas Potter and *Edward Bud* ſaid, That *John Griffith* was no Inhabitant: He lived a Mile out of the Borough; came Two or Three Nights before the Election to the Widow *Pelham*'s; and voted for her Houſe:

Mr. *Thomas Pyke*, on the Sitting-Member's Side, ſaid, That he lett this Houſe to *John Griffith* Half a Year ago; that he came into it Ten Days before the Election, and has reſided there ever ſince.

Joſeph Hogtrough and *Thomas Hodges* ſaid, That *Evan Griffith* is no Inhabitant within the Borough: He lives at a Farm which is within the Pariſh of *Steyning*, but a Mile out of the Borough of *Bramber*; and that he voted for the Widow *Pelham*'s Houſe, where he never lived:

That, on the Sitting-Member's Side;

Thomas Waller ſaid, *Evan Griffith* pays to Church and Poor; and has polled ſeveral times: And

Mr. *Thomas Pyke* ſaid, *Evan Griffith*'s Farm is out of the Borough; but the Houſe he lived in at the time of the Election is within the Borough; and that he has known him poll for Ten Years paſt, and never was diſputed, or objected to, by any Candidate.

Being croſs-examined, the Witneſs ſaid, The Widow *Pelham* would have taken this Houſe; but he had lett it before to *Griffith:* Upon which, ſhe went to *Griffith*; and he agreed to let her live in the Houſe, and take care of it for him, as his Servant, and to have nothing for her Pains.

Thomas Potter, *Edward Bud*, and *Thomas Hodges*, ſaid, That *Thomas Bawcomb* lives in the Borough of *Steyning*; is no Inhabitant in this Borough; and voted for the new End of an ancient Houſe where a Widow lives; and he never inhabited, or had any Goods, there:

That, on the other Side, it appeared by the Rates, That *Bawcombe* is rated; and it was proved he paid the Rates for a Houſe within the Borough: And

Mr. *Pyke* ſaid, He knew the Houſe where *Bawcomb* lives is within the Borough of *Bramber*, and a Burgage-houſe; and that he had voted for it at Two former Elections.

On the Petitioner's Side,

Thomas Hodges ſaid, That when theſe Perſons came to the Poll, they made a great Cry for the Church, though they do not frequent it.

To add Four to the Petitioner's Poll, who were proved to have offered their Votes for him, and were not taken;

Thomas Churcher and *Mary Potter* ſaid, That *Nicolas Wilkins* is an Inhabitant of a Houſe adjoining to *Thomas Potter*'s, which are diſtinct Tenements, and pay ſeparate Rents, and always had Two Votes; and that the Lord *Windſor*, Ten Years ago, gave *Churcher*, who then lived in that Part where *Wilkins* now lives, Twenty Pounds for his Vote.

That, on the Sitting-Member's Side,

Thomas Waller ſaid, *Wilkins* lives in Part of the Widow *Potter*'s Houſe: That both Parts are but One Burgage; and never had but One Vote till about Six or Seven Years ago, when it was divided between Two Tenants; and both voted ſince that time: And

Mr. *Pyke* ſaid, They never pretended to give Two Votes for this Tenement till *May* 1708: That the Lord *Windſor*, after he purchaſed, would never ſuffer but One; and that his Lordſhip always before thought the giving Two Votes for it was wrong.

Thomas Hodges and *Thomas Potter* ſaid, That the Houſe *Richard Wheeler* lives in is Two diſtinct Tenements, held by Two Tenants at different Rents, under Leaſes from different Lords: It was formerly Two Tenements, and both Tenants voted, till it was laid into an Inn, and held by One Tenant for ſome time; after which, it was, Twelve Years ago, divided again into Two Tenements, as it had been before; and both Tenants have ſince voted, and both have a Right to vote:

Thomas Waller, on the other Side, ſaid, He has lived in Part of this Tenement 16 Years: That the Houſe is held from one Lord, and the Stable from another: That the Stable-Tenant had, indeed, ſometimes offered his Vote; but it was never taken; and no more than One Vote was ever allowed, and that was for the Houſe: That the Houſe pays Half a Crown a Year Rent to the Duke of *Norfolk*; and the Stable Five Shillings and Five Pence a Year to *Magdalen-College*.

Richard Wheeler ſaid, That *Thomas Churcher*'s Houſe is a new-built Houſe upon an old Foundation: The Witneſs, about Six or Seven Years ago, cleared the Foundation of it, and found Morter and Stones in the old Foundation:

Mr. *Pyke*, on the other Side, ſaid, *Churcher*'s Houſe is not an old Burgage; but a Cottage built Five Years ago: That a ſmall Part of it ſtands within the Church-yard, and the reſt upon the Waſte of the Manor; and that he had a Leaſe of it for Ninety-nine Years, at Half a Crown a Year Rent.

George Yeomans ſaid, That *Richard Parſons* was an Inhabitant within the Borough at the Time of the Election, and for above a Year and half before; but could not ſay whether his Houſe had a Vote:

That, on the other Side, it appeared by the Evidence of

Mr. *Waller* and Mr. *Pyke*, That *Parſons* had been, Three Years ago, turned out of Poſſeſſion by Ejectment; and, after the Writs were out, he broke into the Houſe again, and pretended to vote for it under ſuch forcible Entry; and that, before the Election, Application had been made to a neighbouring Juſtice to remove the Force.

That, on the Head of ill Practices, the Petitioner's Counſel called,

Mary Potter: Who ſaid, The Petitioner, and the Gentleman who ſtood with him, deſired the Conſtable to make a fair Poll, and to poll all that came; and that Mr. *Pyke* bid the Conſtable mind his Buſineſs, and not be bubbled out of the Election by them.

John Hunt ſaid, That, about a Fortnight before the Hearing of this Petition, *Thomas Bawcomb* had been with him ſeveral times; and told him, The Lord *Windſor* would be kind to him, and would order him Twenty Pounds, if he could prove Bribery againſt the Petitioner:

Being croſs-examined, the Witneſs ſaid, He knew of no ſuch Bribery; but did not tell *Bawcomb* ſo.

The Counſel for the Sitting-Member obſerved upon the Poll, That he had the greateſt Number, and the Petitioner the leaſt, of all the Four Candidates; ſo that there was an intervening Majority for the other Sitting-Member; and, while that Majority ſtood allowed againſt the Petitioner, they inſiſted, he could not queſtion the Superiority for Sir *Thomas Styles:* And they objected to Six of the Petitioner's Voters; againſt whom they produced the following Evidence:

Dat. 28 *September* 1703, A Leaſe of a Tenement to *Edward Benton* ſenior, and *Anne* his Wife, for Ninety-and-nine Years, determinable on their Lives, was produced, and proved: And

Thomas Pyke ſaid, That *Benton* is dead; his Widow lives in this Houſe; and that *Henry Heaver*, who voted, lives with her:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, He believed *Heaver* did not rent the Houſe of her; but ſaid, He had voted before.

George Laſhmer, on the Petitioner's Side, ſaid, That *Heaver* has been Three Years an Inhabitant in a Borough-Houſe, which had always a Vote.

Thomas Waller ſaid, That *James Bennet* is a yearly Servant within the Pariſh, but out of the Borough; and is no otherwiſe an Inhabitant; and that he never lived in any Burgage-Tenement within the Borough:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, *Bennet* was rated to the Poor:

George Laſhmer, on the Petitioner's Side, ſaid, *Bennet* is an Inhabitant in one of their Houſes, for which a former Tenant had voted for the Lord *Windſor*; and that his Lordſhip aſſerted it to be as good a Vote as any.

Thomas Waller ſaid, That *Stephen Green* is not rated; and that he is Shepherd to one who lives out of the Borough:

Geo. Laſhmer, on the Petitioner's Side, ſaid, *Green* is an Inhabitant, was put in by the Lord *Windſor*, to ſerve him; and that his Lordſhip aſſerted, His Vote was good.

Evan Griffith ſaid, That *John Hunt* lives with his Father; and is not rated.

Thomas Waller ſaid, That *Joſeph Hogtrough* is rated; but has not paid to Church and Poor theſe Two Years: And

That *Thomas Potter*, about a Year ago, received Relief when he was under an Execution; but afterwards returned the Money; and now he is rated and pays to Church and Poor.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Thomas Styles* Baronet is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Edward Minſhull* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Bramber*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Sir *Thomas Styles* Baronet is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Trenchard:*	126.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Robert Davers:* Mr. *Hungerford:*	24.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The 2d Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Edward Minſhull* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Bramber*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*, by raſing out the Name of Sir *Thomas Styles* Baronet, and inſerting the Name of *Edward Minſhull* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to continue the Act, of the 7th and 8th Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, be read the Third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 2° die Junii;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors now in Cuſtody in the County-Gaol at *Maidſtone*, in the County of *Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners humbly beſeech your Honours, in this our miſerable Condition, to have ſome Pity and Compaſſion on us, being utterly condemned to perpetual Impriſonment, without your Mercy; that we muſt certainly periſh for Want, if not ſpeedily relieved: And praying your moſt gracious Act for our Diſcharges.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of more than Sixty poor Priſoners for Debt and Damages in his Majeſty's Gaol for the County of *Bedford*, as well in behalf of themſelves, as of divers others in Cuſtody in the ſaid Gaol, and other Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That not only the Petitioners, but alſo many Thouſand others, whom Misfortunes have rendered inſolvent, are now detained in the ſaid Gaol, and other the Gaols of this Kingdom; to the Relief of a very great Number of whom the ſeveral late Acts for the diſcharging poor Priſoners for Debt and Damages in no-wiſe extended: That, whilſt they are in this Diſtreſs, deprived of the holy Ordinances of God, and Service of Man, others are greatly burdened with their reſpective Families; for whom, by their Induſtry, they might make a competent Proviſion, were they freed from this miſerable Confinement; which though it can no-ways avail their Creditors by reaſon of their utter Inability to anſwer their Demands: And praying your Honours Conſideration, and ſuch Relief therein, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Returns for the Boroughs of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*; and *Bramber*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Martyn*, Inſpector-General of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Wool have been annually imported into this Kingdom from *Spain*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And alſo,

An Account of what Quantities of Cochineal have been annually imported into this Kingdom, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, and from thence to the 1ſt of *May* 1715; and from whence it came: And alſo,

An Account of what Wines have been annually imported into this Kingdom from *France*, *Spain*, and the *Canaries*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; with the Account of the Duties ariſing on each Sort of Wine in each of thoſe Years:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follows; *viz.*

AN Account ſhewing the Quantities of Wool imported into this Kingdom from *Spain* in Six Years, diſtinctly, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; *viz.*

The ſeveral Years.	Quantities.	
From *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1709	3,595	Bags.
From *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1710	2,521	
From *Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1711	7,870	
From *Chriſtmas* 1711 to *Chriſtmas* 1712	10,169	
From *Chriſtmas* 1712 to *Chriſtmas* 1713	5,143	
From *Chriſtmas* 1713 to *Chriſtmas* 1714	5,076	
Total	34,374	Bags.

Cuſtom-houſe, Inſpector-General's Office,
1ſt *June* 1715.

Henry Martin.

AN Account ſhewing the Quantities of Cochineal imported in Six Years and Four Months, diſtinctly, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to the 1ſt of *May* 1715; and from what Places it came; *viz.*

From whence imported.	*Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1709.	*Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1710.	*Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1711.	*Chriſtmas* 1711 to *Chriſtmas* 1712.	*Chriſtmas* 1712 to *Chriſtmas* 1713.	*Chriſtmas* 1713 to *Chriſtmas* 1714.	From *Chriſtmas* 1714 to 1ſt *May* 1715.
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Canaries	1,117	1,529	1,234	614	7,941	24	—
Holland	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,800
Italy	—	—	—	1,338	—	—	—
Portugal	—	—	385	1,024	—	—	—
Spain	60,372	48,703	59,515	77,507	98,882	18,370	1,358
Straits	—	—	—	—	4,405	—	—
Turky	—	—	3,328	—	—	—	—
English Plantations. *Barbados*	—	—	30	—	—	—	—
Carolina	107	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jamaica	720	125	—	116	—	290	49
New-York	396	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weſt-Indies in general	—	—	224	—	—	—	—
Prize	—	—	—	—	10,156	—	—
Totals	62,712	50,357	64,716	80,599	121,384	18,684	3,257

Cuſtom-houſe, Inſpector-General's Office, 1ſt *June* 1715.

Henry Martyn.

AN

AN Account ſhewing the Quality and Quantity of Wines imported into *London*, and the Out-Ports of this Kingdom, from *France*, *Spain*, and the *Canaries*, in Six Years, diſtinctly, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; with the Amount of the Duties on each Sort of Wine in each of thoſe Years; *viz.*

From *France*.				Wine *French*.			Duties.			Wine *Spaniſh*.			Duties.			Wine *Canary*.			Duties.			Wine *Port*.			Duties.		
				Tun.	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From *Chriſtmas* 1708	To *Chriſtmas* 1709			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1709	1710			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710	1711			2	—	—	99	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1711	1712			276	—	18½	15,267	18	3½	107	—	12	2,662	2	8	113	—	40	2,814	2	2½	74	3	5	1,798	14	3
1712	1713			2,061	1	48	108,639	8	6½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1713	1714			986	2	51	52,242	8	—	—	—	44	3	13	0½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

From *Spain*.				Wine *Spaniſh*.			Duties.			Wine *Canary*.			Duties.			Wine *Florence*.			Duties.			Wine *Levant*.			Duties.			Wine *French*.			Duties.			Wine *Madera*.			Duties.			Wine *Port*.			Duties.		
				Tun.	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*Tun.*	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From *Chriſtmas* 1708	To *Chriſtmas* 1709			2,879	1	27	68,887	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	6	49	5	5½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	7	9	2
1709	1710			4,032	—	40½	96,384	16	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	2	22½	2,500	2	1	—	—	31½	2	12	3½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	5	—	3	3	1	14	79	10	6½
1710	1711			3,354	1	—	80,793	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	20	47	13	8½	—	—	17	1	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	29	62	19	1½
1711	1712			2,772	2	15½	65,754	—	10	11	1	—	279	15	3	1	—	60	28	15	7½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	2	3	9	3	—	61	65	3	3	6	—	13	145	11	6
1712	1713			3,989	3	6¾	95,325	13	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	42½	44	6	0½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	5	5	—
1713	1714			5,527	1	51½	134,761	18	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	44	16	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	18½	16	11	1½

From the *Canaries*.				Wine *Canary*.			Duties.		
				Tun.	*Hs.*	*Ga.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From *Chriſtmas* 1708	To *Chriſtmas* 1709			1,065	—	55	26,185	18	7
1709	1710			713	1	60	17,262	16	0
1710	1711			1,108	1	59	26,701	11	9
1711	1712			1,809	1	27	43,839	19	1
1712	1713			1,663	3	36	41,078	5	6
1713	1714			1,647	3	1	40,120	17	2

Memorandum: The Duties on theſe Wines are caſt as unfilled for Sale, without deducting any Allowances for Damages, or Over-entries, *&c.*

Cuſtom-houſe, Inſpector-General's Office,
1ſt *June* 1715.

Henry Martin.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the Miniſters, Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, and other Inhabitants, of the ſeveral Pariſhes of *St. Peter*, near *St. Albans*, and of *Shenly* and *Ridge*, in the County of *Hertford*, and of the Pariſh of *South-Mims*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the North-weſt Road of this Kingdom of *England* continueth in a ſtrait Line, and leadeth from *St. Albans* aforeſaid to the Pariſh of *Chipping-Barnet*, and from thence to the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, through the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes of *St. Peter*, *Shenly*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, aforeſaid, for the Space of Nine Miles and upwards; whereof Three whole Miles lie in the ſaid Pariſh of *St. Peter*; and that, by means of the great Number of Waggons, Coaches, and Pack-horſes, Travellers on Horſeback, and Droves of all manner of Cattle, continually traveling on the ſaid Road, the ſaid Road is ſo very much worn out, and decayed, and dangerous to Travellers (notwithſtanding the Petitioners, in their ſeveral Pariſhes, have done their utmoſt, by Law, for the Repairing thereof; and have already ſpent all their Gravel, Stones, and other Materials, in their reſpective Pariſhes, for the repairing the ſame) that the ſaid common Road muſt unavoidably, in a very ſmall time, become unpaſſable, without the Aſſiſtance of this Honourable Houſe; the Petitioners being utterly unable to repair the ſame at the Pariſh-Charge: And praying, That, by ſome Toll, or ſome other Way or Method, the ſaid great ancient Road may be preſerved, and continued uſeful, for all that paſs on the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Grimſtone*, Mr. *Boteler*, and Mr. *Hale*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, an Account of the Woollen Manufactures, *&c.* yearly exported from *Scotland*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And,

An annual Account of the Produce of the Cuſtoms in *Scotland* for Wine and Brandy, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And,

An Account of Fuſtick, Dyeing-Drugs, *&c.* exported from *Scotland* to *France*, ſince the late Treaty of Peace at *Utrecht*: And,

An Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms, *&c.* in *Scotland*, ſince the Commencement of the Union, to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And,

An annual Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe on Salt in *Scotland*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And,

An Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Exciſe in *Scotland*, for Seven Years, from the 1ſt of *May* 1707 to the 1ſt of *May* 1714: And,

An Account of the Appropriations and Payments thereout, *&c.*:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Lowndes* alſo preſented to the Houſe an Abſtract of what is due to ſeveral foreign Troops for Pay, and Extraordinaries, to the Day of Separation; and alſo of what is due to foreign Princes for Subſidies, to the ſame Time:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Abſtract is as followeth; *viz.*

AN Abſtract of what is due by Treaties to ſeveral foreign Troops, for their Pay, and Extraordinaries, to the Day of Separation.

	Ordinary Pay to the Day of Separation, in Guilders.	Reduced into Sterling, at 10*ſh.* 10 *d.* to the Pound.	Due for Extraordinaries, in Guilders.	Reduced into Sterling, at 10*ſh.* 10 *d.* to the Pound.
Danes — —	*f.* 290,022 19 4	— — — —	*f.* 68,857 0 4	— — — —
Pruſſians — —	162,326 12 0	— — — —	590,182 3 0	— — — —
Heſſians — —	156,310 9 6	— — — —	92,419 9 0	— — — —
Saxons — —	150,619 19 0	— — — —	221,761 16 0	— — — —
Treves — —	24,037 15 2	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Walef — —	— — — —	— — — —	46,318 2 8	— — — —
Holſteyns — —	— — — —	— — — —	167,711 12 0	— — — —
Saxe-Gotha, Four Months, to 23d *December* 1712 —	81,601 19 2	— — — —	33,980 12 8	— — — —
Palatines, D° ——	383,101 10 0	— — — —	78,583 0 0	— — — —
Total —	*f.* 1,248,021 3 14	*£.* 118,859 3 1	*f.* 1,299,813 15 4	*£.* 123,791 15 0

AN Abſtract of what is due to ſeveral foreign Princes, for Subſidies, to the Day of Separation.

	Due on Account of the Year 1711.			Due to the Day of Separation.			Total.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
King of *Denmark* — — — — — —	28,125	0	0	20,312	10	0	48,437	10	0
Landgrave of *Heſſe* — — — — — —	4,464	5	7½	7,045	9	6	11,509	15	1½
Elector *Palatine* — — — — — —	—	—	—	979	7	6	979	7	6
Elector of *Treves* — — — — — —	4,464	5	8½	3,224	4	0	7,688	9	8½
							£. 68,615	2	4

An Abſtract of the Whole.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Total due for ordinary Pay, as on the other Side ——	118,859	3	1
Total due for Extraordinaries, as on the other Side —	123,791	15	0
Total due for Subſidies, as above — — —	68,615	2	4
In all — —	*£.* 311,266	0	5

Whitehall,
May the 27th, 1715.

Robert Clayton,
Deputy Paymaſter.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the Clothiers of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, on the behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Thouſands of People employed by them in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas an Act, paſſed in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; hath been complained of by the Dealers and Buyers of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and there being a Bill now depending in this Honourable Houſe, for making the ſaid Act more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general: And praying, That the Meaſure of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth may be duly adjuſted at *Blackwell-hall*, by the Keeper thereof, or by ſome other indifferent Perſon, that have no Dependence on the Buyers; or otherwiſe, as to your Honours Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed.

An ingroſſed Bill for charging and continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for charging and continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, and Lottery-Tickets, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for making forth new Orders, in lieu of certain Lottery-Orders obliterated or defective; and for continuing certain Duties on Hops until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for making perpetual the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for making perpetual the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form; and for explaining and enforcing the ſaid Act, in relation to the Payment of Tythes, and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation to be taken by the ſaid People called *Quakers*, inſtead of the Oath of Abjuration.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *William Hearſt* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire, ſtood as Candidates at the late Election of a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Shaſton*, alias *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*: That the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Voters, and ought to have been returned for the ſaid Borough; but the ſaid *Edward Nicholas*, by Bribery, and other indirect Practices of his Agents, influenced *John Bennet*, Mayor of the ſaid Borough, to admit many Perſons to vote for him the ſaid *Edward Nicholas* who had no Right, and refuſed others who had a Right, and offered to vote for the Petitioner: That the ſaid Mayor hath accordingly returned the ſaid *Edward Nicholas*; in Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Walpole* acquainted the Houſe, from the Committee of Secrecy, That they had examined the Books and Papers referred to them; and had Matters of the greateſt Importance to lay before the Houſe: And that the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe, That a Day may be appointed for receiving their Report.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Secrecy be received upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That all the Members of this Houſe do attend the Service of the Houſe upon this Day Sevennight, upon Pain of incurring the higheſt Diſpleaſure of the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*:

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members examined Witneſſes, to diſcredit the Witneſs which was examined on *Tueſday*, touching One of the Petitioners Witneſſes being ſeduced away by the Mayor; and alſo examined Witneſſes, to diſqualify thoſe Perſons who the Petitioners Counſel would have added to the Petitioners Poll; and to qualify thoſe Perſons the Petitioners Counſel would have diſqualified; and alſo to diſqualify ſeveral of the Perſons who voted for the Petitioners:

And one *Ralph Mare* being offered as a Witneſs, to prove the diſtributing Wheat, and Money inſtead thereof, to the Burgeſſes;

The Petitioners Counſel objected againſt his being examined as a Witneſs, for that he was charged by the Petitioners Evidence with having confeſſed he had Thirty Shillings to come up to be a Witneſs:

To which Matter the Counſel being heard;

They were directed to withdraw.

Reſolved, That the Sitting-Members Counſel be admitted to examine *Ralph Mare* as a Witneſs, touching Wheat being diſtributed at the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

Then the Sitting-Members Counſel examined him, and other Witneſſes, touching the Diſtribution of Wheat, and Money inſtead thereof, before the Election; and alſo touching Bribery:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel ſummed up the Evidence:

And the Petitioners Counſel replied; and called one *Samuel Lowe*, to be examined as a Witneſs, touching a Declaration made by the Petitioner Mr. *Offley*, before her late Majeſty's Death, of his Intention to diſtribute Wheat:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel objecting againſt his being examined as a Witneſs, he being charged by the Sitting-Members Evidence to have diſtributed the ſaid Wheat;

Touching which the Counſel were heard.

And then they were directed to withdraw.

Reſolved, That the Counſel for the Petitioners be admitted to examine *Samuel Lowe*, in relation to the Wheat diſtributed at the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the ſaid *Samuel Lowe* was examined; and alſo a Witneſs to diſcredit *Ralph Mare*, One of the Witneſſes for the Sitting-Members.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

And Mr. *Cotton* was heard in his Place.

And then withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That *Rowland Cotton* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Rolt*: } 69.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Chetwynd*: } 85.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion being put, That *Henry Vernon*, of *Sudbury*, Eſquire, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Northey*: } 71.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Shepheard*: } 76.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Crew Offley* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *London*: } 72.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Edward Stradling*, Sir *John Trevyllyan*: } 68.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*, by raſing out the Names of *Rowland Cotton* Eſquire, and *Henry Vernon*, of *Sudbury*, Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of *Crew Offley* Eſquire, and Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Petition of *Andrews Windſor* Eſquire, touching the Election and Return for the Borough of *Monmouth*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Saturday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That all ſuch Perſons as were ordered to attend this Day, in relation to the ſaid Election and Return, do attend this Houſe upon *Saturday* Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 3° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The ſaid Bill was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, with the Merchants, Clothiers, and others, of the Town of *Totneſs*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn carried to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom, and *Ireland*; where ſeveral Veſſels laden with Wool, bound to *France*, have of late been ſeized; and the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.*; which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; ſo that the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation, in general, ſuffers under great Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt: And praying, That ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of the Mayor and free Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Callington*, in the County of *Cornwall*, and ſeveral others in Parts adjacent, employed in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners ſuffer very much by means of the Running of Wool and Yarn to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom and *Ireland*; which will deſtroy the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation in general: And praying a Remedy for ſuch growing Evil.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of the Alderman and Common-Council, and alſo of the Merchants, Fullers, Clothiers, and others, trading in the Woollen Manufactures, in the Town of *Oakehampton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn are continually carried to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom, and from *Ireland*; where ſeveral Ships of Wool, bound to *France*, have of late been ſeized; and the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.* which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; and, by that means, the Woollen Manufactury of this Nation, in general, ſuffers under great Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt: And praying, That ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of a great Number of poor confined Debtors within the ſeveral Priſons of *Ludgate* and Two *Compters*, and other Priſons in and about the City of *London*, as well on behalf of themſelves, as alſo of other inſolvent Debtors, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That within theſe Priſons are ſeveral Hundreds of Men and Women, which have been conſiderable Traders; but, through a general Decay in Trade, and by Loſſes, are become inſolvent; and, ſince their Impriſonment, have paid as far as they are able towards Diſcharge of their reſpective Debts; notwithſtanding which, they are ſtill kept in Priſon, for want of ſufficient .... to ſatisfy all their Creditors: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for their Releaſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Commonalty, of the Company of free Fiſhermen of the River of *Thames*, and Waters of *Medway*, on behalf of themſelves, and other Fiſhermen of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an

Inſtruction is given to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual preventing the Importation into this Kingdom of any freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners, is referred, to receive a Clauſe to repeal ſo much of the Act, of the 10th and 11th Years of King *Wm.* the Third, intituled, An Act for making *Billingſgate* a free Market, as prohibits the Importation of Lobſters in foreign Veſſels; and alſo there is a Clauſe in the ſaid Bill for regulating the Size of Nets to be uſed at Sea on the Coaſt of *Great Britain*; and that although the Petitioners do not object againſt the Paſſing of the ſaid Bill; yet, if the ſaid Clauſes ſhould ſtand Part of the ſaid Bill, and paſs without ſome Amendment, it will be a great Injury to the Petitioners, and entirely ruin many Hundred Families of this Kingdom: And praying to be heard by Counſel.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom is committed; and that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition of ſeveral Maſters, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Maſters of his Majeſty's Navy Royal, not included in the Number of Half-Pay Officers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That * * * *

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners imported conſiderable Quantities of Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, ſome ſhort time before the ſaid Fire; for which they paid all Duties to the Crown; and the ſaid Fire deſtroyed the ſaid Sugars, Oils, and Sarſaparillas; the Cuſtoms whereof amount to 3,000 *l.* or thereabouts; and in regard the Loſs of the ſaid Goods have laid the Petitioners under great Difficulties and Misfortunes, the ſame amounting to upwards of 22,500 *l.*: And praying to import Goods Cuſtom-free, to the Value of the Cuſtoms of the ſaid Goods ſo deſtroyed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Colemere*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Ward:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, and *William Hunt*, of *London*, Merchants, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners imported large Quantities of *Maryland* Tobacco for Exportation; and had paid and ſecured to the Crown all the Duties thereon; and, by the late Fire, a large Part of the ſaid Tobacco was then burnt and deſtroyed: And praying to import the like Quantity of Tobacco, Cuſtom-free.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for charging and continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, and Lottery-Tickets, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for making forth new Orders, in lieu of certain Lottery-Orders obliterated, or defective; and for continuing certain Duties on Hops, until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1715; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That Sir *David Dalrymple* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend him, in the Houſe of Peers, immediately.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the publick Bills following; *viz.*

An Act for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1715; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, and Lottery-Tickets, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for making forth new Orders, in lieu of certain Lottery-Orders obliterated, or defective; and for continuing certain Duties on Hops until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1715:

An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Committee of Secrecy have Leave to ſit, during the Adjournment of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii,

Mercurii, 8° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *John Pakington*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Pringle*, Lord *Downe*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Mr. *Hern*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Pitt*, Lord *Scudamore*, Sir *Geffery Palmer*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Sir *Cha. Turnor*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Hopton*, Mr. *Northmore*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Bladen*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Digby*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Clerke*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Warwick*, *Worceſter*, *Dorſet*, and *Somerſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of the Clothiers of *Trowbridge*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Wilts*, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Thouſands of People employed by them in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an Act, paſſed in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; hath been complained of, by the Buyers and Dealers of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth, to this Houſe; and the Petitioners are deſirous, that the Meaſure of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth may be duly adjuſted at *Blackwell-hall*, and the Burdens they labour under in their Trade redreſſed; and there is no Bill depending for making the ſaid Act more effectual: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed.

A Petition of *Thomas Baynton* and *Allard Belin*, of *London*, Merchants, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner *Thomas Baynton* did, ſome time before the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, import 120 Hogſheads of *French* Wines, for which he paid 1,579 *l.* 9 *s.* 1 *d.* Duty for the ſame; and the Petitioner *Allard Belin* imported 13 Caſks of *French* Prunes, for which he paid Duties 54 *l.* 12 *s.*; and the greateſt Part of the ſaid Wines and Prunes were deſtroyed in the ſaid Fire; by which the Petitioners have ſuſtained a conſiderable Loſs, to the Value of 1,600 *l.* and upwards: And praying to import a Quantity of Wine and Prunes, or other Goods, free of Duties, to the Amount of their Loſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

A Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to make Proviſion therein for poor Schoolmaſters.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, for what is due to him;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Broderick* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Broderick* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Liſt of the Proteſtant Officers of Baron *de Borle*'s late Regiment of Dragoons be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Liſt of the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s late Regiment of Foot be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Abſtract of what is due to ſeveral foreign Troops for Pay and Extraordinaries, to the Day of Separation; and alſo, of what is due to foreign Princes for Subſidies, to the ſame time; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a farther Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Wykes*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Brudnall*, Mr. *Rudge*, Sir *John Pakington*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom .....

Ordered, That Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Colonel *Long*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 9° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of many Clothiers, and Clothworkers, of *Froome*, in the County of *Somerſet*, and other Parts adjacent, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of the Poor employed in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an Act, made in the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; hath been complained of, by the Buyers and Dealers of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth, to this Houſe; and there is a Bill depending for making the ſaid Act more effectual; and for redreſſing the Burdens that the Petitioners do labour under in their Trade: And praying to be heard by Counſel; and to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the ſaid Committee, thereupon, by themſelves, or Counſel, as they ſhall think fit.

A Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of poor inſolvent Debtors which have been preſented to the Houſe, and ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of the Clothiers of the Borough and Pariſh of *Weſtbury*, *Warminſter*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Wilts*, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Thouſands of People employed by them in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an Act, paſſed in the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of mixture or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; hath been complained of, by the Buyers and Dealers of mixture or medley Broad-Cloth, to this Houſe; and there is no Bill depending for making the ſaid Act more effectual; the Petitioners are deſirous, that the Meaſure of mixture or medley Broad-Cloth may be duly adjuſted at *Blackwell-hall*, and the Burdens they labour under in their Trade redreſſed: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*, which were ordered to be heard this Day, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Twenty-firſt of this inſtant *June*.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom it is referred to inſpect the Laws expired, and near expiring; and to report which of them are fit to be revived, or continued; have Power to ſit *de die in diem*.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Report to preſent, according to their Order; but that he had the Commands of the Committee to make a Motion to the Houſe, before he read the Report: That there are in the Report Matters of the higheſt Importance: That although the Committee had Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, they did not think fit to make uſe thereof; believing it to be neceſſary, in order to bring Offenders to Juſtice, that ſome Perſons ſhould be ſecured, before 'tis poſſible they ſhould know what they are to be examined to; and, leſt they ſhould have Notice, from what ſhould be read in the Report, and make their Eſcape, he was commanded by the Committee, according to former Precedents, to move, That a Warrant may be iſſued by Mr. Speaker, to apprehend certain Perſons who ſhall be named to him by the Chairman of the ſaid Committee; and that no Members may be permitted to go out of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lobby be cleared of all Strangers; and the Back-doors of the Speaker's Chamber be locked up, and the Key brought, and laid upon the Table: And that the Serjeant do ſtand at the Door of the Houſe, and ſuffer no Member to go forth.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to take into his Cuſtody ſuch Perſons as ſhall be named to Mr. Speaker by the Chairman of the Committee of Secrecy, in order to their being examined before the ſaid Committee.

Then Mr. *Walpole* acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had peruſed the Books and Papers referred to them; and had agreed upon a Report, which they had commanded him to make: That it is contained in Two Books; One of which is the Report; the other by way of Appendix to it, and contains, at large, thoſe Letters and Papers which are referred to in the Report: And he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table, together with the Appendix, and the Books which were referred to the ſaid Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of this Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Wyndham*, Mr. *Freman*:	175.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Hinchingbrook*, Lord *Sondys*:	282.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Report be now read.

The ſame was, in Part, read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till *Monday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That all ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend the Service of the Houſe, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 10° *die Junii*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Secrecy:

And the reſt of the Report was read.

The ſaid Report, and Appendix, being too large to be entered, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Monday* Sevennight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Packer:* } 160.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Aſh:* } 280.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will impeach *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will impeach *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Secrecy to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, with the Appendix, be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do appoint the Printing of the ſaid Report: And that no other Perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Bruchan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Berry*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon To-morrow Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, for what is due to him, was committed, be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 11° *die Junii*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *Philip Raſhleigh* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That *Francis Robartes* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackborn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol in the ancient Borough of *Colcheſter*, in the County ... *Eſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by reaſon of our long Continuance in the ſaid Priſon, and no Allowance belonging thereto, are very much impoveriſhed; and our Debts ſo large, that we could not have the Benefit of the late Act, in the Reign of the late Queen: And praying for a more extenſive Act for our Releaſement.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors is committed.

A Petition of ſeveral poor Priſoners for Debt in *Monmouth* Gaol was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes, are become incapable of paying their full Debts; but they are willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, ſo that they may be diſcharged from their Impriſonment: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors is committed.

A Petition of *John Cookſon* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner had the Misfortune to have Twenty-two thouſand Six hundred Ninety-and-nine Pound of Smalts, Two-thirds whereof was burnt and deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*; the Cuſtom whereof is Two Pence Halfpeny *per* Pound Weight: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Portreeve, Aſſiſtants, and principal Traders, in the Woollen Manufactury of the Town of *Aſhburton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually tranſported to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom, and from *Ireland*; where ſeveral Ships of Wool, bound to *France*, have lately been ſeized; and where the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, and that is at leaſt Twenty *per Cent.* which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; by which means, the Woollen Manufactury of this Nation in general ſuffers under the greateſt Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt: And praying, That ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken for our Relief.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider of the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Broderick*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for relieving *Wm. Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, for what is due to him, ... the Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And an Amendment being propoſed to be made to the Bill;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Books, which were delivered in by the Chairman of the Committee of Secrecy, upon making the Report from the ſaid Committee, be delivered back to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſend a printed Copy of the Report from the Committee of Secrecy to the Sheriff of every County, and to the Returning-Officer of every City and Borough ſending Members to Parliament.

The Houſe proceeded to the hearing the Matter of the Petition of *Andrews Windſor* Eſquire, touching the Election and Return for the Borough of *Monmouth*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petition was read.

The Counſel for the Petitioner inſiſting to proceed upon the Merits of the Return, in the Firſt place; which the Counſel for the Sitting-Member oppoſing, and inſiſting, That the Merits of the Election ought to be proceeded on at the ſame time;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard touching the ſame.

And then they were directed to withdraw.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Petitioner be directed to proceed upon the Merits of the Election, as well as upon the Merits of the Return, for the Borough of *Monmouth*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Cholmley*:	78.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Colmer*:	69.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

Whereupon the Counſel for the Petitioner acquainted the Houſe, That they having depended upon the Merits of the Return being only proceeded on at this time, they were not ready to proceed, now, on the Merits of the ſaid Election; and deſired a further Day might be appointed.

And then the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election and Return for the Borough of *Monmouth* be adjourned till this Day Sevennight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Corrance*:	42.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Lewis*:	76.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the ſaid Election be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making perpetual an Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form; and for explaining and enforcing the ſaid Act, in relation to the Payment of Tythes, and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation, to be taken by the ſaid People called *Quakers*, inſtead of an Oath of Abjuration; with an Amendment: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That Sir *Nath. Mead*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Maurice*, Colonel *Selwyn*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Walter*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newberry*, in the County of *Berks*, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 13° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Warrington*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwich*, in the County of *Cheſter*; which Bill, if paſſed, will be very prejudicial to the Petitioners, and to many Thouſands of Freeholders, Farmers, and poor People, in the neighbouring County: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before it paſſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table, until the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, free Burgeſſes, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under great Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually carried to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from this Kingdom, and from *Ireland*; where ſeveral Ships laden with Wool, bound to *France*, have been lately ſeized; whereby the Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty Pounds *per Centum*; and the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay it; by that means, the Woollen Manufactures ſuffers under great Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt; and the many Thouſands of poor Families, who were ſubſiſted by their Labour in that Manufacture alone, muſt fall a Charge to the Pariſhes where they dwell: And praying, That ſpeedy and effectual Meaſures may be taken.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, who are to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better aſcertaining the Length and Breadth of

all Woollen Cloth, made in the County of *York*, be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulateing, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual, for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, for making the ſaid Act, of the Ninth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, more effectual.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Fiſhery-Company of the River *Thames*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty, the Court of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company ſhall conſiſt of Sixteen Aſſiſtants, and Three Wardens; and the Petitioners, by reaſon of ſo great a Number of Aſſiſtants required to be preſent, who are uſually Seafaring Men, and live at a great Diſtance, find it difficult to hold the Court of Aſſiſtants, and to regulate Abuſes committed in the ſaid Fiſhery, and to anſwer the Ends and Purpoſes of the ſaid Act; whereby the Petitioners are greatly diſabled from putting the ſaid Act in Execution; to the Prejudice of the ſaid Fiſhery: And praying to receive a Clauſe, to repeal ſo much of the ſaid Act, as to the Number of Wardens and Aſſiſtants thereby required to be preſent at the holding the Court of Aſſiſtants; and for the conſtituting a leſs Number in the room thereof.

The Clauſe in the ſaid Act was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Cornwall*, *Devon*, *Dorſet*, *Somerſet*, *Glouceſter*, and *York*, be added to the Committee to conſider the Laws for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of *Herman Meyer* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but doth profeſs the true Proteſtant Religion; and having given Teſtimony of his Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, and the Good of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for his Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Diſton* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *John Cope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment propoſed to be made to the Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, for what is due to him:

Which Amendment not being inſiſted on;

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments made thereunto, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making perpetual an Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form; and for explaining and enforcing the ſaid Act, in relation to the Payment of Tythes, and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation, to be taken by the People called *Quakers*, inſtead of the Oath of Abjuration:

And the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

" Provided always, That ſo much of this Act as re-
" lates to the Affirmations to be made by the People call-
" ed *Quakers*, ſhall be extended to that Part of *Great Bri-*
" *tain* called *Scotland*, for ever; and to the Plantations
" belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, for Five
" Years, and to the End of the next Seſſion of Parlia-
" ment after the ſaid Five Years; and no longer."

The ſaid Amendment, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Alborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due Time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Freman* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Freman* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon To-morrow Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 14° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Booth*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Selwyn*, Sir *Geoffry Palmer*, Mr. *England*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Offley*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Colonel *Lee*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Liſter*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, the Earl of *Barrymore*, Mr. *Clark*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Mr. *Diſton*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Cheſter*, *Stafford*, *Lancaſter*, *Derby*, *Wales*, and *London*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Warrington*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, which was ordered to lie upon the Table till the ſaid Bill was read a Second time, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of *Charles Cholmondeley*, of *Vale-Royal*, in the County of *Cheſter*, Eſquire, and *Grizel Maynwaring* Spinſter, Siſter and Heireſs of *Arthur Maynwaring* Eſquire, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners late Uncle, *Francis Cholmondeley* Eſquire, deceaſed, was, about Five-and-twenty Years ago, put to ſo great an Expence in ſinking a Brine-pit, and erecting a Salt-work, in the County of *Cheſter*, that he laid out a great Part of his Fortune, and leaſed out his real Eſtate, for Three Lives, under a ſmall reſerved Rent, in order to raiſe Money for the finiſhing and completing the ſaid Salt-works; and the Petitioners, who are now the Owners thereof, will be deprived of making any further Profit, if the Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the ſaid County, do paſs into a Law; which, by giving the Projectors of this Deſign, and a few Proprietors of Rock and White Salt in and about *Northwych* aforeſaid, an Opportunity of monopolizing the whole Trade of Salt among themſelves, muſt inevitably ruin this Branch of the Petitioners Eſtate, which pays great Sums of Money to the Crown by the Duties ariſing from the ſame: And praying to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Farmers and Freeholders in the Hundred of *Bucklow*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the ſaid County; which, if . . paſſes, the Petitioners will be deprived of employing themſelves and Servants in carrying Coals in the Summer-time to their own Houſes, with which they ſupply the *Wyches* in the Winter: And praying, That the Bill may not paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Burgeſſes of *Newton* in *Mackerfeild*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and of the Freeholders, Leaſeholders, and Farmers, of Two-and-twenty Townſhips in the ſaid Fee, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill, now depending, for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*; which Bill, if . . paſſes, will be very prejudicial to the Petitioners: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable, from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and other Traders in Rock-Salt, Inhabitants of the City of *Briſtol*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the making the River *Weaver* navigable, from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, will be of great Service, not only to that Part of the County of *Cheſter*, but to many Counties and Corporations in *Great Britain*, and particularly to this City, and the neighbouring Parts: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable, from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed.

A Petition of the Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol for the County of *Hertford* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are cloſely confined, and ſeveral of them for Four, Five, and Six Years; and, having no Allowance, they rely only on the Charity of well-diſpoſed Chriſtians.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, capital Burgeſſes, Freemen, and Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Camelford*, in the County of *Cornwall*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under great Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn being continually carried to *France*, and other foreign Parts, from *Ireland*, where ſeveral Ships of Wool, bound to *France*, have of late been ſeized; and that the clandeſtine Runner ſaves the Duty, which is at leaſt Twenty Pounds *per Centum*, which the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay; by means whereof, the Woollen Manufacture of this Nation ſuffers under great Hardſhips, and is in Danger of being loſt: And praying to take ſuch Meaſures to prevent the like.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

A Petition of *Adrian Vanbrackle* and *Thomas Sikes*, of *London*, Merchants, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners having ſuſtained a conſiderable Loſs of *French* and *Spaniſh* Wines by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet:* And praying to import Wines, or other Goods, Cuſtom-free, ſo as the Cuſtoms thereof amount to the Duties of the Wines deſtroyed in the ſaid Fire; the Duty on the *Spaniſh* Wines being already paid, and that of the *French* Wines is ſecured to be paid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider of the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet:* And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election for the County of *Eſſex*, the Petitioner, and *William Harvey* ſenior, Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That many Perſons were admitted to poll for the ſaid Mr. *Harvey* who had no Right ſo to do; and other illegal Practices were uſed for the ſaid Mr. *Harvey*; by which means he has procured himſelf to be returned; to the Prejudice of the Petitioner, who had a legal Majority, and ought to have been returned: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Petition upon *Wedneſday* the Thirteenth Day of *July* next;

. . . . .

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election and Return for the Borough of *Monmouth*, which was adjourned until this Day, be diſcharged;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Shuttleworth:*	103.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Henley:*	94.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Clerk of the Crown attending with the Return for the Borough of *Monmouth*;

The ſame was read; and appeared to be made by the Mayor of *Newport*, and ſeveral Burgeſſes of *Monmouth*, *Newport*, and *Uſk*, without the Precept from the Sheriff of the County of *Monmouth* being annexed thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do take the ſaid Return off the File.

And he took the ſame off accordingly.

And the Houſe being acquainted, That the Mayor of *Monmouth* was in Town, with the Return for the ſaid Borough annexed to the Precept to him directed;

Ordered, That the Mayor of the Borough of *Monmouth* do forthwith deliver to the Clerk of the Crown the Return, with the Precept annexed, of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough: And that the Clerk of the Crown do annex the ſame to the Writ returned by the Sheriff of the County of *Monmouth*.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*, which were to be heard this Day, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weobly*, which were appointed to be heard at the Bar of the Houſe upon *Thurſday* next, be heard upon *Saturday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Bracebridge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Bracebridge* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 15° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent, for what is due to him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Broderick* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Truſtees to grant Leaſes of Part of the Lands deviſed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Trenchard* Eſquire, deceaſed: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Bill was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Thomas Miller* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Importation of Commodities, Part of the Duties are generally bonded; the Goods are exported; and the Importers are thereby intitled to the Cuſtoms, to be repaid them by Debenture, in order to diſcharge the Bonds; but they are from Four Months to Six Months before the Debentures paſs the proper Offices; and the Crown allows no Intereſt for the ſame; and the Bonds ſtanding out againſt the Petitioners, where the greateſt Part of the Principal is diſcharged, are againſt Perſons which have been Security for others, that, by Misfortunes, are become dead, or inſolvent: And the Wine-Merchants are the chief Exporters of Corn, for which they are intitled to a Bounty by Debenture; many of their Bonds were paid by Certificates and Debentures, on which the Crown allowed no Intereſt, though they were as long due as the Bonds they diſcharged; and the Petitioners applied to Parliament, for the Diſcharge of thoſe Bonds, in 1703; and a Bill paſſed the Houſe of Commons for the ſame; but was rejected by the Lords: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in to relieve them in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Carter*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Farrer*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Brace*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Powlett*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Plumptree*, General *Harvey*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Swift*, Sir *John Pakington*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Bruere*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Wm. Lewen*, Mr. *Allaſon*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Banks*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Hopton*, Mr. *Currance*; and all that ſerve for the County of *Middleſex*, *London*, and *Weſtminſter:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of *Thomas Hamond*, of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner being a conſiderable Trader, for Twenty Years laſt paſt, in Wines, and other Merchandizes; and has paid the Crown, for Cuſtoms, 100,000 *l.*; and, by great Misfortunes, was forced to abſcond; and, at that time, was indebted to the Crown, for Cuſtoms, 6,987 *l.* 8 *s.* 9½ *d.*; and ſoon after his Perſon and Effects were ſeized, and he made a full Diſcovery of his Effects before the Sheriff of *Surry*; and the Account of what was paid to Mr. *Fern*, the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms, of his and Sureties Effects, amounts to 4,783 *l.* 5 *s.* 5½ *d.*: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in to impower the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to compound with the Petitioner for ſuch Debts as are due from him for Cuſtoms.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame .....: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, who are appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; That they do conſider of proper Methods for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactury.

Ordered, That all that come to the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws expired, and near expiring; and to report which of them are fit to be revived, or continued; have Voices.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do conſider the Act of the Twelfth Year of Queen *Ann*, intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, ſturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, into One Act of Parliament; and for the more effectual puniſhing ſuch Rogues, Vagabonds, ſturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, and ſending them whither they ought to be ſent; and report their Opinion to the Houſe what Part of the ſaid Act is fit to be continued, or made more effectual, and what is fit to be repealed.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That the Perſons taken into Cuſtody, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Ninth Inſtant, may be examined in the moſt ſolemn Manner, according to former Precedents.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of the Committee of Secrecy, who are Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, do examine *Matthew Prior* Eſquire, and *Tho. Harley* Eſquire, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, at the ſaid Committee, touching Matters contained in the ſeveral Books and Papers referred to them.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Peter*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South Mimms*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*, That they do provide in the ſaid Bill, That the ſame do extend to the fartheſt Part of the Pariſh of *Saint Michael*, in the ſaid County of *Hertford*.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered the Matters to them referred; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, *John Gilbourn*, *Edmund Gilbourn*, *Thomas Sullivan*, *James Fitz-Gerrald*, *John Conor*, *John Condon*, *Teige Cronen*, and *John Hadderman*, have entered upon the Poſſeſſions of Sir *William Courteney* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe, in the County of *Limerick*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and driven out the Cattle of his Tenants, cut down Woods, and done other Spoils to the ſaid Eſtate; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 16° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral Bay and Say Weavers in *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds of the ſame Trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by reaſon of the late Peace, our Trade is much decayed; and ſeveral Perſons uſing the Trade of Weaving within the ſaid Town, employs more Apprentices than by Law they ought, and other unlawful Helps: And the Petitioners, and ſeveral Hundreds of Families, are reduced to extreme Poverty, for want of Employment; and that almoſt all of the unlawful Helps are capable of maintaining themſelves by ſpinning, *&c.*: And praying, That a Clauſe may be added to the Bill for Regulating, Improveing, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloths, for the Relief and Benefit of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee to examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Drake*, Colonel *Moreton*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Eſſex*, *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

A Petition of the Mayor and Citizens of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable, in the County of *Cheſter*; which, if . . paſſes, will be very prejudicial to the Petitioners: And praying, That the Bill may be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

A Petition of the Merchants, and Traders in Wool, of the Town of *Biddeford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn was formerly imported into this Harbour from *Ireland*; but, of late Years, that Trade has been ſunk, by the great Advance of Wool there; which is occaſioned by the Quantities

Quantities of Wool that is clandeſtinely runned; which, at leaſt, is Twenty Pounds *per Centum* ſaved on the Duty, and the fair Exporter for *England* is obliged to pay: And praying, That ſpeedy Methods may be taken to prevent the Exportation of Wool from *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Herman Meyer*: And the ſame was received, and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, upon *Saturday* Morning next, with the Return for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*.

A Petition of *Tho. Minett* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner did, ſome time before the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, import Eight-and-forty Hogſheads of *French* Wines, for which he paid 610*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* Duty at the Cuſtom-houſe; and did alſo import Seventy-five Hogſheads more of *French* Wines, for which he paid 953*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* Duty; and that Thirteen Hogſheads of the ſaid Wines, beſides the Caſks, were burnt and deſtroyed in the ſaid Fire; by which the Petitioner ſuſtained a very great Loſs: And praying, That the Petitioner may import a Quantity of Wine, or other Goods, free of Duties, to the Amount of his Loſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of the Honourable *Arthur Ingram*, and *Arthur Ingram*, Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *Harry Goring* Baronet, and *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*:

That it was agreed, That *Horſham* is a Borough by Preſcription; and that only Burgage-Tenants in Fee, or for Life, have a Right of voting:

But the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, It was eſſentially neceſſary they ſhould be preſented by the Homage-Jury: Which was denied by the Petitioners Counſel.

Jo. Wicker ſenior, Eſquire, ſaid, He was Bailiff 35 Years ago: That all Burgage-Tenants had a Right to be of the Homage; and none were ever refuſed till within theſe Six or Seven Years, during which time, one of the Sitting-Members has been Foreman of the Jury (who preſent), and the other has been Steward of the Borough (who admits), the Burgage-Tenants; and they have altered the ancient Uſage of preſenting and admitting all Burgage-Tenants, and taken ſuch as would be for them, though they had no Right, and refuſed others who were againſt them, though they had a Right:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, That, at all Elections, the Voters were called over by the Burgage-Roll, and none others were, or could be, polled; becauſe, till of late Years, none who had a Right were ever refuſed to be preſented by the Homage:

But he conceived all Burgage-Tenants in Fee, or for Life, had a Right of voting, whether admitted by the Steward, or not; and gave an Inſtance of a Perſon allowed to vote in the laſt Election but one, who had been refuſed by the Homage: And ſaid, The Two Bailiffs of the Borough are appointed by the Steward, out of Four Perſons nominated by the Homage.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel called,

Mr. *Thomas Pyke*, Mr. *Nat. Sturt*, *Thomas White* Eſquire, *Nat. Tredcroft* Eſquire, and Mr. *John Warden*: Who ſpoke for 25 and 30 Years, and upwards; and ſaid, That only Burgage-Tenants in Fee, or for Life, had a Right to vote; and that it had always been uſual, juſt before Elections, to ſummon all Burgage-Tenants to a Court-Baron, where the Homage preſent all new Titles; and they never knew any refuſed to be of the Homage who had a Right, except in ſome few Inſtances of late, when a great Number have appeared: That, at all Elections, the Voters were called over by the Burgage-Roll; and none others ever voted, or pretended to vote, except in a ſingle Inſtance or Two, to the contrary:

They thought a Preſentment by the Homage was neceſſary, and, without it, a Perſon had no Right to vote; but they never knew this Point conteſted: They gave Inſtances of Candidates at ſeveral Elections, who were of this Opinion; and that this was the Opinion alſo of a former Steward, who was an ancient Man.

That the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, is in all ſuch Perſons as have an Eſtate of Inheritance, or for Life, in Burgage-Houſes, or Burgage-Lands, lying within the ſaid Borough:

That the Poll was;

For Sir *Harry Goring* Baronet — —	33:
Mr. *Eversfeild* — — — —	36:
The Honourable *Arthur Ingram* —	33:
Arthur Ingram — — — —	28.

That the Petitioners Counſel inſiſted, That the Number for the Honourable Mr. *Ingram* being equal with Sir *Harry Goring*, he had an equal Right to be returned, and took notice of the not returning him as an Inſtance of Partiality in the Bailiffs:

They objected againſt Nine of the Sitting-Members Voters; and alleged, they ſhould add 15 to the Petitioners Poll;

To take *Ralph Linfeild* from the Sitting-Members; and add *Theobald Mitchel* Clerk to the Petitioners Poll:

That the Petitioners Counſel produced a Conveyance in 1697, by Leaſe and Releaſe, from Doctor *Robert Coe* to *John Lindfeild*, and his Heirs, of a Tenement, Garden, Orchard, Gates, and a Croft belonging; and afterwards, in the ſame Deed, the ſame Gates are excepted out of the Grant, and reſerved to the Grantor (Dr. *Coe*), and his Heirs: In 1702, *Linfeild*, in the ſame manner, conveyed to *Harvey*; and, 15th *January* 1714, *Harvey*, in the ſame manner, conveyed to *Mitchell*:

In 1698, the Homage preſented *Coe* to One entire Burgage, after his ſaid Conveyance to *Linfeild*:

It was proved, That Mr. *Harvey* had left the Croft; that he voted in 1702, 1705, 1707, and 1708:

That *Ralph Linfeild*, who is objected to, was, in *April* 1705, preſented by the Homage to the aforeſaid Gates (being Burgage-ground), as a Purchaſor thereof from *John Linfeild*, who purchaſed the ſame in 1702 from Dr. *Robert Coe*; and the Homage apportioned *Ralph Linfeild*'s Rent at Two Pence; the whole Rent Twelve Pence: And,

That Receipts were produced of Mr. *Harvey*'s Payment of a Burgage-Rent of 1*s. per Annum*, for Seven Years laſt paſt, for his Borough-Houſe and Croft:

That, on the Sitting-Members Side, it was inſiſted, That the Right of voting is for theſe Gates, which was a Timber-Yard; and that they were expreſly excepted out of all the Conveyances on the Petitioners Side: And, to

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juſtify *Ralph Linfeild*'s Vote for the Sitting-Members;

They produced Conveyances in Fee of theſe Gates; *viz.*

From Dr. *Robert Coe* to *John Linfeild*, in 1702; and from *John Linfeild* to *Ralph Linfeild*, in 1705: And,

George Bridger ſaid, Dr. *Coe* voted for the Gates, after he had ſold the Houſe to *John Linfeild:* And,

It appeared by the Returns, That, in 1705, 1707, and 1708, *Ralph Linfeild* voted, as well as Mr. *Harvey:*

To which the Petitioners Counſel replied, That theſe Gates paſſed on their Side by Dr. *Coe*'s Firſt Conveyance, in 1697; for that the Exception, in that Deed, of theſe Gates being ſubſequent to the Grant thereof by the ſame Deed, is a void Exception.

To take *John Waller* from the Sitting-Members, and add *Geo. Booker* for the Petitioners;

Dated 27th and 28th *Jan.* 1714, a Conveyance of an entire Burgage, called *Pollard's Croft*, from *Arthur Rowland* to *Booker*, for his Life, was produced: And,

Samuel Chambers ſaid, *Waller* was only Tenant to *Rowland*; and that *Waller* is in Poſſeſſion:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel objected, That this Conveyance to *Booker* was after the *Teſte* of the Writs: And they produced a prior Title in *Waller*, by Preſentment in 1702, as a Purchaſer for Life from *Arthur Rowland*, who was then upon the Homage: And,

Michael Waller and *John Clarke* ſaid, That *Waller* has voted for this Burgage 10 Years; that nobody elſe had been preſented, or voted for it; and that he had ſerved Bailiff: To which

The Petitioners Counſel objected, for want of producing a Conveyance to *Waller*.

To take *Robert Hall* junior from the Sitting-Members, and add *Robert Hall* ſenior for the Petitioners;

In *October* 1714, the Petitioners Counſel produced a Preſentment, that *Henry Scut* died ſeiſed in Fee; that *Mary* his Widow, who was intitled to her Thirds, ſurviving her Daughter *Anne*, the Wife of *Robert Hall* ſenior, the Homage were of Opinion the Premiſes ought to have deſcended to *Robert* junior, upon his Grandmother's Death; and that *Robert* ſenior ought not to hold by the Courteſy, his Wife not having been ſole ſeiſed:

Which the Petitioners Counſel denied to be Law:

Mr. *Wicker* ſaid, That *Hall* ſenior is in Poſſeſſion, and has been ſo above 30 Years; and has all along voted; and that he did not know *Scutt*'s Widow ever was in Poſſeſſion; but had heard, That *Hall* ſenior did pay her ſomething of a Rent for her Thirds:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel alleged this to be an Inheritance of the Grandmother, who outlived her Daughter, the Wife of *Robert Hall* ſenior; and therefore he could not be Tenant by the Courteſy:

And it appeared, by Copies of the Regiſter, That *Hall*'s Wife was buried in 1682; and her Mother in 1684.

Geo. Bridger was objected to as a ſplit Vote, made under *Sturt:*

To which it was anſwered, That the Diviſion was before the Statute:

Mr. *Wicker*, on the Petitioners Side, ſaid, *Bridger* deſired *Sturt* to make him a Vote, only to ſave him from being Conſtable; and promiſed to re-convey; and believed *Bridger* paid nothing:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, *Bridger* had voted, and had been Bailiff of the Town.

To take *John Reynolds* from the Sitting-Members, and add *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire to the Petitioners Poll, *Reynolds* was objected to, as voting by a Title from his Maſter Mr. *Eversfeild*, who had only a Mortgage from *John Hargrave*, deceaſed, dated 11th and 12th *January* 1714;

The Petitioners Counſel produced an abſolute Conveyance in Fee, by Leaſe and Releaſe, from the Heir of *Hargrave*, to the Petitioner *Arthur Ingram*, of *Berriby*, Eſquire: And,

It was proved, That, upon this Conveyance, Mr. *Ingram* had offered to pay off Mr. *Eversfield*, who had given a Note under his Hand to re-convey, upon Payment of Principal and Intereſt, in Six Months:

It was alſo proved, That old *Hargrave* was upon the Homage in *October* laſt; to which he had no other Title, but this Eſtate; and from thence the Petitioners Counſel inferred, That Mr. *Eversfeild* had not Poſſeſſion; and conſequently could not make a Vote:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel produced an abſolute Conveyance from Mr. *Eversfeild* to *Reynolds* for his Life, dated 24th *January* laſt: But the Witneſs to the Deed ſaid, He did not ſee any Money paid.

To take *Richard Vincent* from the Sitting-Members, and add *John Aylward*, by prior Title, to the Petitioners, Poll;

The Petitioners Counſel produced a Preſentment by the Homage of *John Aylward*, by Purchaſe from *Nathanael Sturt*, and his Wife, in 1702:

That it appeared, by the Returns, That *Aylward* voted in 1702, 1705, 1707, and 1708.

John Hall ſaid, That *Vincent* is One of the Bailiffs; and that he voted for this Burgage in the laſt Election but One:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to *Aylward* for want of his Title-Deeds: They alleged, He had not voted ſince 1708;

And produced a Preſentment of *Vincent*, as a Purchaſer, in 1713, from *John Bridger*, who purchaſed from *Nathanael Sturt*; taking notice, That the Deeds, formerly made to *Aylward* by *Sturt*, had been delivered up:

The Conveyance from *Bridger* to *Vincent* was produced: And,

Geo. Arnold ſaid, That *Sturt*'s making the former Title to *Aylward* was only to give him a Vote; and that Security was taken for delivering up that Title; which was accordingly done, upon the giving back that Security.

Joſeph Lee was objected to, as having no Title: The Tenant ſaid, He paid his Rent to Mr. *King:*

The Sitting-Members Counſel produced a Conveyance in 1712, from *King* to *Lee*, for *King*'s Life; and a Preſentment of *King* thereupon.

John Middleton Eſquire was objected to, as a ſplit Vote: His Title appeared to be Part of a Houſe purchaſed in 1710:

John Parſons, the Tenant in Poſſeſſion, ſaid, The former Owner of this Part of the Houſe never voted.

John Warden was objected to for Bribery:

It was proved he was preſſed for an old Debt of 50 *l.*; and that the Sitting-Members gave their Bond for it in *January* laſt:

On the Sitting-Members Side, it was alleged, That *Warden* owed them a greater Sum, for the ſake of which they advanced this; and thereupon took a Security for the whole Debt: And,

A Copy of a Judgment was produced, confeſſed by *Warden* to the Sitting-Members in *Hilary* Term laſt, defeaſanced on Payment of 330 *l.* lent, with Intereſt.

To add *William Paſh* to the Petitioners Poll;

A Conveyance to him was produced, dated 5° and 6° *Januarii* laſt:

Which the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to, as executed after the *Teſte* of the Writs.

To add *Arthur Rowland* ſenior to the Petitioners Poll;

A Preſentment by the Homage, in 1699, of him, as a Purchaſer in Fee, was produced; and he was proved to be in Poſſeſſion of Six whole Burgeſſes; and Mr. *Everſfeild*, in *November* laſt, made him very conſiderable Offers for their Votes:

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected, for want of producing a Conveyance to *Rowland*.

To add *Thomas Shepherd* to the Petitioners Poll;

Richard Curtis ſaid, *Shepherd*'s Father and Grandfather had formerly a Plot of Land; but he could not ſay, they, or any one elſe, had voted for it:

A Rent-Roll in 1674 was produced; wherein *Shepherd*'s Grandfather's Name is inſerted among the Burgage-Tenants:

On the Sitting-Members Side,

Geo. Bridger ſaid, He knew *Shepherd*'s Father had a Burgage-houſe, for which he voted; and had no other Burgage; and that Mr. *Wicker* junior now voted for it, as his Houſe.

To add *Richard Curtis* junior to the Petitioners Poll;

Dat. in *Auguſt* 1713, a Conveyance of the *Geo.* Mead from Mr. *Yates* to *Curtis*, for his Life, was produced; and it appeared, That *Yates* was admitted to ſeveral Burgages, Two of which are called *The George:*

Richard Luckin ſaid, He had paid Rent to *Curtis* for the *George* Mead within a Year paſt:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, That he had known this Mead 50 Years; and never heard, that any one had voted for it; but believed it to be Burgage-Tenure:

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected, No Proof was made of any Money paid by *Curtis*; and the Witneſs to his Conveyance ſaid, He did not remember any paid.

To add *John Napper* to the Petitioners Poll;

A Conveyance from *Sarah Somerſet*, in *November* laſt, to him for his Life, if ſhe ſo long lived, was produced; a former Conveyance in 1713, from her to him, for his own Life abſolutely, was alſo produced: And

John Hall ſaid, The Homage rejected that former Conveyance, becauſe not limited to the Life of *Sarah:*

That the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, She had diveſted herſelf by the Firſt Conveyance, which was nought; and that nothing paſſed by the Second.

To add Five others to the Petitioners Poll; *viz. Thomas Huſſey*, *Edward Stanford*, *Thomas Swayne*, *John Hall*, and *Thomas Pope*; who claimed by Titles from *Richard Lintot*;

The Petitioners Counſel produced a Copy of a Survey of the Manor, taken in the Year 1650; whereby *John Lintot*'s Holding is found to be Five Burgages and a Half: And,

In 1683, a Preſentment of *Richard Lintot*, as Heir of his Father *John*, to Three Meſſuages, and certain Lands, called *Goals' Lands*; Rent 5.6: And,

Dat. 11th and 12th *Auguſt* 1713, the ſeveral Conveyances for Life, by Leaſe and Releaſe from *Richard Lintot*, under which theſe Voters claimed:

The Sitting-Members Counſel obſerved, That all theſe Conveyances were made the ſame Day; and objected to them as ſplit Votes, and fraudulent; and called,

Robert Lord, *Edward Tupp*, and Mr. *John Wicker* junior: Who ſaid, They are Tenants to Mr. *Lintot* of ſeveral Parts of theſe Lands; and do conſtantly pay their Rents to him:

It was proved, That all the Perſons, who the Petitioners would add to their Poll, had been rejected by the Homage; and had tendered their Votes for the Petitioners.

On the Head of ill Practices, the Petitioners Counſel called,

Geo. Booker: Who ſaid, That Mr. *Richard Vincent*, One of the Bailiffs, had declared, They would return the Sitting-Members, though the Petitioners ſhould have a Majority.

It was proved, That Mr. *John Linfeild*, an Agent for the Sitting-Members, the Night before the Election, took *John Burſtow* in Execution, upon a dormant Judgment of 11° *Annæ*; and that, upon the Election-Day, he had cauſed Mr. *Wicker* ſenior to be arreſted in ſeveral Actions, and held him to Bail: And,

Mr. *Rowland*, the Plaintiff in One of thoſe Actions, denied any Privity to the Arreſt of Mr. *Wicker* in his Name:

John Pilfold ſaid, Sir *Harry Goring* ſollicited his Brother's Vote; and, when he found he could not depend upon it, they were ſerved with a Declaration in Ejectment upon the Demiſe of Sir *Harry*, to turn them out of their Shop:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, He paid but 12 *l.* a Year Rent; that his Landlord had told him, Sir *Harry Goring* would give 15 *l.*; and offered it the Witneſs at that Rent; which he declining, his Landlord acquainted him ſome time after, That he had lett the Shop to Sir *Harry* for 21 Years, at 15 *l.* Rent: He owned the Shop had no Vote; and that he had not been turned out: Proceedings are ſtaid, by Agreement, till *Lady-day* 1716; and the Matter is in a Way of Accommodation.

In relation to the Complaint of taking *Burſtow* in Execution, and arreſting Mr. *Wicker*;

It was proved, *Burſtow* was preſently diſcharged out of Cuſtody; and that former Proceſs had been ſeveral times taken out againſt Mr. *Wicker*, by ſome of the ſame Plaintiffs, and others; and that he was not then to be met with: It was alſo proved, That Mr. *Linfeild* had Directions from the Plaintiffs, for whom he was concerned; and that other Perſons were concerned in the other Cauſes:

The Petitioners Counſel admitted the Debts, for which Mr. *Wicker* was arreſted, were juſt; but complained of the Arreſts, for being at the time of Election; though it appeared, That neither *Wicker*, nor *Burſtow*, were deprived of voting:

John Day, the Bailiff who arreſted them, ſaid, He was ſent down by Mr. *Orlton*, with Orders to follow Mr. *Linfeild*'s Directions, which he did accordingly; and, purſuant to ſuch Directions, he took *Burſtow* on the *Friday* Night before the Election; and could have then alſo taken Mr. *Wicker*; but *Linfeild* bid him not take him then: On the Election-Day, *Linfeild* directed him to take *Wicker*; and he did ſo.

That the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to 17 of the Petitioners Voters; and alleged they ſhould add Four to their own Poll:

They alleged, That the Honourable *Henry Ingram* Eſquire had not a good Title; for that he claimed under *Richard Eade*, deceaſed, whoſe Eſtate deſcended to his Two Daughters:

They produced a Preſentment in *October* laſt of Mr. *Ingram*, by Conveyance from *Sarah*, the Widow of *Richard Eade*, to whom he had deviſed his Burgage to be ſold; and objected, That, if the Will was produced, which they had required, it would appear, the Daughters had the Right:

They objected againſt *Richard Lintot*, That he had divided his Burgages into ſplit Votes, and, having no diſtinct Burgage left, had no Vote for himſelf:

William Briggs was objected to, as voting for *The George*; for which *Curtis* ſenior alſo voted:

It appeared, That *The George* was Two Burgages, and was ſeparated in 1702, and the Rent apportioned.

Samuel Caffin, *Henry Howes*, and *Richard Pilfold*, were objected to, as voting under a Truſt; but none appeared:

It was proved, That *Richard Pilfold*, and *John Burſtow*, had confeſſed Promiſes, from the Lord *Irwin*, of Places for their Votes: And *Burſtow* ſaid, His Lordſhip had paid 50 *l.* for him.

Abraham Newnham's Title appeared to be a Moiety of a Burgage, to which he was admitted in 1680, and the Rent was then apportioned.

Michah Waller ſaid, That *Benjamin Borer* voted for Part of an Orchard, to which he had no Title: The Witneſs has been in Poſſeſſion 12 Years; and he and the former Owner have voted.

It was proved, That *John Gratwick* junior had only a colourable Title to vote; and was under a Bond to reconvey upon Requeſt; and that he voted for Mr. *Everſfeild*, and the Honourable Mr. *Ingram*.

William Griffith ſaid, He heard *John Smith* declare, above a Year ago, That the Lord *Irwin* gave him a Quartermaſter's Place; but did not ſay upon what Conſideration it was given.

Robert Hedger was objected to, on account of the Uncertainty of his Burgage:

In 1702, the Homage Preſentment of him is, as Heir of his Father to a certain Burgage-Tenure, which they cannot deſcribe.

John Clarke ſaid, *Henry Grombridge* voted for Part of *Lintot's Mead.*

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Wm. Kempſter ſaid, *Joſhua Guilford* voted for Part of *Catharine Lotter*'s Houſe.

Richard Sayres was objected to, as voting for Mr. *Goodyer*'s Houſe:

It was proved by the Tenants, That they pay their Rent conſtantly to *Goodyer*: And,

Mr. *Goodyer* ſaid, He has Security from *Sayres* to reconvey; and that he made him only a colourable Title to vote, upon the Two Mr. *Wicker's* Sollicitation; and promiſed, That he ſhould have 30 *l.* for it.

John Wicker junior, Eſquire, was objected to, as claiming under *Shepherd*'s Widow; whereas ſhe had no Title: And,

It appeared, That, in 1699, *Thomas Sheppard* was preſented by the Homage to a Burgage, as Heir to his Father:

Nat. Sturt and *Sam. Blunt* averred, That the Houſe, for which *John Wicker* ſenior, Eſquire, voted, was ſettled on his Son, upon his Marriage, Three Years ago; and that the Son is in Poſſeſſion.

To add Four to the Sitting-Members Poll; *viz. Philip Lutman*, *John Tingler*, *Thomas Bryan*, and *John Blake*; who were proved to have tendered their Votes, and were refuſed; becauſe not admitted by the Homage;

Their Title-Deeds were produced; *viz.*

Lutman's in Fee, dated 19th and 20th *January* laſt;

Tinger's for Life, dat. 26th *January* laſt;

Bryan's, for Life of a Third Perſon, dated 15° *Aug.* 1713: And,

Blakes's in Fee, dat. 10° and 11° *Ap.* 1713.

On the Head of Bribery, and ill Practices;

It was proved, That Mr *Thomas Harvey* confeſſed he had ſold his Houſe to the Lord *Irwin* for 350 *l.*; very nigh Three times as much as it coſt him.

Henry Longhurſt and *Richard Luxford* mentioned Offers to them by Mr. *Wickers* ſenior, and Lord *Irwin*, to vote for the Petitioners; but they voted for the Sitting-Members.

That then the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to the Qualification given in by the Petitioner *Arthur Ingram*, of *Hills*, Eſquire, amounting to 371 *l.* 4 *s. per Annum*; and charged to be 330 *l. per Annum* above Reprizes and Incumbrances:

One Part thereof is the Palace of *York*, leaſed to the Petitioner from that See, for his own and Two other Lives, and mentioned, in the Particular, to be lett out in ſeveral Tenements at 115 *l.* 1 *s. per Annum*; excepting an Apartment, Long Gallery, Garden, and Appurtenances in hand: Which being charged at 20 *l. per Annum*;

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected to that particular Article, as an Overcharge; and urged, That the Rent reſerved to the See of *York* ought alſo to be conſidered, by way of Deduction:

The reſt of the Qualification is an Eſtate for Life, conveyed from the other Petitioner by Leaſe and Releaſe, dat. 23° and 24° *December* laſt, for 2,000 *l.*:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel objected to this Part of the Qualification, for want of actual Payment of the Conſideration-money: And they called,

Mr. *John Hand*, a Witneſs to the Conveyance: Who ſaid, That no Part of the Conſideration-money was paid; but a Bond given for the Whole, payable in Six Months, as he remembred the Time.

That the Petitioners Counſel, on their Reply, obſerved, That no Part of the Qualification had been falſified; and that it was of ſufficient Value, above the 20 *l. per Annum* in hand:

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Harry Goring* Baronet is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Horſham*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Honourable *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Horſham*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Arthur Ingram* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Horſham*.

The Firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, is in all ſuch Perſons as have an Eſtate of Inheritance, or for Life, in Burgage-houſes, or Burgage-lands, lying within the ſaid Borough.

The ..... ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, by raſing out the Names of Sir *Harry Goring* Baronet, and *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of the Honourable *Arthur. Ingram* and *Arthur Ingram* Eſquires, inſtead thereof.

Reſolved, That *John Linfeild*, Attorney at Law, has been guilty of divers illegal and unjuſtifiable Practices, in relation to the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Linfeild* be, for his ſaid Offence, taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *John Moleſworth* and *John Holt* Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *Henry Johnſon* Knight, and *William Johnſon* Eſquire, for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*:

That the Petitioners Counſel alleged, This is a Borough by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in the Bailiffs and Burgeſſes reſident in the Borough:

That the Sitting-Members Counſel alleged it to be a Corporation by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and Freemen at large:

That a Charter of *Edward* the Sixth was produced, reciting this to be a Borough; and from thenceforth incorporating the ſame, and the Inhabitants in the ſaid Borough, by Name of Bailiffs and Burgeſſes; with Power to make Ordinances for Government of the ſaid Borough, and any of the King's Subjects wholly reſident, or not wholly reſident, there; the Preamble of which Charter mentions it to be granted *ob ſingularem amorem Regis erga tenentes et inhabitantes burgi*:

4 *Jac.* I. a Charter of Incorporation, *de novo*, by the Name of Bailiffs and Burgeſſes; creating and conſtituting *primos et modernos ballivos*, *et primos et modernos capitales burgenſes*, with farther Privileges:

In 1657, an Order in the Town-Book, excluding Out-Burgeſſes and Foreigners from Commoning in the Town-Marſh; becauſe they did not contribute to any publick Charge in the Corporation:

In 1661, a Return by Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, under the common Seal:

In

In 1669, a Return by One Bailiff and Five Burgeſſes, under their Hands and Seals:

Sarah Hills ſaid, She was at the Election in 1661; and that none but Inhabitants then voted; but that ſhe was not in the Town-hall during the whole Election: That ſhe knew all the Perſons, who ſigned the Return in 1669, were Inhabitants: That ſhe had been at ſeveral Elections ſince, where none but Inhabitants voted; and that formerly no others claimed to vote:

Roſe Becket, being called, ſaid, She knew nothing of Elections; but had been threatened and abuſed by one *Oſborne:*

Thomas Richas ſaid, That none but Inhabitant-Burgeſſes voted in 1669, when there was but One Candidate: That the Town-Burgeſſes have Privileges in the Town-Marſhes, which the Out-Burgeſſes have not:

John Poſtle ſaid, The Out-Burgeſſes do not do watch and ward.

That, on the Sitting-Members Side,

Wm. Robinſon ſaid, He had known the Borough 50 Years: In all his Time, the Freemen at large voted; and he never knew any Out-Burgeſſes refuſed: Himſelf lived out of Town 20 Years, and voted in all Elections in that time: The Out-Burgeſſes ſerve Town-Offices, and are annually called over by Roll, as well as the reſident Freemen, upon Election of Bailiffs and chief Burgeſſes: and are fined for Non-appearance:

He named Four Out-Burgeſſes, who, he ſaid, voted in 1669; *viz. Newport*, *Gaffard*, *Shepherd*, and *Porter*.

Thomas Wills, *Edward Wall*, and *John Dawſon*, ſpoke to 67, 55, and 18 Years; in which time, they ſaid, Out-Burgeſſes had always voted without Refuſal; and that they are annually called over upon the Election of Bailiffs and chief Burgeſſes; and had been ſometimes elected into the Offices of Conſtable, Chamberlain, Aldermen, and Bailiffs.

That it appeared by the Journals of the Houſe,

That 1° *Dec.* 1691, Mr. *Johnſon*, who was choſe by the Freemen at large, was determined by the Committee, and by the Houſe alſo, to be duly elected: And,

23° *Dec.* 1709, it was reſolved by the Committee, and agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Right of Election is in the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and Freemen not receiving Alms.

The Petitioners Counſel alleged, on their Reply, That, in thoſe Conteſts, there was but very little, or no, Evidence to be had againſt the Members who were then returned.

And that the Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, is not in the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and Freemen, of the ſaid Borough, not receiving Alms.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, is in the Bailiffs and Burgeſſes reſident within the ſaid Borough, and not receiving Alms.

That the Poll was,

For the Sitting-Members — — — 46:
the Petitioners — — — — 35.

It was proved, That 19 of the Sitting-Members Voters were not reſident; and another received Alms:

That the Names of the 19 Perſons, who voted for the Sitting-Members, and were objected to by the Petitioners Counſel, on the Account of Non-reſidence, are; *viz.* Sir *Henry Johnſon*, *William Johnſon* Eſquire, *John Johnſon* and *Alexander Bence* Eſquires, *Wm. Howell*, *Edward Lark*, *Kavet Gray*, *Geo. Lyle*, *Nic. Baldrey*, *Thomas Meadows*, *Richard Laſhley*, *Chriſtopher Staffe*, *Edward Flower*, *John Wall*, *Jonathan Norris*, *Wm. Sparkes*, *Wm. Betts*, *Iſhmael Lincoln*, and *Alexander Oſborne*.

Upon which, the Counſel for the Sitting-Members withdrew: And,

The Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Henry Johnſon* Knight is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *William Johnſon* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Moleſworth* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Holt* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, is not in the Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and Freemen, of the ſaid Borough, not receiving Alms;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Minſhull:* } 97.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *England:* } 129.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*, is in the Bailiffs and Burgeſſes reſident within the ſaid Borough, and not receiving Alms:

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Sir *Henry Johnſon* Knight is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *Suffolk*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *William Johnſon* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Liſter*, Mr. *Northy*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Peyto*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 17° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of *Namptwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the

the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*; which Bill, if paſſes, will be very prejudicial to the Petitioners; and deſtroy the ancient Salt-Trade there: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of *Wm. Berrington*, and *Philip Lutley*, Eſquires, Truſtees of the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Gerrard*, late Baron of *Gerrard's Bromley*, and Lord of *Dutton*, deceaſed; and alſo of *Thomas Fleetwood* Eſquire, and *Frances* his Wife, only Siſter of the ſaid late Lord *Gerrard*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable; which Bill, if paſſes, will cauſe a very great Quantity of the Petitioners Meadow-grounds, lying on both Sides the ſaid River, to be laid under Water: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the poorer Sort of Inhabitants in *Ediſbury* Hundred, in the County-Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable; which Bill, if paſſes, will ruin the Land-carriage; and the Petitioners, for want of Employment, will periſh for want of Bread: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Freeholders, and moſt conſiderable Farmers, within the Hundreds of *Namptwych* and *Eddiſbury*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the ſaid County; which Bill, if paſſes, will be very injurious to the Petitioners, and againſt the general Intereſt of the ſaid Hundreds: And praying to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Maſters, Merchants, of Ships, and other Traders, of the Town and Port of *Liverpoole*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the River *Weaver*, in *Cheſhire*, is capable of being made navigable; which, if effected, will greatly improve Navigation, the Increaſe of Watermen, and very much promote the Exportation of Salt to foreign Markets; to the great Advantage of the Kingdom: And praying, That the Bill may paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed.

Mr. *Grimſton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Albans*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Walpole* acquainted the Houſe, That, purſuant to their Order, *Matthew Pryor* Eſquire had been Yeſterday examined before the Committee of Secrecy; and, during a long Examination, there appeared Matters of ſuch Importance, That the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe, That he may be confined in cloſe Cuſtody; and no Perſon permitted to come to him.

Ordered, That *Matthew Pryor* Eſquire, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be confined in cloſe Cuſtody; and no Perſon permitted to come to him, without Leave from Mr. Speaker.

A Petition of Sir *John Lambert* Baronet, *Samuel Shepheard* Eſquire, and the Executors of the late *John James David*, of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, in *Auguſt* 1708, bought, of *Henry Bray* and *John Bowden*, Twenty Tons and Half of *French* Prize-Wines, lying at *Penryn*, and taken by the *Ramelly-Gally* Privateer of *Guernſey*, *John Powndwell* Commander; and the Petitioners had Bills drawn on them to the Value of 150 *l.* payable to the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms, for the Duties of the ſaid Wines: And that the Petitioners ſhipped Nineteen Tons and Three Hogſheads of the ſaid Wines on board the *New-Topſham*, *Wm. Daire* Maſter, who ſailed from *Falmouth*, bound for *London*, in *October* following, under Convoy of his Majeſty's Ships the *Dover* and *Sunderland*; but was taken by a *French* Privateer, in Sight of the *Sunderland*, and carried into *Calais*: And praying, That a Bill, or Clauſe, may be brought in for vacating the ſaid Bills of Exchange; or, upon Payment of the ſaid Bills, they may import as many Wines, free of all Duties, to the Amount of the Duties ſo taken, as aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Morrice*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Broderick*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *John Walter*, Sir *Henry Bunbury*, Sir *Tho. Groſvenor*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for better Preſervation of Fiſh in the River *Dee*.

The Houſe being moved, That a Clauſe in the Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Increaſe and better Preſervation of Salmon, and other Fiſh, in the Rivers within the Counties of *Southampton* and *Wilts*, might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to inlarge the Time of Salmon-fiſhing in the Counties of *Southampton* and *Wilts*, from the laſt Day of *June* to the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* following.

A Petition of divers Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, of the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a great Number of the Petitioners have ſuffered by Horſe-ſtealers; but, if

there was ſome Reward provided for apprehending them, it would in a great meaſure prevent the like: And praying, That Proviſion may be made for the Conviction of them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, is committed.

The Houſe being moved, That the Account of what Propoſals have been made, in relation to the Coinage of Farthings and Halfpence, which was ordered to lie upon the Table, might be read:

It was read accordingly; and is as follows; *viz.*

AN Account of what Propoſals have been made, in relation to the Coinage of Farthings and Halfpence, and what has been done thereupon, from the Beginning of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Ann*, to the Date hereof; that is to ſay,

Anno 1703, *Abel Slaney*, Citizen and Woollen-draper, of *London*, as principal Undertaker for the coining Halfpence and Farthings . . the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*; alleging, That he was a very great Sufferer in the Changing of Tin Halfpence and Farthings for Copper, by Tale; propoſed to coin 700 Tons of Copper Halfpence and Farthings in Seven Years, of equal Value, Weight, and Fineneſs, of the laſt Halfpence and Farthings, to be melted, rolled, cut, and ſtamped, at her late Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower*, ſubject to a Comptroller to be appointed by her ſaid late Majeſty, and at the Undertaker's Expence:

In Conſideration of ſuch Grant, the ſaid *Slaney*, for himſelf and Partners, propoſed to give her late Majeſty a Fine of 5,000 *l.* and a Rent of 1,000 *l. per Annum*, by Half-yearly Payments; and to be under ſuch Reſtrictions and Regulations as her ſaid late Majeſty ſhould think reaſonable:

Thomas Renda Eſquire, *Edward Ambroſe*, and *Daniel Barton*, who were before Partners with the ſaid *Slaney* in coining the former Halfpence and Farthings, underſtanding that the ſaid *Slaney* deſigned to intitle a new Set of Partners to the Merit of another's Patent, upon the Terms by him propoſed, did petition, That, if her Majeſty thought fit to grant a new Patent for making Copper Halfpence and Farthings, Strangers might not reap the Benefit of the Expences they had been at in performing the former Patent, which, they pretended, was done to their Loſs; but that they might have ſome new Patent, paying for the ſame what was propoſed by others.

Anno $170\frac{4}{5}$, *William Shepard*, *N. Shepard*, and *George Freeman*, did, in *March* $170\frac{4}{5}$, petition to have a Patent to impower them to coin Forty or Fifty Tons every Year, for Eight or Ten Years; obliging themſelves to make them of *Engliſh* Copper, of equal Weight and Fineneſs with thoſe then current.

The Fellow-moneyers being poor and needy, and having no Work in the Mint, did, about the ſame time, petition to the ſame Effect, That, out of the Profits of ſuch Coinage, they might ſuſtain themſelves until the Mint was ſet to Work about Gold and Silver Monies.

Soon after the Union, Sir *Talbot Clerke* and Partners did repreſent, That having, in the Year 1686, obtained Letters-Patents for 14 Years, to put in Practice a new Invention of Furnaces for melting and refining Metals out of Ores; and that, by their Care and Expence, great Advantage had accrued to the Nation; but that, by reaſon of great Difficulties they met with in the Management, and the Time being expired, they had not made the hoped Advantage; they, therefore, did petition, That, in ſome Recompence for their Charges and Expences, they might ſend in Two Tons of Copper Blanks *per* Week into the Mint, until they had diſpoſed of 700d Tons:

Mr. *Chambers*, hearing of this Propoſal of Sir *Talbot Clerke*, repreſented, That he, and divers other Perſons, had purchaſed, at a very dear Rate, of the ſaid Sir *Talbot Clerk*, and others concerned with him, their Intereſt in the ſaid Patent; and were afterwards incorporated by their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, under the Name of the Governors and Company of Copper-Mines in *England*; and that, having very much improved the Copper-works, and, at the Charge of above 20,000 *l.* having obtained the Knowlege of making Copper fine; and having greater Stock in his Hands than could be diſpoſed of; did propoſe to ſend 100 Tons of Copper into the Mint, at the Rate of Twelve Pence *per* Pound, to be there coined into Halfpence and Farthings, at ſuch Value as ſhould be directed; ſo that the Charges of coining the ſame, and other Incidents, might be borne out of the Surplus; and that he might have Twelve Pence *per* Pound, to be paid him as faſt as the Copper-money ſhould be diſpoſed of.

Anno 1708, *William Morgan* Gentleman, and others, did petition for a Grant for the coining 1,000d Tons of *Engliſh* Copper; one Half into Halfpence, and the other Half into Farthings and Half-farthings; within the Term of Seven Years, to be of Weight and Fineneſs according to a Standard to be agreed to; which Standard was to be at leaſt 20 *l. per Cent.* finer and better Copper than the 700 Tons formerly coined; and was to be melted, aſſayed, rolled, and cut and ſtamped, at the Mint in the *Tower*; ſubject to a Comptroller to be appointed by her late Majeſty, and at the Expence of the Undertaker:

By this Propoſal, all the Copper Halfpence and Farthings formerly coined were to be taken and exchanged by the Propoſer, in Tale, for thoſe of the new Stamp, and ſo melted down.

1710, Mr. *William Palmes* did petition, That, towards a Recompence for the Loſſes he had ſuſtained, he might have a Patent for the Coining of 700d Tons of Copper in 14 Years; ſubject to ſuch Agreement, Limitations, and Covenants, as were made in the Patent granted for the coining the former 700 Tons.

The ſeveral Reports, which were made by the Officers of the Mint, upon the aforegoing Petitions and Propoſals, were to the Effect following; *viz.*

That, ſince the Year 1672, in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, and in the Beginning of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, all the Coinages of Farthings and Halfpence, before the laſt Contract, were performed by Commiſſioners, who had Money impreſted from the Exchequer to buy Copper and Tin; and coined the ſame, at moſt, into 20 *d. per* Pound Weight Avoirdupoiſe, the Copper being *Swediſh*; and accounted, upon Oath, to the Government for the Charges and Produce thereof by Tale:

That, upon Complaints made againſt the Tin Halfpence and Farthings, Sir *Joſeph Hern*, and others, contracted to change the ſame; and, to enable them to bear that Charge, were allowed, by Patent, to coin 700d Tons of *Engliſh* Copper into Halfpence and Farthings at 21 *d. per* Pound Weight; with a Remedy of an Halfpeny, without being accountable to the Government for the Tale; which *Engliſh* Copper was cheaper than the *Swediſh*: And, the Reaſon of this Allowance being ceaſed, the ſaid Patent ought not to be drawn into Precedent for coining the Money ſo much lighter than the intrinſick Value, and without Account; eſpecially ſince the Money coined thereby were lighter, and of worſe Copper, than by Agreement, and badly coined:

That it was beſt to coin the Copper-money as near as could be to the intrinſick Value, including the Charges of Coinage, ſet Allowances, and Incidents, and reckoning the Copper at what it would ſell for, if the new Money ſhould be melted down again; for which Reaſon, it ought to be free from ſuch Mixtures as would diminiſh the Market-price; and that, whatever Profit ſhould ariſe by the Coinage, the Crown might have it in its Power to gratify whom it pleaſe therewith; and therefore the former Method, by Commiſſioners, and upon Account, ſeemed the more ſafe, commendable, and advantageous to the Government; eſpecially if the Method uſed in the Coinage of Gold and Silver be obſerved, as nearly as conveniently can be, in the Coinage of Copper; for that thereby

thereby the Coinage might come nearer to the intrinſick Value, and would be apt to be better performed, and of better Copper; and, by a ſtanding Commiſſion, any Quantity might be coined at any time, as the Uſes of the Nation ſhould, from time to time, require, for preventing Complaints; for, in the Times of the Petitions and Propoſals above-mentioned, there was at firſt no Want, and afterwards no conſiderable Want, of Copper-money; and it was thought ſafeſt to coin only what was wanted, leaſt the Coinage of too great a Quantity at once ſhould occaſion Complaints, as it did actually in Parliament in the Coinage of the Firſt 600 Tons of the preſent Copper-money.

And further, that, upon the Petition of Mr. *Morgan*, there was a verbal Report, That, to call in all the Copper-money then current, would be a Loſs of 70 or 80,000 *l.* to the Government, or above; and that 1,000d Tons would be too much, 6 or 700 Tons being found ſufficient to ſtock the Nation of *England:* And to an Argument of the Petitioners, That a new Coinage of weightier and better Money would cauſe the old Money to be rejected by the People, and loſe its Currency; it was anſwered, That a great Coinage, ſuppoſe of 6 or 700 Tons, might have that Effect, becauſe alone ſufficient for the Uſes of the Nation; but that a ſmall Coinage, not ſufficient for that Purpoſe, would be beſt.

Anno 171$\frac{2}{3}$, there was alſo a Petition of Mr. *Charles Parry*, Proprietor of the *Tower* Mills at *Mitcham*, (*a*) [to deliver] Blanks of fine hammered Copper at 18 *d. per* Pound Weight, or of fine caſt and rolled Copper at 15 *d. per* Pound Weight, to be coined in the *Tower*; or to deliver Fillets of fine hammered Copper, ready for the Roller, at 15 *d. per* Pound Weight, and take back the Sciſſel at 12 *d.*; the fine hammered Copper to be of equal Fineneſs with the Blanks of *Swediſh* Copper coined in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second:

There was alſo, at the ſame time, a Petition of *John Perry*, *John Shorey*, *Leonard Fletcher*, and *Thomas Humfrevile*, and others, Proprietors of the Copper and Braſs-works called *Temple-mills*, near *Great Marlow*, in *Buckinghamſhire*, to deliver in to the Mint Blanks of the fineſt Copper at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d. per* Pound Weight; or elſe to deliver Plates, drawn fit for cutting, at 15 *d. per* Pound Weight; and to take back the Sciſſel at 12 *d.:*

And one Mr. *Eyres* has ſince propoſed to deliver into the Mint Plates of fine Copper malleable without cracking, when red-hot, and drawn to a Breadth and Thickneſs fit for cutting, and blanched; paying him 15 *d. per* Pound Weight for the Blanks cut out of the ſame; and returning back the Sciſſel, without paying any thing for it.

1713, There was alſo a Propoſal of *Charles Tunnah* and *William Dale*, to coin, in Ten Years, a Thouſand Tons of Halfpence and Farthings of a mixed Metal, that ſhould look and touch like ordinary Gold, cutting a Pound Weight into 32 Pence.

Nothing being done upon theſe Petitions, the Officers of the Mint were directed, in *November* laſt, to lay before the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury ſuch Method, or Propoſals, for coining Halfpence and Farthings of *Engliſh* Copper, as had been made, or they ſhould think fit to make; and they repreſented thereupon, That ſuch Money be made of *Engliſh* Copper, malleable under the Hammer, when red-hot; becauſe ſuch Copper is free from Mixture, and is of about the ſame Degree of Fineneſs with the *Swediſh* Copper-money, and with Copper Veſſels made at the Battering-mills: And becauſe ſuch fine Copper cannot be run into Bars by caſting, they propoſed, That it . . made into Bars or Plates of a due Breadth and Thickneſs, either at the Battering-mills, or at the Drawing-mills; and be received at the Mint by Weight and Aſſay, upon the Mint-maſter's Note, expreſſing the Weight thereof; and that the new Monies be examined by Weight and Aſſay together, and the Examination entered in Books; and the Mint-maſter, upon delivering the ſame Weight of Copper in Money and Sciſſel together, be diſcharged of his Receipts; and that the Importer have ſo much of the Money as ſhall be agreed upon, for his Copper and Workmanſhip; and the King have the reſt as a Seigniorage, for defraying all the Charges of this Coinage; and the Mint-maſter account for the Seigniorage: And, for this End, they recommended the Propoſal of Mr. *Eyres* as the beſt.

The Seigniorage then propoſed was 4 *d. per* Pound Weight; whereof 3 *d.* for Hazard and Making; and a Peny more for putting them in Repair, and defraying the Charges of the Buildings, and of aſſaying, weighing, entering in Books, accounting, and other Incidents.

In *December* laſt, a Propoſal was made for coining 1,000d Tons of Copper Farthings and Halfpence within the Space of Ten Years; to wit, 800 Tons for *Great Britain* and the Plantations, and 200 Tons for *Ireland:* But the Propoſal ſeeming to the Lords of the Treaſury unreaſonable, and what might be a Prejudice or Inconvenience to his Majeſty's Revenue, by the great Quantities of Farthings and Halfpence that might be thrown into the Receipts of the Exciſe and Poſt-Office, as formerly happened, their Lordſhips did not think it adviſeable to make any Proceedings thereupon.

By Order of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury.

Wm. Lowndes.

20th *May* 1715.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, when his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary, that more Farthings and Halfpence ſhould be coined, that they be made of the fineſt *Britiſh* Copper, and as near the intrinſick Value as is poſſible; and that, if any Advantage is made thereby, it may be applied to the Service of the Publick.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee of Secrecy;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*a*) Supplied from the Account which was preſented to the Houſe.

Sabbati, 18° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

*H*Erman *Meyer* took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

A Petition of the Farmers and Freeholders in the Hundred of *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the ſaid County; which Bill, if paſſes, will deprive the Petitioners of employing themſelves, their Servants and Horſes, in carrying Coals in the Summer-time to their own Houſes, with which they ſupply the *Wiches* in the Winter: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before the ſame paſſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Middlewich*, in the County of *Cheſter*, and the Proprietors of the Salt-works there, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and

and read; ſetting forth, That the Bill, now depending, for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, is far from anſwering the good Ends, or promoting the publick Good, thereby ſuggeſted; for that the ſame would only carry the Navigation Six Miles farther into the Country; and thereby ſome Thouſands of Perſons, who maintain their Families by the Carriage of Salt, would be impoveriſhed: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Merchants of *Briſtol*, trading in Tobacco, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That * * * *

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Bonds giv n for Payment of the Duties on the ſame, is referred.

A Petition of the Merchants of *Whitehaven*, trading in Tobacco, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That ſeveral of the Duties ariſing by the Importation of Tobacco were, till of late, payable at Three Months, Nine Months, and Eighteen Months, and ſecured by ſeveral Bonds; and the Payment of Intereſt upon thoſe bonded Duties, accruing before the Expiration of the Eighteen Months, was a great Hardſhip upon the Merchant; and, by an Act of the Twelfth of her late Majeſty, for encouraging the Tobacco-Trade, the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral Duties is prejudicial to Trade, and a Loſs to the Revenue, and are therefore all reduced to One Payment at the End of Eighteen Months; and conſequently all Demands of Intereſt, before the End of Eighteen Months, are now cut off, after the Commencement, and during the Continuance, of that Act; and there is no Proviſion made in the ſaid Act for diſcharging the Intereſt, before the ſaid Eighteen Months, ariſing upon the Bonds made before the Act; and ſeveral of thoſe Bonds being lately put in Suit againſt the Petitioners, notwithſtanding they have duly paid off all the Principal Money due thereon, upon the Expiration of the ſaid Eighteen Months: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Bonds given for Payment of the Duties on the ſame, is referred.

A Petition of the Right Honourable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, and *Frances* Counteſs of *Scarborough*, his Wife, the Honourable *Henry Lumley* Eſquire, *William Cotton* Eſquire, and *Robert Dormer* Eſquire, One of the Juſtices of his Majeſty's Court of Common-Pleas at *Weſtminſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act of the Ninth of King *William* the Third, for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; reciting, That by Indenture Quadrupartite of the Twenty-ſecond of *October*, in the Fourth Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, between *Thomas Panton* and *Dorothy Panton* Widow, his Mother, of the Firſt Part; the Petitioners *Henry Lumley*, *William Cotton*, and *Thomas Brereton*, deceaſed, of the Second Part; *Richard Cotton*, and *Mary* his eldeſt Daughter, of the Third Part; and Sir *Francis Blake*, the Petitioner *Robert Dormer*, and *Henry Arundell* Eſquire, now the Right Honourable Lord *Arundell* of *Wardour*, of the Fourth Part; and other Aſſurance in the Law; the ſeveral Meſſuages or Tenements, therein particularly mentioned, were, in Conſideration of a Marriage then intended, and ſince ſolemnized, between the ſaid *Thomas Panton* and *Mary Cotton* his now Wife, ſettled to the Uſe of the ſaid *Thomas Panton*, and his Aſſigns, for his Life, without Impeachment of Waſte; ſubject to the Payment of 60 *l. per Annum* for the ſeparate Maintenance of the ſaid *Mary*, and 296 *l.* 16 *s.* 6 *d.* for her Life, for her Jointure; Remainder to the Firſt and every other Son of the ſaid intended Marriage, in Tail Male; with other Remainders over; Remainder to his right Heirs; and there is a Limitation to Truſtees to ſupport contingent Uſes; and a Term of 500 Years is limited to the Petitioners *Henry Lumley*, *William Cotton*, and *Robert Dormer*, for raiſing Daughters and younger Childrens Portions and Maintenances: And it was Enacted, That the ſeveral Meſſuages or Tenements, therein particularly mentioned, ſhould be veſted in the Petitioners *Henry Lumley*, *William Cotton*, and *Robert Dormer*, and their Heirs, freed of all Incumbrances, upon Truſt, that they ſhould ſell the Premiſes, and pay off ſuch of the Debts of the ſaid *Thomas Panton* as he then owed, not exceeding 3,500 *l.*; and if any Part or Parts of the ſaid Meſſuages or Tenements, thereby veſted, ſhould remain unſold, after Satisfaction of the ſaid Debts, the ſaid Truſtees, and their Heirs, to ſtand ſeiſed to the Uſes mentioned in the before-recited Indenture: And, by Indenture of the 22d and 23d of *April* 1697, between the ſaid *Thomas Panton* and *Mary* his Wife, of the Firſt Part; the Petitioners the ſaid Truſtees, of the Second Part; and Sir *John Talbot*, and *Thomas Coulſon*, both deceaſed, of the Third Part; the ſaid Premiſes were, for the Conſideration therein mentioned, granted and conveyed to the ſaid Sir *John Talbott* and *Thomas Talbott*, and their Heirs; and the Money, raiſed by ſuch Sale, was duly applied in Payment of the ſaid 3,500 *l.* and Intereſt for the ſame, purſuant to the ſaid Act: And by Indenture of the Firſt of *April* 1698, made between the Petitioners *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, and *Frances* his Wife, of the one Part; and the ſaid Sir *John Talbot*, and *Thomas Coulſon*, of the other Part; the laſt-mentioned Conveyance is declared to be in Truſt for the Petitioner the ſaid Counteſs of *Scarborough*, and her Heirs; and that the Rents and Profits thereof were to be paid to her ſeparate Uſe, excluſive of the Petitioner the ſaid Earl of *Scarborough*; and, the ſaid *Thomas Coulſon* dying firſt, the ſaid Sir *John Talbot* became ſeiſed of the Premiſes on the Truſt aforeſaid; and, he being likewiſe ſince deceaſed, the legal Eſtate thereof is veſted in the Right Honourable *Baraba* Viſcounteſs Dowager *Longueville*, *Anne Ivory* Widow, and *Gilberta Talbot* Spinſter, the Daughters and Coheirs of the ſaid Sir *John Talbot*, and their Heirs, in Truſt for the Petitioner the ſaid Counteſs of *Scarborough*; and, ſince the ſaid Act and Purchaſe, ſeveral Difficulties have ariſen touching the aſcertaining the Premiſes in the ſaid Act mentioned, by reaſon of the miſnaming the Leſſees thereof, and expreſſing ſome to be Leſſees, who were only Under-tenants; and for that ſome of the ſaid Meſſuages or Tenements were, in the ſaid Act, mentioned to be held by One Leaſe at a certain Rent, whereas the ſame were held by ſeveral Leaſes at ſeveral Rents, though thoſe Rents amounted to no more than the Rents in the ſaid Act mentioned: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in to explain the ſaid former Act; and to aſcertain the Meſſuages or Tenements therein enacted to be ſold.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That *Richard Hopton* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of *Dean Cock*, late of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was bound for *Robert Wiſe*, *Cornelius Denn*, and *David Dennis*, for Cuſtoms of Tobacco imported by them; and the ſaid *Wiſe*, *Denn*, and *Dennis*, failed, without diſcharging their Bonds, wherein the Petitioner is bound for

for; and the Petitioner, being deſirous not to defraud the Crown of any Part of its Cuſtoms due from himſelf, did, with the Aſſiſtance of his Friends, pay 1,255 *l.* 10 *s.* 4 *d.* being the full Balance of his own Debts: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in to enable the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, for the Time being, to compound for the Debts due to the Crown from him, as Security for the ſaid *Wiſe*, *Denn*, and *Dennis*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, is referred.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to hear the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petition of Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, and alſo the Petition of *Simon Gough* and *John Moor*, on behalf of themſelves, and others the Electors, Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough of *Weobly*, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return, were read:

And the Counſel for the Petitioner, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, examined ſeveral Witneſſes to diſqualify ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting-Member, Mr. *Foley*, on account of Bribery; and ſummed up their Evidence.

Then the Counſel for the Sitting-Member, Mr. *Foley*, proceeded, and called Mr. *George Cooke*, to give Evidence touching what one *William Bayly* had confeſſed of Money offered him to vote for the Petitioner Mr. Serjeant *Birch*:

And the Petitioner's Counſel objecting againſt the ſaid Mr. *Cooke*'s being examined touching the ſame; for that he, the ſaid *William Bayly*, was, by the ſaid Petitioner's Evidence, charged with having received Five Guineas to vote for the Sitting-Member:

Touching which Matters, the Counſel on both Sides were heard.

And then they withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Sitting-Member's Counſel be admitted to examine Mr. *George Cooke* as to any Diſcourſe he had with *William Bayly*, in relation to Money offered to the ſaid *Bayly* by the Petitioner;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And the Counſel were called in again: and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Upon which, the Sitting-Member's Counſel acquainted the Houſe, That they had other Witneſſes, but that they were in the ſame Circumſtances; and therefore they would not trouble the Houſe therewith: But made their Obſervations upon the Petitioner's Evidence.

And then the Counſel for Mr. Serjeant *Birch* and Mr. *Foley* withdrew.

After which, the Counſel for the Petitioners, *Simon Gough* and *John Moor*, opened the Nature of the Evidence they intended to give to the Houſe.

Upon which, the Counſel for the Sitting-Member, *Charles Cornwal* Eſquire, objected againſt their examining any Witneſſes, the Petitioners having ſigned the Indenture, by which the ſaid Mr. *Cornwall* was returned; and therefore, the Counſel for the Sitting-Member alleged, they ought not to be admitted to controvert the ſame:

Touching which Matter, the Counſel on both Sides were heard.

And then they withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That, *Simon Gough* and *John Moor* having ſigned the Indenture of Return, by which *Charles Cornwall* Eſquire is returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*, the Houſe will proceed on the Petition of the ſaid *Simon Gough* and *John Moor*, complaining of an undue Election of the ſaid *Charles Cornwall* Eſquire;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion being put, That *Paul Foley* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *John Birch*, Serjeant at Law, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Weobly*.

The Clerk of the Crown attending, according to Order, with the Return for the ſaid Borough;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do amend the Return for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*, by raſing out the Name of *Paul Foley* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *John Birch*, Serjeant at Law, inſtead thereof.

And he amended the Return accordingly.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Houſe, That *Simon Gough* is guilty of diſtributing Money, in order to procure *Paul Foley* Eſquire to be elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Simon Gough* be, for his ſaid Offence, taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 123,698 *l.* 10 *s.* be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-Pay, for the Year 1715, upon Account, to the Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines diſbanded, being his Majeſty's natural-born Subjects, or naturalized.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 2,591 *l.* 10 *s.* be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-Pay, for the Year 1715, to the Officers of Lieutenant-General *Hamilton*'s Regiment of Foot, being his Majeſty's natural-born Subjects, or naturalized.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 250,000 *l.* be granted to his Majeſty, towards ſatisfying the Debt due for Subſidies and Arrears, upon Account of the Land-Forces.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walpole* have Leave to make a Motion, it being paſt Three a Clock.

And he moved accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And that Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Pulteney*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the Bill.

Ordered, That the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 20° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Lord *William Powlet* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment

ment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Sir *Coppleſton Warwick Bampfylde* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Election for the Town and County of *Haverford-Weſt*, which were appointed to be heard before the ſaid Committee upon *Wedneſday* next, upon this Day Sevennight.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Truſtees to grant Leaſes of Part of the Lands deviſed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Trenchard* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Nevil*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Sir *John Rogers*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Weaver*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Monſon*, Sir *John Brownlow*, General *Pepper*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon*, *Dorſet*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as ſhall not then attend, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*, which were appointed to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, be heard upon *Thurſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 21° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Proprietors of Salt-works, and Owners and Farmers of Lands, in and about *Northwych*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, and of ſeveral other Gentlemen within the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*; and there is a Clauſe in the ſaid Bill for eſtabliſhing a perpetual Duty of Tonage to the Undertakers, and their Heirs, for ever, of Sixteen Pence *per* Ton, which will amount to 2,000 *l. per Annum:* And praying, That the Bill may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the Committee thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the ſaid County; which Bill, if paſſes, will be very injurious to the Petitioners, and the general Intereſt of the County: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Bill for naturalizing *Herman Meyer* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *London*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Paget*, Mr. *Brydges*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Lord *Barrymore*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Char. Hotham*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Molyneux:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the better Preſervation of the Fiſhing in the River *Trent*.

Mr. *Freman*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due Time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; was committed; the Amendments they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to conſider further of the Report from the Committee of Secrecy;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and Courts there, and Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, to ſummon the Members to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly:

And, being returned;

The Houſe proceeded to conſider further of the ſaid Report.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe will impeach *James* Duke of *Ormond* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors;

The Houſe divided.
The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { The Earl of *Hertford*, Lord *Sonds:* } 234.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Freman:* } 187.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Secrecy, to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt *James* Duke of *Ormond*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Hernage*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Carter*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of Sir *John Lambert* Baronet, *Samuel Shepheard* Eſquire, and the Executors of the late *John James David*, of *London*, Merchants, is referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 22° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Cochineal have been ſeized, as imported contrary to Law, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, and from thence to the Firſt Day of *May* 1715; diſtinguiſhing the Quantities ſo imported in each Year reſpectively, and the Places from whence it came.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Burthen of all Ships that have paſſed into any Parts beyond the Seas, from any Port of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Burthen of Ships departed each Year reſpectively, and to what Places they departed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will pleaſe to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Subſidies granted by the Statute, of the Twelfth of King *Charles* the Second, on Goods exported from the 30th of *March* 1700 to *Chriſtmas* 1701, and from thence to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Amount of that Duty in each Year reſpectively.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Amount of the Duties which have been repaid by Debentures, from *Chriſtmas* 1707 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; diſtinguiſhing the Amount of the Duties ſo repaid in each Year reſpectively.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of *Thomas Warburton* Eſquire, *Anne* his Wife, and *George* their Son and Heir, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, *Thomas Warburton*, hath been at great Expence in makeing a Brine-Pit, and a Rock-Salt-Pit, upon the River *Weaver*; and hath likewiſe erected Buildings neceſſary for boiling, curing, and ſtoring, his Salt made of Brine; all which lie ſo contiguous to the River now intended by this Houſe to be made navigable, that if any Part of the Soil be cut between his Works and the River, or the Water brought to a Depth to carry Boats, or Barges, of Burthen, the ſaid Works muſt, of Neceſſity, be ruined; and when a full Improvement of the ſaid Brine-Pit is made, the Petitioner hopeth, may be to the Value of 20,000 *l.* and upwards; and the Petitioner, *Thomas Warburton*, has paid the Duty for Rock and White Salt, between *Lady-day* 1714, and 1715, 1,275 *l.*; as will appear by the Certificate under the Hand of the Collector of Salt, if required: And praying, That the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for makeing the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the ſaid Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

Ordered, That *Ralph Bell* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid: And that Mr. *Farrer* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament .....;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee of Secrecy;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms do go into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and the Courts there, and Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly:

And, being returned;

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Report into further Conſideration:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe will impeach *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors;

The Houſe divided.
The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Boteler:* } 268.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Strangewayes:* } 100.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Secrecy, to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common-Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

And

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 23° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Woolcombers, Framework-knitters, and others, concerned in the Manufacture of Hoſe in and near the Borough of *Leiceſter*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many others concerned in the ſaid Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Manufacture of Hoſe hath, for many Years, been carried on by Perſons inhabiting in and near the Borough of *Leiceſter*, to the great Advantage of this Kingdom in general; there having been more than 20,000 *l.* worth of Wool yearly combed within and near the ſaid Borough; which, when manufactured, and made into Hoſe, hath been worth 100,000 *l.*; whereby the Poor of the ſaid Borough, and Counties adjacent, hath been employed; but the ſaid Trade is now greatly decayed, and the Hoſe, when ſent abroad, cannot be ſold at near the Prices they have been formerly; whereby the Price of Wool, and the Workmanſhip thereof, have been much lowered; to the great Damage of the Petitioners, Land-holders, and Poor, of the County and Borough: One Cauſe of which Decay of Trade, and lowering the Prices of the ſaid Manufacture, the Petitioners conceive to be, the great Quantities of Wool and Yarn, which are ſent out of this Kingdom, and *Ireland*, into *France*, and other foreign Parts; whereby the People of thoſe Parts are unable to carry on the ſaid Trade; to the great Damage of the Petitioners, and this Kingdom in general: And praying, That ſuch other Laws may be made for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wool, and Woollen Yarn, from this Kingdom and *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, who are to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how far the ſame may be made more effectual: And that Mr. *Carter* be added to the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Corporation of *Trinity-houſe* of *Deptford-Strond*, and of *James Fleet* Eſquire, and *Antony Job*, Wharfinger, on behalf of themſelves and others, Landlords, Proprietors, Tenants, and late Occupiers, of Dwelling-houſes, Warehouſes, publick Edifices, Wharfs, Keys, and Ground, ſituate and being in *Thames-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Dunſtan in the Eaſt*, and in Parts adjacent, within the City of *London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there was a dreadful Fire happened the 13th of *January* laſt in *Thames-ſtreet*; whereby a great Number of Dwelling-houſes, Warehouſes, *&c.* were burnt down and conſumed; and, by reaſon thereof, many great Difficulties and Controverſies are ariſen, and a great Number of Suits are likely to be commenced, and carried on, between the Landlords and Proprietors, *&c.* for and concerning the rebuilding the ſame; and unleſs the ſaid Differences be ſpeedily adjuſted, many of the late Inhabitants may be totally ruined: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in, for erecting a Court of Judicature for the determining Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down by the ſaid Fire.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. Recorder of *London*, and Mr. *Carter*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Henry Fleetwood* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Mr. *Lowther* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, was referred, the Matter as it appeared to them, touching the Petition of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, and *Wm. Hunt*, of *London*, Merchants, upon Tobacco burnt by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That, upon the Petition of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, and *Wm. Hunt*, of *London*, Merchants, upon Tobaccoes burnt by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*;

That it appeared, by the Cuſtom-houſe Accounts, That the Petitioners imported large Quantities of Tobacco, as ſet forth in their Petition; and that they lodged the ſame in Warehouſes adjoining to his Majeſty's Cuſtom-houſe in *Thames-ſtreet*:

That *Anne Millner* and *William Hunt* are Sufferers, and loſt, by the ſaid Fire, 177 Hogſheads, containing net 80,315 Pounds of Tobacco; and *Thomas Colmore* loſt 50 Hogſheads, containing net 22,996 Pounds of Tobacco; the Cuſtoms of which, paid and ſecured, being 2,442 *l.* 3 *s.* 2 *d.*:

That the Blowing up of Houſes, in order to preſerve the Cuſtom-houſe, prevented the ſaving a greater Part of their Tobacco, which otherwiſe they could have done:

All which was fully made out to the Satisfaction of the Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That *Walter Chetwynd*, of *Ridgely*, Eſquire, have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe proceeded to the hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petition of *John Cater* Eſquire, complaining of the ſaid Election, was read:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeding to diſqualify ſeveral of the Sitting-Member's Votes;

The Sitting-Member's Counſel objected againſt proceeding upon the Petition; for that the Qualification delivered in by the Petitioner, at the Demand of the Sitting-Member, was not purſuant to the Reſolution of the Houſe, of the Twenty-third of *March* laſt:

Upon which, the Act of Parliament of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty, and the ſaid Reſolution of the Houſe, and the Demand of the Qualification, and Title of the Qualification, left with the Clerk of the Houſe, were read:

And the Counſel on both Sides were heard thereupon.

And then withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner's Counſel be permitted to proceed in their Evidence.

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes, to diſqualify ſeveral Voters for the Sitting-Member, upon account of voting more than once, of being under Age, or of having purchaſed their Freeholds within a Year before the Election.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting in the Warden and College of *All-Souls*, in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, in *Oxford*, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Twelfth Day of *July* next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 24° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed .. Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *D'eath*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Bray*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *John Whitwrong*, Mr. *Walter*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Chandler*, Sir *John Cope*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Brydges*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Thomas Samuel*, Mr. Attorney-General; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Kent*, *Suſſex*, *Surry*, and *Southampton*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Sir *Henry Oxenden* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country, for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *William Whitmore* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That *Robert Frank* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

A Petition of *John Reup*, of the City of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the *John and Anne* Fly-boat, Burden 300 Tons, or thereabouts, being foreign-built, and wholly unfit for Service, was bought by the Petitioner, who new-built her; and the ſaid Ship is approved on at his Majeſty's Cuſtom-houſe, as *Engliſh*-built; and has paid the Duties as ſuch; and is wholly manned by *Engliſh*; and the Petitioner doubts whether the ſaid Ship may not be interrupted in her Trade at his Majeſty's Plantations, under colour of the Act, of the 7th and 8th .. King *William* the Third, for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuſes, in the Plantation-Trade: And praying to bring in a Bill to make the ſaid Ship free.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Sir *John Ward* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, the Matter, as it appeared to them upon the ſaid Petition; and alſo, upon the Petition of the Merchants of *Whitehaven*, trading in Tobacco; and alſo, upon the Petitions of *Thomas Hamond*, Merchant, and *Dean Cock*, Merchant (the Conſideration of which Petitions was referred to the ſaid Committee); which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Reports upon the ſeveral Petitions of the Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, and alſo of the Merchants of *Whitehaven*, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of ſeveral Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame:

That, the Committee having taken into Conſideration the ſeveral Matters contained in the ſaid Petition; and examined the ſeveral Merchants, and Officers of the Cuſtom-houſe, in order to prove the Allegations of the ſaid Petition;

It appeared to the Committee, That, by a Clauſe in an Act, of the Fourth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for continuing an additional Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage, *&c.* the Lord Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, upon any Repreſentation of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, if they judged it reaſonable, might remit the Intereſt due upon Bonds given for Cuſtoms upon Goods and Merchandizes imported, or to be imported, upon Payment of the principal Money for which ſuch Bonds were given.

It appeared to the Committee, That, on the Importation of theſe Commodities, Part of the ſaid Duties are generally bonded; the Goods are exported; and the Importers are thereby intitled to the Cuſtoms, to be paid them by Debenture, in order to diſcharge the Bonds which they entered into for the ſaid Duties; but they are from Four Months to Six Months, before the Debentures paſs the proper Offices; and the Crown allows no Intereſt for the ſame:

That the Bonds ſtanding out againſt the Petitioners, where the greateſt Part of the Principal is diſcharged, are, many of them againſt Perſons which have been Security for others, that, by Misfortunes, are become dead, or inſolvent:

That the Wine-Merchants are the chief Exporters of Corn; for which they are intitled to a Bounty by Debenture: Many of their Bonds were paid by Certificates and Debentures, on which the Crown allowed no Intereſt, though they were as long due as the Bonds they diſcharged:

That the Crown never pays any Intereſt for Money which lieth in their Hands; nor the Law impoſeth none

upon the Merchant, but what ariſeth upon the Penalty of the Bond; which never was demanded of them till of late.

It appeared to the Committee, That the Petitioners have laboured under many Difficulties and Hardſhips, which they have ſuſtained, during the late War, by the great Duties and Impoſitions which have been laid upon them; and, by the Misfortunes of Perſons failing, the Petitioners have not only loſt their Goods, but great Duties they have paid the Crown for the ſame.

That the Committee then proceeded to examine ſeveral of the Merchants, to prove the great Hardſhips and Difficulties they labour under, by reaſon of theſe Bonds; *viz.*

Mr. *Richard Perry* ſaid, That, in the Year 1706, his Father *Micajah Perry* became bound, as a collateral Security, at the Cuſtom-houſe, for *Daniel Park* Eſquire, for Cuſtoms due on Tobacco, in the Sum of 3,231 *l.* 14 *s.*; which Sum the ſaid Mr. *Perry* paid to the Crown: That, after he had paid the ſame, he applied to the proper Officer of the Cuſtoms, for his Bond to be given up; but was anſwered, That there was Intereſt due upon the ſaid Debt, and his Bond could not be given up; which Intereſt was not made known to Mr. *Perry* when he became bound, but lay dormant until the Year 1712, when the then Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms ſent for the ſaid *Perry*, and charged him with Intereſt upon *Park*'s Debt, as follows; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For Intereſt ſince Mr. *Perry* became bound — — — —	97	13	10
Which Sum Mr. *Perry* depoſited the 7th of *February*, in hopes no further Demand would be made in ſo hard a Caſe:			
But, after this, the Commiſſioners proceeded to take out an Extent againſt *Park*'s Eſtate; which obliged Mr. *Perry* to make a further Depoſit the 4th *March* 1712; there being due for Intereſt, before Mr. *Perry* became bound, the Sum of — —	885	5	7

So that Mr. *Perry* hath paid the whole principal Debt of 3,231 *l.* 14 *s.*; and depoſited 982 *l.* 19 *s.* 5 *d.* for Intereſt on the ſaid Debt.

Mr. *Richard Lindſey* ſaid, That he had paid for Cuſtoms on Wines, at the Port of *London*, and Out-Ports, from the Beginning of the War to the Month of *June* 1715, as appears by his Books, the Sum of 118,400 *l.*:

That he has ſuſtained great Loſſes, during the War, as appeared by his Account delivered in to the Committee, amounting to the Sum of 14,795 *l.*:

That he has diſcharged Part of his Bonds, by Certificates for damaged Wines, and Debentures for Corn, *&c.* exported, to the Value of 16,500 *l.* which were due to him from the Crown, from Six to Eight Months, and ſome Fourteen Months, when paid in to the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms; and if the Intereſt of the ſaid Certificates and Debentures had been computed, as well as that on his Bonds, there would remain but a very ſmall Sum for Intereſt due to the Crown.

Mr. *Manly* produced a Copy of the Report from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, dated the 31ſt of *May* laſt, upon the Petition of the Merchants concerned in Tobacco and Wine Bonds, about the Intereſt due on them; together with an Account of the Simple Intereſt due on all ſuch Bonds, of which the Principal is paid; and of ſuch only, where neither Principal nor Securities are become inſolvent: By which Account it appears, that there is due, for Simple Intereſt on the ſaid Bonds, 4,412 *l.* 18 *s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*

Mr. *Fern* ſaid, That if the Merchants had had Intereſt allowed them on their Debentures and Certificates, it would have amounted to a much greater Sum than is now demanded on their Bonds:

And alſo ſaid, That the augmenting the Time for Payment of the Principal due upon Bonds, and entirely remitting the Intereſt, was the Occaſion, as he conceives, of bringing in, ſome time ſince, ſeveral Sums of Money, which otherwiſe, in all Probability, would never have been paid: And that .. was his Opinion, it would be a great Encouragement to Trade, and an Advantage to the Revenue, to remit the Intereſt:

That Mr. *Fern* likewiſe declared, That the Merchants were often kept out of their Money for their Debentures, after they had paſſed through the proper Offices, for want of Money upon the proper Branches for which the Debentures belonged, and no Conſideration allowed the Merchants for the ſame.

Mr. *Metcalf* ſaid, That, upon Orders being formerly made at the Treaſury, to remit the Intereſt, if the Principal was paid at the time mentioned in the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury's Warrant, great Sums of Money had been brought in, as well from the Port of *London*, as the Out-Ports.

It appeared to the Committee, That the Petitioners did, in the Year 1713, apply to the Parliament for the Diſcharge of thoſe Bonds; and the Houſe thought their Caſe ſo juſt and reaſonable, that a Clauſe in the Tobacco-Bill paſſed the Houſe for their Relief; but, the ſame being clogged with ſo many Clauſes of different Natures, the ſaid Bill was laid aſide by the Lords.

Upon the Petition of the Merchants of *Whitehaven* trading in Tobacco:

That the Committee, having conſidered of the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, do find, That ſeveral of the Duties ariſing by the Importation on Tobacco were, till of late, payable at Three Months, Nine Months, and Eighteen Months; and ſecured by ſeveral Bonds:

That the Payment of Intereſt upon thoſe bonded Duties, accruing before the Expiration of the Eighteen Months, have always been attended with great Hardſhips upon the Merchants:

That, by the Act, made in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for encouraging the Tobacco-Trade, the Payment of the ſaid ſeveral Duties at the different Times aforeſaid, is declared to be prejudicial and burdenſome to Trade, and a Loſs to the Revenue; and are therefore all reduced to One Payment at the End of Eighteen Months:

But there being no Proviſion made, in the ſaid Act, for diſcharging the Intereſt, before the ſaid Eighteen Months ariſing upon the Bonds made before that Act, ſeveral of thoſe Bonds are now lately put in Suit againſt the Petitioners, notwithſtanding they have duly paid off all the Principal Money due thereon, upon the Expiration of the Eighteen Months.

Mr. *Metcalf*, Sollicitor of the Cuſtoms, attended the Committee, and delivered an Account of what Intereſt is demanded from the Tobacco-Merchants of *Whitehaven* upon Bonds and Notes in Proceſs, where the Principal is paid, or diſcharged; which amounts to the Sum of 348 *l.* 14 *s.* 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Relief of Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame: And that Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Corrance*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Bertie*, and Mr. *Wrightſon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Report upon the Petition of *Thomas Hamond*, Merchant, being read, is as follows; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Thomas Hamond*, Merchant:

That it appeared to the Committee, That the Petitioner, being a conſiderable Trader, for Twenty Years laſt paſt, for Wines, and ſeveral other Merchandizes, has paid the Crown for Cuſtoms, in that Time, 100,000 *l.*:

That, by reaſon of great Loſſes, and other Misfortunes, by the late War, the Petitioner was forced to abſcond; and, at the time of his Failing, was indebted to the Crown, for Cuſtoms, 6,987 *l.* 8 *s.* 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*:

That an Extent was taken out, and his Perſon and Effects

Effects were ſeized: After which, he made Diſcovery of his Effects and Eſtate before the Sheriff of *Surry:*

A Copy whereof, with an Account of what was ſeized in *London* and *Briſtol*, of his own Effects, and his Sureties; and how much has been paid to Mr. *Fern*, the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms; appears by the Account following; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
There has been paid to the ſaid Mr. *Fern*, out of the Petitioner's own Effects, the Sum of — — — —	1,245	19	5½
And of the Effects of *Warren* and *Woodlaw*, Two of his Sureties — —	307	3	6
Beſides Debentures, amounting to the Sum of — — — —	340	2	6
In the Whole, as appears by the Receiver-General's Certificate — —	1,893	5	5½
Beſides which, the Petitioner aſſigned over what was due to him upon Account of the Ship *Worceſter*, the Sum of —	2,890	0	0
Alſo his Share of the Ship *Thomas and Elizabeth*, amounting to the Sum of —	3,520	0	0
Total — —	8,303	5	5½
And the Petitioner's Debt to the Crown is — — — — —	6,987	8	9½

By which it appears, That the Petitioner diſcovered to the Crown, and has paid, ſufficient to have overpaid his ſaid Debt, had not the Ship *Thomas and Elizabeth* miſcarried:

That *William Warren*, *Samuel Woodlaw*, *Thomas Joyner*, *Samuel Meares*, and *Henry Wooden*, were the Petitioner's Sureties: That *Warren* and *Wooden* were taken upon the Extent; but, after ſome Continuance in Priſon, were ſet at Liberty by the late Lord Treaſurer's Order, upon giving Bonds to ſurrender themſelves when required:

That *Sampſon Mears* died before the Bonds were put in Suit; and none of his Effects could be found, ſave his Share in the Ship *Worceſter*, mentioned in the Account annexed to the ſaid *Hamond*'s Petition:

That *Samuel Woodlaw* abſconds, and cannot be taken; and that *Thomas Joyner*, another of his Sureties, was taken, and is now a Priſoner in the *King's-Bench* Priſon:

That the Petitioner was a Priſoner, under the Extent, for a Year and Three Quarters, as appears by Certificates:

That, in *October* 1712, the Petitioner petitioned the late Lord Treaſurer for his Liberty; which Petition was referred to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; and their Report thereupon, together with the Petition, were afterwards referred to Mr. Attorney-General; who made a Report: Both which Reports being in the Petitioner's Favour, he obtained his Liberty, upon giving Security to ſurrender himſelf when required:

That, in *April* 1714, the Petitioner petitioned the late Lord Treaſurer for Leave to apply to Parliament for an Act to impower the Lord Treaſurer to compound the ſaid Debt; which was referred to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; and a Report made by them in his favour: Whereupon he obtained Leave from his Lordſhip to apply to Parliament for an Act for that Purpoſe.

It appeared, That the Petitioner has, in all things, complied with the Orders of this Houſe relating to Bills for compounding Debts due to the Crown; and made a full Diſcovery of all his Effects and Eſtate.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

The Report, upon the Petition of *Dean Cock* Merchant, being read, is as follows; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Dean Cock* Merchant:

That, the Committee having taken into Conſideration the Matters contained in the Petition; and examined ſome of the Officers of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in order to prove the Allegations thereof;

It appeared, That the Petitioner became bound for *Robert Wiſe*, *Cornelius Denn*, and *David Dennis*, for ſeveral conſiderable Sums of Money for Cuſtoms on Tobacco; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The Petitioner ſtands bound for *David Dennis*, in the Sum of — — —	1,391	3	11
For *Cornelius Denn*, in the Sum of —	3,257	0	8½
For *Robert Wiſe*, in the Sum of —	16,443	10	6¾
Total —	21,091	15	2¼

That the ſaid *Wiſe*, *Denn*, and *Dennis*, failed, without having diſcharged their Bonds to the Crown, wherein the Petitioner ſtands bound; which occaſioned the Petitioner to withdraw himſelf; but the Petitioner, being deſirous to pay the Crown all the Cuſtoms due from himſelf, did, with the Aſſiſtance of his Friends, raiſe, and pay to the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms, the Sum of 1,255 *l.* 10 *s.* 5 *d.* being the full Balance of his own Debt; as appears by a Report from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to the late Lord Treaſurer, dated the 13th of *June* 1713.

It appeared to the Committee, by a Certificate under the Hand of *Robert Stephen* Eſquire, Sollicitor to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, as alſo of Mr. *Coode*, Examiner of Securities, That the Petitioner's Circumſtances are very indifferent, having no Eſtate in the World.

It appeared to the Committee, by a Certificate of ſeveral eminent Merchants of *London*, who declare, That the Petitioner always behaved himſelf as an honeſt and fair Man; and that they did verily believe in their Conſciences, that, by reaſon of ſome great Misfortunes that hath lately happened to him, he is not able to pay to the Crown, on any Compoſition, or otherwiſe, more than 300 *l.*; and believed the Petitioner muſt be aſſiſted by his Friends to do that.

That, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, the Petitioner applied to the Houſe for Relief; but, it being late in the Seſſion, and the Houſe being taken up in Matters of more publick Concern, nothing could be done in this Affair.

It appeared, That the Petitioner has in all things complied with the Orders of this Houſe relating to Bills for compounding Debts due to the Crown.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland:* To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe,

to conſider further of the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the 13th and 14th Years of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Proteſtant Line; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and all other Pretenders, and their open and ſecret Abettors; may be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors: And that Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Coningsby*, and Mr. *Heyſham*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 25° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

*O*RDERED, That *Joſeph Erle* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That *George Bridges* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; . . . . . .

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for naturalizing *Herman Meyer* was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill; and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Archer* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 5. L. 15. After "*Digby*," add "and, after "ſuch Proviſion, ſhall diſpoſe of the Reſidue of the Rents "and Profits of the ſaid Manors and Premiſes, in Pur- "chaſing of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to "be ſettled and entailed as the Manors and Premiſes be- "fore-mentioned are limited: And it is hereby further "Enacted and Declared, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall not, "in any-wiſe, be anſwerable for the Receipts, Payments, "Acts, or Deeds, of each other; but each of them for "his own Acts and Deeds only:"

Preſs 5. L. 18. After the Word "Diſorder," add "ſo to be adjudged."

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 5. L. 27, and 28. To leave out "at the time of "his Death:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereo n, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*.

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to give Evidence, in order to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons that voted for the Sitting-Member; *viz.* as to Mortgagers Voting, when the Mortgagees were in Poſſeſſion; Perſons who had ſold their Freeholds before the Election; others, who were intitled to Reverſions only; others, who did not pay publick Taxes, or Rates; others, who were only Leaſeholders for Years, or Copyholders; and others, who had Eſtates.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 27° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

*O*RDERED, That Sir *Arthur Chicheſter* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Two Months, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

The Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Truſtees to grant Leaſes of Part of the Lands deviſed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Trenchard* Eſquire, deceaſed, ... That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Archer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report .. the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Keeper of the *Clink* Priſon, in the Borough of *Southwark*, do lay before this Houſe the Number of Priſoners diſcharged out of the ſaid Priſon, by virtue of the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, by obliging their Creditors to accept the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable to make, and reſtoring them to their Liberty: And alſo, a Liſt of all the Perſons now Priſoners for Debt in the ſaid Priſon, and that were ſo the Twenty-ninth of *September* laſt, and have continued ſo ever ſince.

The Houſe being moved, That the Report from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, relating to the Three thouſand Pounds granted for the Chaplains of the Fleet, preſented to the Houſe the Twenty-ſixth of *May* laſt, might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That all ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common-Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Wrightſon* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wrightſon* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 28° *die Junii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *North*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Pigot*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Brace*, Lord *Barrymore*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Colemore*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Trefuſis*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Chaplin*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Eſſex*, and *Cambridge*: And they are to meet this Afternoon, at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That *Reynolds Calthorpe* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage from his Majeſty, ſigned by his Majeſty: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe; which Mr. Speaker read; and is as followeth;

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty having received an Addreſs from the Commiſſioners appointed for building 50 new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, repreſenting how difficult they find it, to proceed in perfecting the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch Churches, for want of a due Maintenance for the Miniſters who are to attend the Service of the ſame; and praying him to recommend it to the Care and Wiſdom of the Parliament, to provide ſuch Maintenance, that this good Work may not be rendered ineffectual for want of ſuch a Proviſion; his Majeſty does moſt heartily recommend it to this Houſe, to conſider of the beſt Means of ſettling ſuch a Maintenance, as may bring this pious Deſign to Perfection, for the Honour of the Church of *England*, and the Advancement of our holy Religion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, take his Majeſty's gracious Meſſage into Conſideration.

A Bill for repairing the Highways, through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Alban's*, *Saint Peter's*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*, was read the Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Grimſtone*, Mr. *Hale*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Wilmer*, Mr. *De Gray*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Tho. Seabright*, Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Tufnel*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Death*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Denton*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Currance*, Colonel *Moreton*, Mr. *Colemere*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Inge*, Colonel *Grahm*,

Grahm, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Walter*, Sir *Robert Corbett*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Hertford*, *Bedford*, *Middleſex*, and *Eſſex:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford.*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioner's Counſel, calling a Witneſs to prove, that One of the Sitting-Member's Voters had no Eſtate in the Pariſh where his Freehold is ſet down on the Poll;

The Sitting-Member's Counſel objected againſt the giving ſuch Evidence, the Voter having ſworn he had an Eſtate there.

The Counſel on both Sides were heard touching the ſame.

And then withdrew.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Petitioner be admitted to give Parole-Evidence, as to a Perſon's being no Freeholder, who ſwore himſelf to be a Freeholder at the time of the Election;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Wade:*	98.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Bathurſt:*	66.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

Then the Petitioner's Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify ſeveral of the Sitting-Member's Voters, upon account of their not paying publick Taxes, or Rates, or having no Eſtates in the Places they voted for; others, as being only Leaſeholders; and others, as having Eſtates under Forty Shillings a Year Value.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 29° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Truſtees to grant Leaſes of Part of the Lands deviſed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Trenchard* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Houſe being informed, That the Sheriffs of *London* attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, acquainted the Houſe, That they had a Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of *London*, to preſent to the Houſe.

And they preſented the ſame to the Houſe accordingly.

And then withdrew.

The Petition was read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill depending for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors; which Bill, if ... paſſes as it now ſtands, will be very prejudicial to Trade and Credit in general: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, at the Bar of this Houſe, by their Counſel, before the ſame be ordered to be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for naturalizing *Herman Meyer* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for naturalizing *Herman Meyer.*

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Sir *Edward Williams* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

The Orders of the Day being read;

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the proper Officers of the Courts of Chancery, King's-Bench, Common-Pleas, and Exchequer, and the Clerks of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, and the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, do lay before this Houſe Liſts of what Perſons took the Oaths, in order to their Naturalization, purſuant to the Act for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, in the ſaid Courts, and at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the ſaid County and Cities, reſpectively.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *John Cope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Sir *John Cope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Secrecy be adjourned till To-morrow Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Browning* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Precedency of *Robert* Marquis of *Lindſey*, Great Chamberlain of *England*, when created ... Duke of *Great Britain*; and of ſuch as ſhall ſucceed to the ſaid Honour: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 30° die Junii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Precedency of *Robert* Marquis of *Lindſey*, Great Chamberlain of *England*, when created a Duke of *Great Britain*; and of ſuch as ſhall ſucceed to the ſaid Honour; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *John Fownes* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Two Months, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Sir *John Ward* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Relief of Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Heyſham* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in and near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Florian Goebell*, Merchant, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws expired, and near expiring; and to report which of them are fit to be revived, or continued; That they had conſidered the Matters to them referred; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Act, paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to diſſolve the preſent, and prevent the future, Combination of Coal-owners, Lightermen, Maſters of Ships, and others, to advance the Price of Coals, in Prejudice of the Navigation, Trade, and Manufactures, of this Kingdom; and for the further Encouragement of the Coal-Trade; is near expiring, and ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Act, paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for continuing the Act for aſcertaining the Tythes of Hemp and Flax, is near expiring, and ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committeee, That an Act, paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, ſturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, into One Act of Parliament; and for the more effectual puniſhing ſuch Rogues, Vagabonds, ſturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, and ſending them whither they ought to be ſent; be explained and amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of an Act, paſſed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to permit the Exportation of *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the Plantations; and to prohibit the Importation of *Scotch* Linen into *Ireland*; as relates to the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen to the *Weſt-Indies*; be made perpetual.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to regulate the Price and Aſſize of Bread, is near expiring, and ought to be continued.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, or Bills, upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; was committed:

And the Amendments, made thereunto, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, ſome of them were diſagreed unto, and others agreed unto, by the Houſe.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out of the ſame the Clauſe obliging Voters to take the Oath therein mentioned:

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*.

And the Petitioners Counſel proceeded further to examine Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify Voters for the Sitting-Member; to ſome, as to their not being rated to any Taxes; to others, as to their not having any Eſtate in the Place they voted for; and to others, as to their Eſtates being Copyholds:

And afterwards the Petitioner's Counſel acquainted the Houſe, That they had Objections to many other Voters for the Sitting-Member, in regard they did not pay to the publick Taxes, in ſuch proportion as other Eſtates of Forty Shillings *per Annum* in the ſame Place, as the Acts, of the Tenth and Twelfth of Queen *Anne* direct; and deſired the Directions of the Houſe, whether they ſhould go into ſuch an Examination; and of what Nature the Evidence ſhould be.

And the Counſel withdrew.

And the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty, was read, intituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes for Knights of Shires to ſerve in Parliament: And alſo,

An Act, of the Twelfth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty, was read, for explaining the ſaid Act, as far as the ſame relates to the aſcertaining the Value of Freeholds of Forty Shillings *per Annum*.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That where any Perſon pays to the King's Tax, Church, or Poors Rates, and has ſworn to the Value of his Freehold, ſuch Freehold being in his own Poſſeſſion, That this Houſe will proceed into the Conſideration, whether ſuch Freehold is aſſeſſed to the ſaid Taxes and Rates in ſuch proportion as other Lands of Forty Shillings *per Annum*, within the ſame Pariſh or Townſhip, are charged to the ſame;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Counſel were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Then

Then the Petitioner's Counſel ſummed up the Evidence given on the Petitioner's behalf.

After which the Sitting-Member's Counſel opened the Evidence they ſhould give on the Sitting-Member's behalf.

Then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon To-morrow Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 1° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes, and Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Arundel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the River *Arundell* has now many Banks of Gravel, and Sands, that the Barges cannot paſs as formerly; and the Mouth of the ſaid River is ſo ſtopped up, that, without ſome ſpeedy Care be taken, the Navigation-Trade will be totally loſt; which will be a great Loſs to the ſaid Borough, and the adjoining Part of the County of *Suſſex*; and will be alſo a great Hindrance to the ſupplying his Majeſty's Yards with the beſt of Timber and Plank: And praying, That an Act for raiſing Money, by way of Tonage, on all Ships, Barges, and Boats, that paſs into the ſaid River, not only for making the ſame more navigable, but for keeping it in good Repair, and alſo the Key in the ſaid Borough . . . . .

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, General *Lumley*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Sir *Robert Worſeley* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Precedency of *Robert* Marquis of *Lindſey*, Great Chamberlain of *England*, when created a Duke of *Great Britain*; and of ſuch as ſhall ſucceed to the ſaid Honour; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Third time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Pelham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Delawne*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Hen. Pelham*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *De Gray*, Mr. *Cocks*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Ward*, Colonel *Grahm*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Bentie*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Lord *Sonds*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Edward Erule*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Wm. Aſhburnham*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Richard Steel*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, might be read, intituled, An Act to render more effectual an Act made in the Sixth Year of her preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act to repeal a Clauſe in an Act, of the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty, for amending Highways, which injoins Waggoners, and others, to draw with a Pole between the Wheel-Horſes, or with double Shafts, and to oblige them to draw only with Six Horſes, or other Beaſts, except up Hills;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length: And that Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Farrer*, and Mr. *Bracebridge*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe being moved, That ſome Clauſes in the Act, of the Eighth and Ninth Years of King *William*, might be read, intituled, An Act to reſtore the Market of *Blackwell-hall* to the Clothiers; and for regulating the Factors there;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulateing, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That no other Perſon than the Clothier, or Owner of Cloth unſatisfied, ſhall be capable of ſuing the Factor, on account of not demanding Notes.

Mr. *Gould* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers of Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, was referred, the Matter upon the ſaid Petition; as alſo upon the ſeveral Petitions of *John Cookſon*, *Adrian Vanbrackle*, and *Thomas Sikes*, of *London*, Merchants, and of *Thomas Minett*, of *London*, Merchant; as the ſame appeared to the ſaid Committee; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, on behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers in Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, was referred:

That the Committee have, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find the ſame to be as follows; *viz.*

That the Petitioners did import, and pay Cuſtoms for, conſiderable Quantities of Sugar, Ginger, Oil, and Sarſaparilla, ſome ſhort time before the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*; and that great Part of the ſaid Goods were thereby burnt and deſtroyed.

That, upon Examination of the whole Matter, it did appear to the Committee, That the Petitioners had fully made out the Allegations of their Petition; and that each Perſon's particular Loſs was as follows; *viz.*

	C. Wt.	qrs.	lb.				
William Parrot	1,035	—	13	Sugar.			
Thomas Sandiford	292	1	15	*ditto.*			
Robert Cheſter	309	—	—	*ditto.*			
Rowland and *Wm. Tryon*	113	—	—	*ditto.*			
Thomas Mitchell	1,049	2	—	*ditto.*			
John Lloyd	91	—	9	*ditto.*			
Joſeph Belton	37	—	—	*ditto.*			
John Aſkew	26	—	—	*ditto.*			
James Edmunſon	236	—	—	*ditto.*			
Humphry South, for *John Gore*	100	—	—	*ditto.*			
John Falconer	51	3	—	*ditto.*			
Francis Hopegood Eſquire	95	3		*ditto.*			
Samuel Barnard	214	—	—	*ditto.*			
Sir *Gilbert Heathcott*	667	—	—	*ditto.*			
Rachel Mendez	264	—	—	*ditto.*			
Henry Palmer	69	—	—	*ditto.*			
John Frederick Arnold	60	2	—	*ditto.*			
Jane Edmunds	59	2	—	*ditto.*			
Wm. Heyton, and *Wm. Greenball*	335	2	—	*ditto.*			
Tho. and *Paul Corbett*	326	—	—	*ditto.*			
Richard Janeway	142	2	—	*ditto.*			
Thomas Cock	36	—	—	*ditto.*			
Henry Soames	17	2	—	*ditto.*			
John Wowen	18	3	—	*ditto.*			
Elias Pears	66	—	18	*ditto.*			
Robert Heyſham Eſquire	124	—	—	*ditto.*			
Charles Kent	797	3	—	*ditto.*			
Alard Belin	48	1	18	*ditto.*			
	6,663	—	17		Cuſtom,	*l.* 1,107	*s.* 16 *d.* 6
Sir *Juſtus Beck*	35	3	—	Ginger.			
John Bell	8	1	—	*ditto.*			
Charles Kent and Com.	31	—	—	*ditto.*			
	75	—	—	*ditto.*	Cuſtom,	28	3 9
	Tons.	Gal^{s}.					
Robert Aſton	65	44	Oil.				
Warren Cary	44	—	*ditto.*				
	109	44			Cuſtom,	497	13 2
Edward Watkinſon and Com. *per Hum. Morice* Eſquire	96	8	Sarſaparilla.		Cuſtom,	55	10 0
					Cuſtoms paid ——	1,689	3 5

Upon the Petition of *John Cookſon*, referred to the ſaid Committee:

That the Committee did likewiſe examine, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find the ſame to be as follows:

That the Petitioner did import Sixty Barrels, containing Twenty-two thouſand Six hundred and Ninety-nine Pound of Smalts;

That he had the Misfortune to have Thirteen thouſand One hundred Forty-three Pounds of thoſe Smalts burnt by the late Fire, for which he had paid the Cuſtoms, amounting to 141 *l.* 9 *s.*

That the Committee alſo examined the Matter of the Petition of *Thomas Bainton* and *Allard Belin*, of *London*, Merchants; and find the ſame to be as follows;

The Petitioner *Thomas Baynton* did, before the late Fire, import One hundred and Twenty Hogſheads of *French* Wine; of which Forty-five Hogſheads were burnt, beſides Sixteen very much damnified; the Cuſtom whereof amounts to 767 *l.*

And it appeared to the Committee, That *Allard Belin* did enter at the Cuſtom-houſe, and paid Cuſtom 54 *l.* 11 *s.* 10 ½ *d.* for, Thirteen Caſks of Prunes; and that all the ſaid Thirteen Caſks were deſtroyed by the ſaid Fire.

Upon the Petition of *Adrian Vanbrackle* and *Thomas Sikes*, of *London*, Merchants, referred to the ſame Committee:

That the Committee, according to Order, examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find the ſame to be as follows;

Thomas Sikes, One of the Petitioners, did make it appear, to the Satisfaction of the Committee, That, on the 4th and 5th of *January* 1714, he imported ſeveral Quantities of Wines, amounting to Four Tons and One hundred Eighty-nine Gallons of *Spaniſh* Wines; for all which the Duties have been paid: That his Loſs, by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, is Three Tons and Seventy Gallons; for which the Cuſtoms amount to the Sum of 75 *l.* 17 *s.* 4 *d.*

Upon the Petition of *Thomas Minett*, of *London*, Merchant, referred to the ſame Committee:

That the Committee have, in purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, examined the Allegations of the ſaid Petition; and find the Matter of Fact to be as follows; *viz.*

That, in *July* 1713, your Petitioner did import, at *London*, Twenty-nine Tons One Hogſhead and Two Gallons of *French* Wines; for which he paid the Duties.

That it appeared to the Committee, That Thirteen Hogſheads of the ſaid Wines were deſtroyed by the ſaid Fire, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Induſtry was uſed to preſerve the ſame; the Cuſtom whereof amounting to the Sum of 173 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.*

And the Committee, upon Examination of the Mat-

ter of the ſaid ſeveral Petitions to them referred, do find, That the Whole of the Cuſtoms of all the ſaid Goods, burnt and deſtroyed by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, amount to the Sum of 2,901 *l.* 17 *s.* 10½ *d.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Drew* reported from the Committee, who were to conſider of the Laws for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; and to conſider of proper Methods for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture; That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read; and are as follows; *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Parliament, made in the Ninth and Tenth of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act for the Explanation, and better Execution, of former Acts made againſt Tranſportation of Wool, Fullers-earth, and Scouring-clay, be made to extend to the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

2. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, in *Ireland*, be, at any time, carried or conveyed within Miles of the Sea, unleſs directly to ſuch Ports which are free for the exporting the ſame to *England*, under a Penalty; unleſs by ſpecial Licence or Permit firſt had from a proper Officer for carrying any Quantity of Wool to ſuch Places where Wool is manufactured; and which Place or Places ſhall be particularly mentioned in ſuch Permits; and, in ſuch Caſe, ſufficient Security ſhall be firſt given in treble the Value of the Goods ſo licenſed, that the whole Quantity ſhall be manufactured in thoſe Places; and the Proof of the Manufacturing thereof ſhall lie on the Perſons who give ſuch Security.

3. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all Licences, or Permits, for the removing Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, in *Ireland*, be made returnable to the proper Officer, within Days; and that all Perſons ſhall return ſuch Licences or Permits within ſuch time, under a Penalty; and the ſame Method to be obſerved in *Great Britain*; and, to prevent Colluſion between the Officer and Grower, or Firſt Owner, of ſuch Wool, that the Officer, who grants the ſame, ſhall tranſmit a Copy thereof to the next Collector of Exciſe or Cuſtoms, within Days thereafter.

4. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That any Perſon may ſeize any Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, carried, lodged, removed, whether ſhipped ... any-where in *Ireland*, contrary to any the Directions of the ſaid Act, of the Ninth and Tenth of his late Majeſty King *William*, ſo to be extended as aforeſaid.

5. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, of all Seizures and Forfeitures in *Ireland*, Three-fourths ſhall be to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſeize the ſame, to be intitled thereto, upon Conviction of the Party; and the other Fourth ſhall be to the King, for the Uſe and Encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*; and that, of all Seizures and Forfeitures in *Great Britain*, the Seizer ſhall be likewiſe intitled to Three-fourths, and the other Fourth to the King; and the Crown to be at the Expence of Proſecutions in both Kingdoms.

6. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, be, at any time, carried or conveyed any-where in *Ireland*, within Miles of the Sea, in any other Package than common Linen Packs or Bags; and that no leſs Quantity be contained in each than Weight, under a Penalty; except that a Grower give full Satisfaction to the Officer, that he had not ſo much grown; and then the Quantity to be ſpecified in his Permit.

7. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, inſtead of the great Ships and Sloops employed in *England* and *Ireland* againſt the Owlers, by virtue of the Tenth and Eleventh of his late Majeſty King *William*, a greater Number of ſmaller Veſſels be employed in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for that Purpoſe; which may be a more effectual Method for preventing the exporting Wool to *France*, and may conſiderably leſſen the yearly Charge of the Publick.

8. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſame Duty now paid by the Exporter of Wool in *Ireland*, be paid by the Grower, or Firſt Owner, of ſuch Wool, when ſold, or within Months after Sale.

9. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That whoſoever ſhall diſcover any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall export any Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, to the Value of from *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, contrary to Law, ſo as ſuch Perſon or Perſons be convicted, ſhall have and receive, over and above all Rewards given by any Law, the further Reward of Forty Pounds, to be paid out of the Treaſuries of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, reſpectively.

10. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture, the Port of *Exeter* be made a free Port for the Receiving of Wool from *Ireland*; and to continue ſo in the Time of Peace only.

11. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, for the better Encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*, which may tend to the Diſcouragement of exporting Wool from thence to *France*, ſo much of the Act, of the Third and Fourth of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, relating to the Exportation of *Iriſh* Linen Cloth for the Plantations, be made perpetual; and that the *Iriſh* Linen Cloth, imported into *Great Britain*, may be re-exported Duty-free.

12. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That no Licence-money may be taken hereafter for exporting Wool from *Ireland* to *England*, but the common Fee to the Secretary; and that his Majeſty will be pleaſed to order an Equivalent for the ſame to the Lord Lieutenant, or the Chief Governor, for the Time being, in ſuch manner as his Majeſty ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*, be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters: And that Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Solicitor-General, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, and Mr. *Barrington*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, by the Right Honourable *Robert Walpole* Eſquire, of a printed Pamphlet, intituled, "*The Evening-Poſt*, from *Tueſday*, *June* "28th, to *Thurſday*, *June* 30th, 1715;" wherein is printed a Copy of a Letter, ſubſcribed "*R. W.*" to the Lord *S*—— at the *Bath*; which printed Letter had been cried about the Streets, as if wrote by the ſaid Mr. *Walpole* to the Lord *Sunderland*; and had alſo been maliciouſly and induſtriouſly ſent all over the Kingdom;

The ſaid *Evening-Poſt*, and another printed Copy of the ſaid Letter, were delivered in at the Table:

And the printed Copy in the ſaid *Evening-Poſt* was read.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid Letter, inſerted in the ſaid *Evening-Poſt*, is a falſe, ſcandalous, and traiterous, Libel, highly reflecting on his Majeſty, and both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into

into the Author, Printer, and Publiſher, of the ſaid falſe, ſcandalous, and traiterous, Libel:

And it is referred to Mr. *Pulteney*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Barington*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Hampden*, Lord *Coningſby*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Bromley*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Snell*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Mollineux*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Grahme*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Smith*, Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Gregory*, Colonel *Grant*, Lord *Canbury*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Complaint being alſo made to the Houſe, of a Paragraph in the ſaid Pamphlet called *The Evening-Poſt*, relating to *John Burnois*, a *French* Schoolmaſter, who was whipped for ſpeaking ſeditious Words againſt his Majeſty;

The ſaid Paragraph was read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do inquire into the Author of the ſaid Pamphlet called *The Evening-Poſt*.

Ordered, That *E. Berrington*, Printer of the ſaid Pamphlet called *The Evening-Poſt*, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *J. Morphew*, Publiſher of the ſaid Pamphlet, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Tho. Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining, and better executing, the Intentions of a former Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Proteſtant Children of the Earl of *Clanricard*, and Lord *Bophin*; and for Sale of further Part of the ſaid Earl's Eſtate, for Payment of the Debts and Portions remaining chargeable upon the ſame: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, was committed, be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 2° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for explaining, and better executing, the Intentions of a former Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Proteſtant Children of the Earl of *Clanricard*, and Lord *Bophin*; and for Sale of further Part of the ſaid Earl's Eſtate, for Payment of the Debts and Portions remaining chargeable upon the ſame; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being informed, That the Deputy-Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, a Liſt of the Names of ſuch Perſons who took the Oaths in the Court of Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, in order to their Naturalization.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That the Keeper of the *Clink* Priſon attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, a Repreſentation why he could not give in a Liſt of the Priſoners diſcharged by virtue of the Act of Parliament, made in the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for inſolvent Debtors, *&c.*; together with a Liſt of ſuch Perſons as were Priſoners for Debt in the *Clink* Priſon on the Twenty-ninth of *September* laſt, and ſo ſtill continue; and alſo a Liſt of ſuch Perſons as have been made Priſoners in the *Clink* Priſon ſince the Twenty-ninth of *September* laſt.

And then he withdrew.

And the ſaid Repreſentation, and Titles of the ſaid Liſts, were read.

The ſaid Repreſentation, and Liſts, are as follows; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled,

The humble Repreſentation of *William Flood*, Keeper of the Manor-Priſon of *Southwark*, belonging to the Lord Biſhop of *Winton*, commonly called the *Clink* Priſon; which, being very large in its Circuits, and Number of Inhabitants, and bordering on the *Mint*, occaſions many Proceſs', that otherwiſe would not happen.

WHereas your Honours, by your Votes of the 27th of *June* laſt, have been pleaſed to order, That the ſaid *Flood* lay before the Honourable Houſe, "The Number "of Priſoners diſcharged out of the *Clink* Priſon, by vir"tue of an Act of Parliament, made in the Tenth Year "of her late Majeſty's Reign, for Relief of inſolvent "Debtors, *&c.*; and alſo a Liſt of the Perſons now "Priſoners for Debt in the ſaid Priſon, and that were ſo "the 29th of *September* laſt, and have continued ſo ever "ſince;"——the ſaid *Flood*, in Obedience to ſuch Order, begs Leave to repreſent;

That, as to the Number of Priſoners diſcharged out of the ſaid Priſon, by virtue of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament (which, he has heard, was between 6 and 700); that Affair having been done and tranſacted by his Predeceſſor Mr. *Benjamin Smith*, before the ſaid *Flood* was admitted Priſon-keeper, he the ſaid *Flood* is wholly unable to give any certain Account thereof:—For that, as Mr. *Smith* died the 16th of *March* $17\frac{12}{13}$, and the ſaid *Flood* did not ſucceed him till the 14th of *April* following; in that Interval of Time, as the ſaid *Flood* is informed, and has Reaſon to believe, the ſaid *Smith*'s Books, Vouchers, and Papers, relating to the ſaid Priſoners, were conveyed away, loſt, or deſtroyed, by his Widow, who is a crazy, lunatick Perſon; and none of them ever came to the ſaid *Flood*'s Hands.

But, as to all ſuch Perſons as are now Priſoners for Debt in the ſaid Priſon, and that were ſo the 29th of *September* laſt, and have continued ſo ever ſince; that being a Mat-

ter within the ſaid *Flood*'s Cognizance; he has hereunto annexed true Liſts thereof:

And humbly ſubmits the ſame to your Honours Conſideration.

A Liſt of ſuch Perſons as were Priſoners for Debt in the *Clink* Priſon on the 29th *September* laſt, and ſo ſtill continue.

Thomas Wye, William Murrell, Thomas Backon, John Beadles, Rachel White, Richard Hulls, Thomas Bromit, Mark Biddle, John Warner, Daniel Buckmaſter, George Coldecot, Stephen Dolen, Henry Maſters, William Newland, Samuel Nelmes, John Leſter, Thomas Hartley, Thomas Watts, Archibald Faine, William Negus, Henry Armſtrong, Henry Greatorex, William Leeſon, Jeremiah Clarke, Thomas Hartley, Joſhua Smallſhew, Humphry Wallis, William Colſton, James Winter, Thomas Conſtable, Samuel Heracks, John Waters, Margaret Lanſdon, Antony Nelſom, John Reeve, John Angell, Henry Smith, George Lidſey, John Wiggans, John Bedell, George Ellis, Henry Frankum, John Hughs, William Macey, William Tarlton, Samuel March, William Neal, Bartholomew Ord, Thomas Nightingal, Henry Thurrell, John Taylor, Thomas Midwinter, Andrew Boyd, George Taylor, Edward Scotton, Richard Willis, Samuel Slapp, Alexander Macdonnell, Edward Phillipps, Auguſtin Smith, John Lee, William Moring, George Stratford, Morgan Farrant, John Gardner, David Royffe, Michael Wheatley, Thomas Dunmore, Philip Saffron, Charles Cremar, Henry Barn, John Burgis, Nathanael Fritwell, Thomas Bateman, William Smith, Cuthbert Holmes, Robert Skinner, George Weſt, John Hannam, John Brotherton, David Foulkes, John Bayneham, Thomas Pratt, Roger Ballard, Thomas Skinner, John Slote, Chriſtopher Meads, Richard Dalby, William Saunders, John Chriſtopher, Benjamin Fellowes, Francis Good, James Holderneſs, Catharine Hicks. —— 94

A Liſt of ſuch Perſons as have been made Priſoners in the *Clink* Priſon ſince the 29th of *September* laſt.

Robert Knight, Anne Sampſon, Margaret Royley, Richard Battey, Emrutter Nicholls, Siptimus More, Ralph Sandown, William Murrey, Amey Pritherick, Thomas Davis, William Glaſingham, Thomas Bruit, Anne Parkins, Richard Holoway, Anne Adams, Jane Brown, Richard Kent, Mary Padum, Hannah Williamſon, John Pharoah, John Innman, Elizabeth Platt, Ben. Slaymaker, Samuel Gigg, Joſeph Bevis, Charles Lovit, John Gunnis, Elianor Harriſon, Sarah Burton, James Crown, Nicolas Millet, John Guyſe, Thomas Naylor, Jacob Penington, Thomas Jallop, Hannah Dorman, Richard Knowlen, Elianor Hutchens, Elizabeth Arthur, Elizabeth Hamerſton, Alexander Boſeman, Philip Mould, Thomas Jaye, Joſeph Oſburn, Edward Brannard, Richard Tanton, Joſeph Dowells, Jane Larrance, John Rice, Robert Leake, Jane Smith. 51

Total — 145

William Flood, Keeper.

Theſe Two Liſts contain a true Account of all the Perſons now Priſoners for Debt in the *Clink* Priſon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation, and Liſts, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Frodſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed, That they have Power to provide, That the Navigation of the ſaid River do extend to *Whitton* Bridge, in the ſaid County of *Cheſter*.

A Petition of *John Linfield* Attorney at Law, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for being guilty of divers illegal and unjuſtifiable Practices, in relation to the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was, the Sixteenth Day of *June* laſt, ordered to be taken into Cuſtody, for having been guilty of divers illegal and unjuſtifiable Practices, in relation to the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Horſham*: That the Petitioner acknowleges his ſaid Offence; and begs Pardon for the ſame: That, it being Term-time, and an iſſuable Term, if his Confinement ſhould be continued, it may prove very prejudicial, as well to the Affairs of his Clients, as to his own; and having been in Cuſtody now above Sixteen Days: And praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Linfield* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning next, in order to his being diſcharged.

A Petition of *Simon Gough*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for diſtributing Money, in order to procure *Paul Foley* Eſquire to be elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weobly*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, having incurred the Diſpleaſure of this Honourable Houſe, for diſtributing Money, in order to procure *Paul Foley* Eſquire to be elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weobly*, in the County of *Hereford*, was, for ſuch his Offence, ordered to be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms; which Order was made upon *Saturday* the Eighteenth Day of *June* laſt; and the Petitioner doth ſtill continue in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms for the ſame: The Petitioner is deeply ſenſible of his Fault, and heartily ſorry he hath ſo juſtly incurred the Cenſure of this Honourable Houſe; and doth ſincerely promiſe, that he will not any more be concerned in the like Practices: And praying, That he may be releaſed from his Confinement.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Simon Gough* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning next, in order to his being diſcharged.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Precedency of *Robert* Marquis of *Lindſey*, Great Chamberlain of *England*, when created a Duke of *Great Britain*, and of ſuch as ſhall ſucceed to the ſaid Honour, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they have examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned have given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That *William Foreſter* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions,

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*.

The Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Counſel for the Sitting Member examined Witneſſes in Juſtification of ſeveral of the Voters, againſt which the Petitioners Counſel had objected.

And

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel produced a Paper, as the Rate for the Land-Tax in the Year 1714, for the Pariſh of *Potton*, to prove that One of the Sitting-Member's Voters had been rated thereto for the ſaid Year:

The Petitioner's Counſel objected againſt the ſame; it not being ſigned by the Aſſeſſors, or Commiſſioners, but only by the Collectors, of the Land-Tax:

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel inſiſting on its being read;

They were heard thereupon.

And then the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That a Paper, intituled, "*Potton* Land-Tax of Two Shillings in the Pound, "for 1714," although not ſigned by the Aſſeſſors, or Commiſſioners, for the Land-Tax, be read as Evidence;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Member proceeded in their Evidence, in order to add Two Perſons to the Sitting-Member's Poll; and then examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify ſeveral of the Petitioner's Voters; one, as having polled twice; others, as having no Eſtates in the Places where they mentioned their Freeholds to lie; and others, as not paying to publick Taxes, or Rates.

After which the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 4° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That One of the Clerks of the Petty-Bag in the Court of Chancery attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, acquainted the Houſe, That he had ſearched the Records of the ſaid Court, and doth not find, that any Perſon did take the Oaths in that Court, in order to their Naturalization.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Bertie* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to conſider of Heads for a Bill to explain and amend the Laws relating to Rogues and Vagabonds; and ſending them whither they ought to be ſent; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to * * * *

A Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the Fifteenth Article of the Union between *England* and *Scotland*, it is agreed, That all the publick Debts of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, as ſhould be adjuſted by that Parliament, ſhall be paid out of the ſeveral Sums payable to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, and otherways; and by an Act, made in the laſt Seſſion of the laſt Parliament of *Scotland*, concerning the publick Debts, and an Act, of the Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, for the further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money, the publick Debts of *Scotland* were adjuſted; and transferrable Debentures were iſſued out, to the reſpective Creditors, at Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the 24th *June* 1708; and, by an Act, of the Twelfth of the late Queen, to diſcharge the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, &c. the publick Debts of *Scotland* yet unſatisfied, which are adjuſted, and amount to the Sum of Two hundred thirty thouſand Three hundred and Eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten Pence and Five Sixths-Parts of a Peny; and the Commiſſioners to iſſue new Debentures, for the ſaid Sum, to the Perſons intitled thereto, at Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the 24th *June* 1714, payable out of the Firſt Monies as ſhall become due to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent: And praying to make effectual Proviſion for Payment of the Debts ſo long due.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And . . . . they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Baylie*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Butler*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Wortley*, Colonel *Grant*, Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Barrington*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Jeffryes*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Morice*; and all that ſerve for . . . . . *Britain*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, lately appointed by his Majeſty, find ſuch real Difficulties in the Execution of the Truſt committed to them, as they, with all Submiſſion, think can only be removed by Parliament; and therefore they humbly preſume to lay before the Honourable Houſe of Commons a ſhort View of the Agreements in the Treaty of Union, which relate to the Subject-matter of their Commiſſion; of the Manner in which it was intended, as they humbly apprehend, that theſe Agreements ſhould have been brought to Execution; and of what has actually happened: That, by the Treaty and Articles of Union, it is agreed, That, towards preſerving an Equality of Trade, the United Kingdom ſhall be ſubject to the ſame Cuſtoms, on Export and Import, upon exciſeable Liquors: That neither Kingdom was to be ſubject to the Debts of the other, due and contracted before the Union; and ſeveral Branches of the Revenue of *England* were appropriated for Payment of their own Debts, ſome for ever, ſome for Eighty or Ninety Years yet to run; and other Branches of their Revenue were impoſed, and to continue till *June*, *Auguſt*, and *September*, One thouſand Seven hundred and Ten; becauſe it was computed, that the Debts for which they were impoſed might then be paid off; whereby *Scotland* would become liable to ſeveral Cuſtoms and Exciſes that . . . . . payable in *England*, which would be applicable towards Payment of the Debts of *England* contracted before the Union: Therefore, by the Fifteenth Article of Union, it was agreed, That *Scotland* ſhould have an Equivalent for what the Subjects thereof ſhould be ſo charged, towards Payment of the Debts of *England*, in all Particulars whatſoever; *viz.* Three hundred ninety-eight thouſand Eighty-five Pounds and Ten Shillings, for ſuch Parts of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe with which that Kingdom was

to be charged upon the Union, as would be applicable to the Payment of the ſaid Debts of *England*, according to the Proportions which the then preſent Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, being Thirty thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, did bear to the Cuſtoms in *England*, computed at One Million Three hundred forty-one thouſand Five hundred Fifty-nine Pounds *per Annum*; and the then preſent Exciſes in *Scotland* being Thirty-three thouſand Five hundred Pounds *per Annum*, did bear to the Exciſes in *England*, computed at Nine hundred forty-ſeven thouſand Six hundred and Two Pounds *per Annum*: 2°, It was agreed, That, from and after the Union, the whole Increaſe of the Revenues of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, over and above the annual Produce of the ſaid reſpective Duties, as above-ſtated, ſhould go, and be applied, for the Term of Seven Years, to the Uſes mentioned in the ſaid Fifteenth Article; and that, upon the ſaid Account, there ſhould be anſwered to *Scotland* annually, from the End of Seven Years after the Union, an Equivalent, in proportion to ſuch Parts of the ſaid Increaſe as ſhould be applicable to the Debts of *England*; and generally, That an Equivalent ſhould be anſwered to *Scotland* for ſuch Parts of the *Engliſh* Debts as *Scotland* might thereafter become liable to pay by reaſon of the Union, other than ſuch Debts in reſpect whereof Equivalents are therein before provided: That it might be the better underſtood by what Rule the Equivalents above-mentioned were ſtated, and to facilitate the ſubſequent Accounts to be made up, purſuant to the Agreements aforeſaid, at the time of the Treaty, an Account was made out, of the Revenues of *England*, taken from a Medium of Three Years; an Account of the Debts of *England* then provided for, with an Account of the Equivalents founded upon the Proportion between the Revenues of the reſpective Kingdoms; all which Accounts were, by Order of the Lords Commiſſioners of both Kingdoms, annexed to the Minutes of their Proceedings, and ſigned by their reſpective Secretaries: That, towards executing theſe Agreements, it is, by the Fifteenth Article, further agreed, That her Majeſty be impowered to appoint Commiſſioners, who ſhall be accountable to the Parliament of *Great Britain* for diſpoſing of the ſaid Sum of Three hundred ninety-eight thouſand Eighty-five Pounds and Ten Shillings, and all other Monies which ſhould ariſe to *Scotland* upon the Agreements aforeſaid, to the Purpoſes mentioned in that Article; which Commiſſioners are impowered to inſpect the Books of the ſeveral Collectors of the ſaid Revenues of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and of all other Duties from whence an Equivalent might ariſe to *Scotland*; and that the Collectors and Managers of the ſaid Revenues and Duties be obliged to give to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſubſcribed authentick Abbreviates of the Produce of the Revenues and Duties ariſing in their reſpective Diſtricts; that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have their Office within the Limits of *Scotland*, and, in ſuch Office, keep Books, containing Accounts of the Amounts of the Equivalents, and how the ſame ſhall be diſpoſed of from time to time; which may be inſpected by any of the Subjects who deſire the ſame: That, by an Act, of the 6th Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, Act for further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money, it is Enacted, That the Commiſſioners, Managers, Collectors, and other proper Officers, of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and of all other Duties and Revenues from whence an Equivalent may ariſe to *Scotland*, according to the Agreements contained in the aforeſaid Treaty of Union, ſhall make and ſubſcribe Two authentick Abbreviates of the Produce of ſuch Revenues, with the Amount of the ſeveral Sums which ſhall be due, by way of Equivalent, according to the aforeſaid Agreements, from the Commencement of the Union to the Twenty-fifth *March* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, for the Firſt time, and ſo from thenceforward half-yearly; and ſhall tranſmit One of the ſaid Abbreviates to the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, for the Time being; and the other to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent in *Scotland*, for the Time being: It is further Enacted, That the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury aforeſaid, upon Receipt of ſuch Abbreviates, ſhall and may grant his or their Warrants or Orders, for the Payment of ſuch Sums as ſhall be ſo found due to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, for the Time being, or to ſuch Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame: That, by the ſame Act, of the 6th of the Queen, Proviſion was appointed for the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, out of the growing Equivalent, which was by that Act to have been paid half-yearly; but, no Payment having hitherto been made, theſe Commiſſioners have not as yet got Payment of their Salaries; neither is there any Fund for ſupporting the Charges of the preſent Commiſſion: That the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, appointed by her ſaid late Majeſty, and veſted with the aforeſaid Powers, did begin the Diſtribution of the Money which they had received; and, towards being enabled to execute the other Part of their Truſt, they demanded ſuch Abbreviates and Accounts from the Treaſury, and from the Managers and Officers of the Revenue, as the Article of the Union, and the afore-mentioned Act, directed; but never could obtain any other than half-yearly Abbreviates of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe of *Scotland*; nor do theſe, as the Commiſſioners humbly think, come up to the Intention of the Article and Act aforeſaid: That, ſince the Union, there is a very conſiderable Alteration in the State of the publick Revenues, and publick Debts; ſeveral Branches, which, at the time of the Treaty, were unappropriated for Debts, all the Branches which were temporary, and to have continued only till *June*, *Auguſt*, and *September*, 1710, have been, by ſeveral Acts ſince, further continued, and at length made perpetual; beſides many Duties impoſed ſince the Treaty, which are to continue for a long Term of Years; and the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Appropriations, from the Continuance of the old, and Impoſition, of the new Duties aforeſaid, have been applied promiſcuouſly; that is, for paying and ſatisfying old Debts, and making Proviſion for the ſeveral Years ſince the Union, as appears by the ſeveral Acts of Parliament continuing, impoſing, and appropriating, theſe Duties: And though, by comparing the Agreements in the Treaty of Union with the Acts of Parliament made ſince, it appears plain enough, that there is an Equivalent due, and growing due, to *Scotland*; yet the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, by not getting the half-yearly Abbreviates, appointed to be given them, have never been able to make up ſuch Accounts of the Equivalents, as the Subjects of *Scotland* had Reaſon, from the 15th Article of Union, to expect; and, by this Delay, the Difficulty of making up ſuch an Account will always grow greater: That, by an Act of the laſt Parliament of Queen *Anne*, the Commiſſioners of Equivalent were acquitted and diſcharged of the Sums by them duly iſſued; and, by the ſame Act, the publick Debts of *Scotland*, which were adjuſted and certified, purſuant to the Direction of the ſeveral Acts therein recited, did amount, on the 24th *June* 1714, to 230,308*l.* 9*s.* 10$\frac{5}{6}$*d.* to bear Intereſt thereafter at Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; for which no Proviſion is made, notwithſtanding the above Claim; and that it is believed, there is ſcarce any Debt due before the Union but is provided for, except this; neither has any Care hitherto been taken of the Manufactures and Fiſhing of *Scotland*, as was intended by the Treaty, and expected by the Subjects of *Scotland*: That, by the Agreements, and Manner of Execution of them above-expreſſed, it appears plainly, that the Subjects of *Scotland* believed themſelves very ſecure in the publick Faith, for the Performance of all theſe Agreements and Conditions: And the Commiſſioners of Equivalent being accountable to the Parliament of *Great Britai*, and by no means able to obviate the Difficulties above-mentioned: And praying to make ſuch further Proviſion for the ſtating the Accounts of the Equivalent for theſe Seven Years paſt, as may effectually anſwer that End; and to ſettle ſuch Branches of the Revenue of *Scotland* as now are, or for the future may be, applicable to the Payment of the Debts of *England* contracted before the Union, and the publick Debts of *Scotland*, which are eſtabliſhed

bliſhed and certified by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, may be paid, and the other Ends of the Treaty of Union may be attained.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter touching the Election for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *John Barlow* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *George Barlow* Baronet, for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*:

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Freeholders, Burgeſſes, and Inhabitants, paying Scot and Lot, and not receiving Alms.

That the Poll was;

For the Sitting-Member — 222:
For the Petitioner — — 181:

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected to 79 of the Sitting-Member's Voters; *viz.* 34 as illegal Burgeſſes; 20 receiving Alms; 15 Inhabitants not paying Scot and Lot; Eight neither Freeholders, Burgeſſes, or Inhabitants; and Two under Age.

On the Head of illegal Burgeſſes, the Petitioner's Counſel produced,

Dat. 16 *October* 1629. A Collection of Orders agreed upon by the Mayor, Common-Council, and other the Inhabitants; and confirmed and allowed by the King's Juſtices of Aſſize:

By which no Perſon is to be admitted and ſworn Burgeſs (Apprentices and Freemens Sons only excepted), unleſs he be thereunto thought meet, firſt by the moſt Voice of the Common-Council of the Town, and afterwards by the Conſent, and moſt Voice, of the Burgeſſes and Commons of the Town, under a Penalty of 10 *l.* upon the Mayor; and further, that none ſhall be admitted or ſworn Burgeſs at any Day or Time, ſaving the Days of Nomination and Election of the Mayor yearly, and at the Two Sheriffs Turns; and at no other time in the Year.

Againſt the 34 Burgeſſes objected to as illegal, the following Evidence was produced; *viz.*

Dat. 11° *Mar.* 1714. An Order in the Town-Book for the Mayor's ſwearing Eleven of them Burgeſſes when he thinks fit; *viz.* *Thomas Skyrm* Gentleman, *Simon Higda*, *Morgan Folland*, *John Hill*, *John Brown* junior, *George Hellier*, and *John Parrot*, claiming Freedom as Burgeſſes Sons; *Tho. Howell*, claiming as Apprentice; and Mr. *Lewis Powell*, Mr. *John Lort*, and the Reverend Mr. *George Phillips*, whoſe Titles are not mentioned:

Dat. 19° *Mar.* 1714. Another Order for the Mayor's ſwearing Eleven others; *viz.* *Thomas Bateman*, *George Jenkins*, *Henry Bowen* Clerk, and *David Lewis*, being Freemens Sons; *James Wilkin* junior, having married a Freeman's Daughter; *Richard Llewellin*, as Apprentice; *Mark Roach* Eſquire, *Richard Cuny* Eſquire, *John Stephens* Gentleman, *John Powell* Gentleman, and *Wm. Davids*, whoſe Titles are not mentioned:

[*(a) Dat.* 20 *Mar.* 1714. Another Order for admitting and ſwearing 12 others; and the Order ſays, They were then ſworn accordingly; *viz.* Mr. *Arnold Bowen*, *Thomas Rees* Taylor, *Geo. Jones* Glover, *John Barnſly* Butcher, *Rowland Harries*, and *Thomas Davies*, Gentlemen (being Freemens Sons); *John Thomas*, *Thomas Knowles* Eſquire, *Geo. Bowen* Eſquire, *Thomas Edwards* Gentleman, *Joſeph Allen* Gentleman, and *Richard Foley*, whoſe Titles are not mentioned.]

(a) Supplied from the original Report.

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected againſt the Legality of theſe Admiſſions, as being clandeſtine, and upon neither of the Three Days allowed by the Conſtitution: And againſt the Truth of theſe Entries they obſerved, That the 20th of *March* was upon a *Sunday*, when no Court was held; and called,

John Bateman and *Richard Smith:* Who ſpoke for 20 and 40 Years; and ſaid, The Practice has always been to admit and ſwear Burgeſſes only upon the Three Conſtitution-Days; *viz.* the Election of the Mayor, and the Sheriffs Turns; and never at any other time, except ſometimes in the Caſe of Gentlemen of Quality, or the Mayor's own Freeman:

That Burgeſſes cannot be admitted but by Conſent of the Majority of the Common-Council; and alſo by Conſent of the Majority of the Burgeſſes in the Common-Hall: That all Members of the Common-Council ought to be ſummoned to every Court; but only ſelect Perſons were ſummoned to the Courts in *March* laſt: Neither of them, though both of the Common-Council, were then ſummoned: They never knew Burgeſſes admitted in any ſuch manner before:

And *Smith* ſaid, The Mayor declared, He would make as many new Burgeſſes as would ſerve his Turn.

Rowland Harries, who is entered in the Town-Book as admitted and ſworn upon the 20th of *March*, ſaid, He was ſworn upon the Day before the Election, being the Second of *May* laſt, at a Publick-houſe, by the Mayor, and One of the Aldermen.

Mr. *Hugh Fowler* ſaid, That *Arnold Bowen*, another of thoſe mentioned to be admitted and ſworn the 20th of *March*, polled as a Burgeſs; and hath, ſince the Election, confeſſed, He never was ſworn a Burgeſs.

Wm. Holloway named Twenty of the Sitting-Member's Voters; and ſaid, They received Alms, or publick Charity.

That the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded to give Evidence of Partiality, and arbitrary Proceedings, of the Mayor and Sheriff, in favour of the Sitting-Member:

But the Sitting-Member's Counſel alleged, They were ſurpriſed: And, having no Witneſſes in Town to juſtify the Election, they withdrew.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *George Barlow* Baronet is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Barlow*, of *Lawrenny*, Eſquire, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Town of *Haverford-Weſt*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Proceedings of the Mayor and Common-Council of the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*, in making Burgeſſes, without the Conſent of the Commonalty, was illegal, and contrary to the Rights of the ſaid Town: And that the Burgeſſes, ſo pretended to be made, have not thereby acquired any Right of Voting in any future Elections.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*, by raſing out the Name of Sir *George Barlow* Baronet, and inſerting the Name of *John Barlow*, of *Lawrenny*, Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Ordered, That *John Snell* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend, be

be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's gracious Meſſage of *Tueſday* laſt:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return the humble Thanks of this Houſe for his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage; in which he is pleaſed, out of his great and tender Concern for the Honour of the Church of *England*, and for the Advancement of our moſt holy Religion, heartily to recommend to this Houſe, to conſider of the beſt Means of ſettling a Maintenance for the Miniſters who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will effectually enable him to purſue and perfect ſo pious, and ſo glorious, a Work.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs upon the ſaid Reſolution, to be preſented to his Majeſty:

And it is referred to Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hampden*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Bromley*, the Earl *Barrymore*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *John Hinde Cotton*, Dr. *Peſke*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Wm. Whitlocke*, Mr. *Shippen:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of his Majeſty's ſaid gracious Meſſage.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Lowther* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lowther* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Ordered, That *John Linfeild*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged.

Ordered, That *Simon Gough*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged.

Ordered, That Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Chandler*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Coocutry*, be added to the Committee appointed to inquire into the Author of the *Evening-Poſt*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 5° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

John Linfeild, Attorney at Law, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Simon Gough, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

The Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Town of *Haverford-Weſt*.

An ingroſſed Bill for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the Lord *Wm. Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed, That the Clerk of the Crown in the Court of King's Bench attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a Liſt of the Perſons who took the Oaths in the Court of King's-Bench, in order to their Naturalization, purſuant to the Act for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *North* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newberry*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed,

That they had conſidered the ſeveral Petitions to them referred; and heard Counſel thereupon; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. *Gybbon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, was committed, That they had conſidered the Petitions to them referred; and heard the Petitioners, and their Counſel; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Friday* Morning next.

Sir *John Cope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to confer ſome Dignity in the Church on Doctor *Barker*, Chaplain to this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in and near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Churchill*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Tench*, Mr. *Rudge*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Recorder, Mr. *Lyddell*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Sir *Mountague Blundell*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Mr. *Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Seawen*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Corrance*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Sir *Wm. Aſhburnham*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Palmer*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *John Parſons*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Newland*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *Monroe*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Ducane*, General *Pepper*; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*.

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Member proceeded to examine Witneſſes to diſqualify other of the Petitioner's Voters, upon account of their not having any Eſtate in the Places they voted for, or not of ſufficient Value, or not paying the publick Taxes and Rates.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Hutchingſon*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Rob. Raymond*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Earle*, Lord *Finch*, Lord *Hartford*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Richard Farington*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, was referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 6° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That the Deputy-Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Middleſex* attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a true and exact Liſt of what Perſons took the Oaths at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held for the County of *Middleſex*, in order to their Naturalization, purſuant to the Act for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the Sufferers, and Agents for Sufferers, and other Proprietors of *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher* Debentures, in behalf of themſelves, and other Sufferers by the late Invaſion of the *French* in the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Five, the ſaid Iſlands being almoſt ruined by the *French*, the Inhabitants thereof petitioned the late Queen for Relief; who recommended them to the Houſe of Commons; and, upon their Addreſs, ... to iſſue a Commiſſion to inquire into their reſpective Loſſes, which amounted to 353,351 *l.* 2 *s.* 10 *d.*; and the ſaid late Queen laid the ſame before the Houſe; and, in the Year 1709, 103,003 *l.* was granted the ſaid Sufferers, to reſettle in thoſe Iſlands; and, for making good the ſame, Debentures be made out, and delivered to the Sufferer, with Intereſt: And, by an Act of the 9th of her late Majeſty's Reign, Debentures were diſtributed to the reſpective Sufferers, who had re-ſettled in either the ſaid Iſlands, which carried Intereſt at Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and be regiſtred with, and paid as, *Iriſh* unſatisfied Debentures: And, by an Act of the Tenth of the late Queen, the Petitioners Debentures, with Intereſt from the Twenty-fifth *December* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven, ſhould be paid, as the ſaid *Iriſh* Debentures are, by Preſcription, into the *South-Sea* Stock; and the

Petitioners have proved their Loſſes, obtained Debentures, and regiſtred the ſame; and applied themſelves to the Directors of the *South-Sea* Company; and obtained her ſaid late Majeſty's Commiſſion to be permitted to ſubſcribe the ſaid Debentures into the *South-Sea* Stock; which the ſaid Directors refuſed, alleging, that the Intereſt for the ſaid Stock was not ſufficient to extend to theſe Debentures; and, by an Act in 1714, the Intereſt was appointed to be paid from 25th *December* 1711, to the 25th *December* 1714; which hath been iſſued accordingly: And praying to make Proviſion for the growing Intereſt from *Chriſtmas* laſt; and that the *South-Sea* Company be directed to admit the ſaid Debentures to be ſubſcribed into the ſaid Stock, according to the ſaid Acts of Parliament, or otherwiſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Complaint was made to the Houſe, That *Chriſtopher Stephenſon*, and others, have been concerned in filing a Bill in Chancery againſt *Sidney Wortley*, alias *Mountague*, Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; and ſerved an Injunction upon *John Ord*, *Charles Atkinſon*, and *Thomas Denham*, Stewards and Servants of the ſaid Mr. *Wortley*, to ſtop the Working of certain Collieries in his Poſſeſſion, in the County of *Durham*; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Robert Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Ludreſs*, *William Keller*, *Stephen Teiſſier*, *Charles Loubier*, and *Bernard Naminick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners were born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but have conſtantly profeſſed the Proteſtant Religion, and given Teſtimony of their Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, and the Kingdom of *Great Britain*: And praying, That a Bill be brought in for their Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Lowther* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Ward*, Colonel *Moreton*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Erle*, Lord *Coningsby*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Calmady*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Champernowr*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Mr. *Bruere*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Rolt*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Archer*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Dr. *Paſk*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Bridges*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Hales*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Godfry* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Sir *John Lambert* Baronet, *Samuel Shepheard* Eſquire, and the Executors of the late *John James David*, of *London*, Merchant, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place; and afterwards, delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee have, in purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and do find the ſame to be as follows; *viz.*

Mr. *Henry Bray* affirmed to the Committee, That, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, he did ſell ſuch a Quantity of *French* Prize-Wines as is ſet forth in the Petition, to Sir *John Lambert*, Mr. *John James David*, and *Samuel Shepheard* Eſquire; and that it was at Mr. *Shepheard*'s Houſe in *London* that he ſold the ſaid Wines.

The Petitioners produced a Bill of Lading, dated the Twenty-third Day of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight, for ſhipping Sixty-nine Hogſheads and Fifteen Tierces of *French* Clarets, for the proper Account of the Petitioners, by *Peter Hill*, in the *New Topſham*, Mr. *William Dare* Maſter; ſigned, *William Dare*:

Mr. *Dare*'s Letter, dated from *Calais*, *October* 22d, 1708, directed to Mr. *John James David* and Company, in *London*; purporting his hard Fortune of being taken by a *French* Privateer, under the Convoy of the *Dover* and *Sunderland*, and in Sight of them; and that, upon the Firſt Appearance of the Privateer's giving Chace to him, he fired a Gun, purſuant to his Sailing-Orders received from the *Dover*: Which Orders were likewiſe produced; ſigned, *Tho. Mathews*; directed to Mr. *Wm. Dare*, Commander of the *New Topſham*.

The Petitioners alſo produced to the Committee Three ſeveral Letters from Mr. *Peter Hill*, their Agent at *Falmouth*, directed to them in *London*, bearing Date Fourth *October* 1708; ſignifying, that he had drawn on each of them, on Account of the Duties of the Wines ſo ſhipped in the *New Topſham*, *Wm. Dare*, for *London*, Three hundred and Fifty Pounds, all payable to *Harry Ferne* Eſquire, for Value of Mr. *Ambroſe Thomſon*, the Collector of the Cuſtoms at *Penryn*, amounting, in the Whole, to One thouſand and Fifty Pounds, as ſet forth in the Petition.

The Petitioners further produced a Writing, ſigned *Wm. Lowndes*, directed to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; purporting, that the Lords Commiſſioners of her late Majeſty's Treaſury, finding, that the Proceedings againſt the Petitioners, for Non-payment of certain Bills of Exchange, which were drawn on them from *Penryn*, for the Cuſtom of Wine brought there, which, in its Paſſage from thence to *London*, was taken by the *French*, have been ſtopped; to the end the ſaid Mr. *Shepheard*, and Partners, might apply to Parliament for Relief; are pleaſed to direct, That the Stop to the ſaid Proceedings be ſtill continued, for them to apply to Parliament for Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs had been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to confer ſome Dignity in the Church upon Doctor *Barker*, Chaplain to this Houſe: And that his Majeſty was pleaſed to anſwer, That he will confer ſome Dignity in the Church upon him, as is deſired.

A Petition of the Merchants, Traders, and other Inhabitants, of the Port and Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Running of Wool from *Ireland*, and ſeveral Parts of *Great Britain*, to *France*, hath been, and is, prejudicial to the Trade of this Nation in general, and to thoſe Weſtern Counties in particular; and that the making *Exeter*, *in Com' Devon*, or any other Port in that Chanel, a Staple-Port, hath been very prejudicial, and, if opened, will tend to the great Diſadvantage of the Trade of this Kingdom, conſidering it is ſo fair an Inlet to *France*, under ſeveral clandeſtine Pretences: And praying to prevent ſuch Exportation of Wool to *France*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into Conſideration.

A Petition of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, and Aſſiſtants, together with the Merchants, Clothiers, and other the

the Inhabitants of *Tiverton*, in *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the importing Wool from *Ireland* in the *South Chanel* has been of evil Conſequence, and opening the Way for Running of Wool from *Ireland* to *France*, &c.: And praying, That Penalties may be inflicted on the Maſters, Owners, and Loaders, of all ſuch Ships loaden with *Iriſh* Wool, as ſhall be found out of the *North Chanel*, unleſs driven there by Streſs of Weather.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exportation of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. *Heyſham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; ..... That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. *Lowther*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, in the 12th Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; was committed; the Amendment they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be re-committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Doctor *Paſke*, Mr. *Vernon*: } 143.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Orlando Bridgman*, Mr. *Gybbon*: } 198.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Amendment, with an Amendment made thereunto, was agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

Preſs 2. L. 1. Leave out from the Word "him" to the End of the Bill, and, inſtead thereof, add Clauſe (A).

(A): A Clauſe, That no Perſon ſhall hereafter be naturalized, unleſs ..... exhibited for that Purpoſe; and that particular Words be inſerted, That ſuch Perſon ſhall not thereby be enabled to be a Privy Counſellor, or a Member of either Houſe of Parliament; or take any Place of Truſt, either Civil or Military; or to have any Grant of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, from the Crown, to himſelf, or any other Perſon in Truſt for him: And that no Bill of Naturalization ſhall hereafter be received in either Houſe of Parliament, unleſs ſuch Words be inſerted therein.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for makeing Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; be taken into Conſideration upon this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 7° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *North* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Surveyors, the Secretary, and Treaſurer, acting under the Commiſſioners for building Fifty new Churches, do lay before this Houſe the Accounts in their ſeveral Offices relating to the ſame.

A Bill for Relief of Wine-Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Farrer*, Colonel *Bladen*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Broderick*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. Recorder, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Meyricke*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Wynn*, Mr. *Godfrey*; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to amend the Act therein mentioned, intituled, An Act to regulate the Price and Aſſize of Bread.

A Petition of the Clothiers, Fullers, Dyers, &c. of the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Opening of the Port of *Exeter* for Importing of *Iriſh* Wool has been impracticable, without manifeſt Danger of encouraging and facilitating a clandeſtine Trade to *France*; to which the great Difficulties of the Woollen Manufacture here at home, and its Diſcouragements from abroad, are chiefly to be aſcribed; and that the Opening of the ſaid Port of *Exeter* will be of pernicious Conſequences, particularly to the Woollen Trade of this Town, and Parts adjacent: And praying the Conſideration ..... therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of

Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; be read the Third time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome Officers of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of all Ships that have paſſed to any Parts beyond the Seas from any Ports of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; wherein is diſtinguiſhed the Burden of Ships departed each Year reſpectively, and to what Places they departed: And alſo,

An Account of the Subſidies granted by the Statute, of the Twelfth of King *Charles* the Second, on Goods exported from the 25th of *March* 1700, to *Chriſtmas* 1700; and from thence to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And alſo,

An Account of the Amount of the Duties which have been repaid by Debentures, from *Chriſtmas* 1707 to *Chriſtmas* 1714: And alſo,

An Account of Cochineal ſeized, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *May* 1ſt 1715.

And then they withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follow; *viz.*

AN Account of the Burden of all Ships that have paſſed into any Parts beyond the Seas, from any Ports of *England*, from *Chriſtmas* 1709, to *Chriſtmas* 1714; wherein is diſtinguiſhed the Burdens of Ships departed each Year reſpectively, and to what Places they departed.

To what Place bound.	N° of Tons, in the Year 1710.	N° of Tons, in the Year 1711.	N° of Tons, in the Year 1712.	N° of Tons, in the Year 1713.	N° of Tons, in the Year 1714.
Norway	26,131	24,759	14,791	32,809	21,708
Denmark	2,926	2,438	1,990	2,250	4,866
Sweedland	4,295	2,825	3,235	7,075	4,690
Ruſſia	5,540	4,259	2,920	4,770	3,367
Poland	1,130	928	1,129	2,579	7,356
Germany	15,812	13,602	14,225	17,839	28,647
Holland	79,017	98,113	94,147	91,362	125,954
Flanders	2,272	2,080	9,237	28,714	21,080
France	2,110	2,562	3,131	16,523	29,238
Portugall	17,373	14,391	18,812	20,466	19,346
Madera	1,619	620	2,395	6,352	6,972
Spain	6,984	6,789	18,606	24,203	15,606
Gibralter	1,900	2,426	4,653	1,331	2,285
Minorca				150	65
Streights	6,255	7,295	8,934	13,801	10,882
Italy	8,652	11,580	20,857	17,766	13,306
Turkey	2,320		3,080	1,950	1,060
Africa	1,690	1,035	620	140	685
Guinea	2,080	2,310	805	2,000	1,860
Canaries	1,488	2,264	2,157	2,348	2,675
Azores					30
Barbary	160	300	431	95	210
Iſle *May*	170			485	194
India	4,210	4,860	2,880	4,035	4,645
Antigo	3,740	3,660	2,680	2,171	2,615
Barbados	9,650	8,757	9,322	8,634	11,663
Carolina	1,095	1,380	1,583	1,140	1,551
St. Chriſtopher's	720	320	360	930	160
Jamaica	6,198	5,604	7,020	3,267	7,560
Maryland	5,893	3,580	6,503	5,512	3,372
Monſerat	295	590	370	770	208
Nevis	1,450	1,305	1,960	1,800	2,290
New-England	3,200	3,481	4,120	4,138	4,230
New-York	3,825	545	494	850	1,250
Newfoundland	5,545	6,115	5,337	4,125	7,580
Penſilvania	690	2,135	560	1,613	1,020
Virginia	9,056	8,675	12,692	7,121	11,557
Weſt-Indies	1,951	1,895	2,875	4,965	4,835
Hudſon's Bay	120	80	120	150	310
Ireland	57,855	51,558	63,309	72,263	82,396
Iſle *Man*	838	640	639	828	1,040
Guernzey	1,895	2,257	2,416	3,646	4,069
Jerzey	806	1,006	1,102	1,479	2,244
Alderny and *Sark*	25	15	43	100	102
Total	308,981	309,034	352,540	424,545	476,779

John Burgoyne, Deputy Regiſter-General of all Trading Ships in *Great Britain*.

AN

AN Account of the Subſidies granted by the Statute of the 12th of *Charles* the Second, on Goods exported from 25th *March* 1700, to *Chriſtmas* 1700; and from thence to *Chriſtmas* 1714.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
From 25th *March* 1700 to *Chriſtmas* 1700	29,018	2	4
From *Chriſtmas* 1700 to *Chriſtmas* 1701	38,065	16	10¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1701 to *Chriſtmas* 1702	28,118	5	2¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1702 to *Chriſtmas* 1703	31,868	3	6¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1703 to *Chriſtmas* 1704	30,368	6	9¾
From *Chriſtmas* 1704 to *Chriſtmas* 1705	29,272	16	9¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1705 to *Chriſtmas* 1706	31,508	3	10
From *Chriſtmas* 1706 to *Chriſtmas* 1707	33,289	13	10
From *Chriſtmas* 1707 to *Chriſtmas* 1708	37,751	10	2½
From *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1709	34,726	2	7½
From *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1710	18,411	18	1
From *Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1711	23,525	1	10¾
From *Chriſtmas* 1711 to *Chriſtmas* 1712	35,062	—	6½
From *Chriſtmas* 1712 to *Chriſtmas* 1713	34,499	5	11¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1713 to *Chriſtmas* 1714	50,602	11	2¾
	486,087	19	8½

N. B. This Duty expired 1ſt *Auguſt* 1710; and the 8th *March* following commenced anew.

W. Burnet, Comptroller-General.
Robert Paul, Aſſiſtant.
5th *July* 1715.

AN Account of the Amount of the Duties which have been repaid by Debentures, from *Chriſtmas* 1707 to *Chriſtmas* 1714.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
From *Chriſtmas* 1707 to *Chriſtmas* 1708	689,143	6	11
From *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1709	730,439	12	7½
From *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1710	564,602	16	11½
From *Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1711	799,855	14	4
From *Chriſtmas* 1711 to *Chriſtmas* 1712	566,147	6	5¼
From *Chriſtmas* 1712 to *Chriſtmas* 1713	779,032	7	2½
From *Chriſtmas* 1713 to *Chriſtmas* 1714	687,049	6	9¼
	4,816,270	11	4

N.B. The Duties repaid, as above-mentioned, are for Goods firſt imported into *England*, and afterward exported, within the Time allowed by Law for the Drawbacks.

W. Burnet, Comptroller-General.
Robert Paul, Aſſiſtant.
5th *July* 1715.

AN Account of what Quantities of Cochineal have been ſeized, as imported contrary to Law, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714; and from thence to the Firſt Day of *May* 1715; wherein the Quantities ſo imported in each Year reſpectively are diſtinguiſhed.

	Pounds.	Ounces.
From *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1709	—	—
From *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1710	1	1
From *Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1711	—	—
From *Chriſtmas* 1711 to *Chriſtmas* 1712	—	—
From *Chriſtmas* 1712 to *Chriſtmas* 1713	24	—
From *Chriſtmas* 1713 to *Chriſtmas* 1714	—	—
From *Chriſtmas* 1714 to 1ſt *May* 1715	865	—
Total	890	1

Tho. Woodford.
6th *July* 1715.

Memorandum: The above 865 Pounds of Cochineal were ſeized from on board Ships coming from *France*, as imported contrary to Law.
The 25 *l.* 1 *Oz.* in the Two other Articles, were ſeized on ſhore; and it does not appear from whence the ſame came.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being acquainted, That *George Carpenter* Eſquire, ſince his Election for the Borough of *Whitchurch*, is appointed his Majeſty's Envoy to the Court of *Vienna*; and that he deſires to know the Senſe of the Houſe, whether he is included in the Diſability of the Act of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty;

And the Clauſe in the ſaid Act, relating thereto, was read:

And the Queſtion being put, That, *George Carpenter* Eſquire being appointed his Majeſty's Envoy at the Court of *Vienna*, ſince his Election for the Borough of *Whitchurch*, in the County of *Southampton*, his Election for the ſaid Borough is thereby become void;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Election for the County of *Eſſex*, which was appointed to be heard upon *Wedneſday* next, upon *Wedneſday* Sevennight.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had, in Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe, prepared Articles of Impeachment for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes

and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and that the Committee had commanded him, at the ſame time, to acquaint the Houſe, That they ſhall, in a ſhort time, have farther Articles to lay before the Houſe againſt the ſaid Earl; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Articles, already prepared, to the Houſe; and he read them in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

WHereas many ſolemn Treaties and Alliances have been formerly entered into, between the Crown of *England* and other Princes and Potentates of *Europe*, for their mutual Safety, and from the Conſiderations of the common Danger which threatened all *Chriſtendom* from the immoderate Growth of the Power of *France*:

And whereas the preventing the Monarchy of *Spain* from coming into the Hands of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, has, for many Years, been a fundamental Principle and Maxim of Union among the Allies, in order to preſerve a juſt Balance of Power in *Europe*: And to that end, as the Deſigns of *France* on the Monarchy of *Spain* have, from time to time, appeared, new Treaties, and expreſs Stipulations, have been entered into amongſt the Allies, to ſtrengthen themſelves againſt that approaching Danger; and, on this Foundation, a Treaty for an intended Partition, whereby a ſmall Part only of the Dominions of the Crown of *Spain* was allotted to the Houſe of *Bourbon*, was condemned by the Wiſdom of Parliament, as being highly prejudicial, and fatal, in its Conſequences, to *England*, and the Peace of *Europe*:

And whereas the Duke of *Anjou*, Grandſon to the King of *France*, on the Demiſe of *Charles* the Second, King of *Spain*, took Poſſeſſion of the intire Monarchy of *Spain*; whereby the Balance of Power, the Proteſtant Religion, and the Liberty of *Europe*, were threatened with immediate Danger:

Whereupon *Leopold*, then Emperor of *Germany*, his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory, and the States-General of the *United Provinces*, finding, at that moſt critical Juncture, that a ſtrict Conjunction and Alliance between themſelves was become neceſſary for repelling the Greatneſs of the common Danger from ſo great an Acceſſion of Power to the then common Enemy, did, in the Year of our Lord 1701, make, form, and conclude, a new Treaty and Alliance; whereby it was agreed,

That there ſhall be, and continue, between the ſaid Confederates, his Sacred Imperial Majeſty, his Sacred Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the Lords the States-General of the *United Provinces*, a conſtant, perpetual, and inviolable, Friendſhip and Correſpondence; and that each Party ſhall be obliged to promote the Advantages of the other, and prevent all Inconveniences and Dangers that might happen to them, as far as lies in their Power:

That the ſaid Allies, deſiring nothing more earneſtly than the Peace, and general Quiet, of all *Europe*, have adjudged, that nothing can be more effectual for the Eſtabliſhment thereof, than the procuring an equitable and reaſonable Satisfaction to his Imperial Majeſty for his Pretenſion to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion; and that the King of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, may obtain a particular and ſufficient Security for their Kingdoms, Provinces, and Dominions, and for the Navigation and Commerce of their Subjects:

That the ſaid Confederates therefore ſhall, in the Firſt place, endeavour, by amicable means, to obtain the ſaid Satisfaction; but if, contrary to their Expectation and Wiſhes, the ſame is not had, the ſaid Confederates do engage and promiſe to one another, That they will aſſiſt each other with all their Forces, according to a Specification to be agreed upon in a peculiar Convention for that Purpoſe:

That the Confederates, in order to the procuring the Satisfaction and Security aforeſaid, ſhall, amongſt other things, uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to recover the Provinces of the *Spaniſh Low-Countries*, that they may be a Fence and Rampart, commonly called a Barrier, ſeparating and dividing *France* from the *United Provinces*, for the Security of the States-General, as they have ſerved in all times, till of late that the moſt Chriſtian King has ſeized them by his Forces; as likewiſe the Duchy of *Milan*, with its Dependences, as a Fief of the Empire; and contributing to the Security of his Imperial Majeſty's hereditary Dominions; beſides the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, and the Lands and Iſlands upon the Coaſt of *Tuſcany*, in the *Mediterranean*, that belonged to the *Spaniſh* Dominions; and may ſerve to the ſame Purpoſe; and will be alſo of Advantage to the Navigation and Commerce of the Subjects of the King of *Great Britain*, and of the *United Provinces*:

That, in caſe the Confederates ſhall be forced to enter into a War, for obtaining the Satisfaction aforeſaid for his Imperial Majeſty, and the Security of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, they ſhall faithfully communicate their Deſigns to one another, as well in relation to the Actions of the War, as all other things wherein the common Cauſe is concerned:

That it ſhall not be permitted to either Party, when the War is once begun, to treat of Peace with the Enemy, unleſs jointly, and by a Communication of Councils; and no Peace ſhall be made, unleſs an equitable and reaſonable Satisfaction for his Imperial Majeſty, and the particular Security of the Kingdoms, Provinces, Dominions, Navigations, and Commerce, for his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, be firſt obtained; and unleſs Care be taken, by fitting Security, that the Kingdoms of *France* and *Spain* ſhall never come, and be united, under the ſame Government; nor that one and the ſame Perſon ſhall be King of both Kingdoms; and particularly, that the *French* ſhall never get into the Poſſeſſion of the *Spaniſh Indies*; neither ſhall they be permitted to ſail thither on the Account of Traffick, directly or indirectly, or any Pretence whatſoever; and laſtly, unleſs full Liberty be granted unto the Subjects of the King of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, to exerciſe and enjoy all the ſaid Privileges, Rights, Immunities, and Franchiſes, of Commerce by Sea and Land, in *Spain*, the *Mediterranean*, and all Lands and Places which the King of *Spain*, laſt deceaſed, did poſſeſs at the time of his Death, as well in *Europe* as elſewhere, which they uſed and enjoyed, or which the Subjects of both or either of them, by any Right, acquired by Treaties, Agreements, Cuſtoms, or any other way whatſoever, might have uſed and enjoyed, before the Death of the late King of *Spain*:

That, at the ſame time that the ſaid Agreement, or Peace, ſhall be made, the Confederates ſhall agree amongſt themſelves about all the things that they ſhall think neceſſary for maintaining the Navigation and Commerce of the Subjects of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, in the Lands and Dominions they may acquire, and that were poſſeſſed by the late deceaſed King of *Spain*; and alſo in what manner the States-General may be ſecured by the aforeſaid Fence, or Barrier:

And whereas his ſaid late Majeſty King *William*, and the States-General, ſeriouſly conſidering, that *France* was then become ſo formidable, from the Acceſſion of *Spain* to the Duke of *Anjou*, that, in the Opinion of all the World, *Europe* was in Danger of loſing her Liberty, and undergoing the heavy Yoke of univerſal Monarchy; and that the ſureſt Means of effecting that Deſign were, to divide the King of *Great Britain* from the States-General; for which Purpoſe, all imaginable Efforts would be made; they therefore thought it neceſſary to unite in the ſtricteſt Manner that was poſſible; and, to that End, a defenſive Treaty and Alliance was concluded, and entered into, between them, in or about the Month of *November* 1701; wherein it was, among other things, agreed,

That,

That, in caſe the ſaid high Allies ſhould be jointly engaged in War, by reaſon of this defenſive Alliance beforementioned in the Fifth Article, or on any other Account, there ſhall be an offenſive and defenſive, and perpetual, Alliance between them, againſt thoſe with whom the War ſhall be; and all their Forces ſhall be employed by Sea and Land; and they ſhall act in Conjunction, or ſeparately, as it ſhall be agreed between them:

That ſince, in the Alliance with the Emperor, made in *September* laſt, particular Care was taken of the Recovery of the *Spaniſh Low-Countries* out of the Hands of the moſt Chriſtian King, the ſaid Confederates expreſly engage to aid one another with all their Forces for the Recovery of the ſame: And in regard the principal Intereſt of the ſaid Confederates conſiſts in the Preſervation of the Liberty of *Europe*, the before-mentioned Treaty with the Emperor ſhall be faithfully and ſincerely executed; and both Sides ſhall guaranty the ſame, and uſe their Endeavours to confirm and render it more ſtrong from time to time:

That, in making Peace, particular Care ſhall be taken of the Commerce and Traffick of both Nations; as alſo for their Security, as well in regard to the *Low-Countries*, as the Countries adjacent:

That, when the War is begun, the Confederates ſhall act in Concert, according to the 7th and 8th Articles of the Treaty, of the 3d of *March* in the Year of our Lord $167\frac{7}{8}$, between *England* and *Holland*; which is hereby renewed and confirmed; and no Peace, nor Truce, or Suſpenſion of Arms, ſhall be negotiated or made, but according to the 9th and 10th Articles of that Treaty; by which it was agreed,

That, when the Two Allies come once to an open War, it ſhall be lawful for neither of them afterwards to come to any Ceſſation of Arms with him who ſhall be declared and proclaimed an Enemy, without it be done conjointly, and with common Conſent:

That no Negotiation of Peace ſhall be ſet on foot by one of the Allies, without the Concurrence of the other: That each Ally ſhall continually, and from time to time, impart to the other every thing that paſſes in the ſaid Negotiation; and ſhall ſtipulate with the common Enemy for the ſame Rights, Immunities, Exemptions, and Prerogatives *(a)* [for his Ally as he does for himſelf]; if ſo be the ſaid Allies do not agree to the contrary:

And whereas the *French* King, having got Poſſeſſion of a great Part of the *Spaniſh* Dominions, exerciſed an abſolute Authority over that Monarchy; having ſeized *Milan*, and the *Spaniſh Low-Countries*, by his Armies, and made himſelf Maſter of *Cadiz*, of the Entrance into the *Mediterranean*, and of the Ports of the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*, by his Fleets; every-where deſigning to invade the Liberties of *Europe*, and to obſtruct the Freedom of Navigation and Commerce; and, inſtead of giving the Satisfaction that ought juſtly to be expected, had proceeded to further Violencies, and had taken on him to declare the pretended Prince of *Wales* King of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; and had alſo influenced *Spain* to concur in the ſame Affront; her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, taking notice that ſhe found herſelf obliged, for maintaining the publick Faith, for vindicating the Honour of the Crown, and to prevent the Miſchiefs which all *Europe* was threatened with, to declare War againſt *France* and *Spain*, did accordingly, in the Month of *May* 1702, in the moſt publick and ſolemn manner, declare War againſt *France* and *Spain*; and, in the ſaid Declaration, placing her intire Confidence in the Help of Almighty God, in ſo juſt and neceſſary an Undertaking, declared, That ſhe would, in Conjunction with her Allies, vigorouſly proſecute the ſame by Sea and Land; being aſſured of the ready Concurrence of her Subjects, in a Cauſe they had ſo openly and heartily eſpouſed: And his Imperial Majeſty, and their High Mightineſſes, purſuant to the Treaties aforementioned, reſpectively, in or about the ſaid Month of *May* 1702, did likewiſe declare War againſt *France* and *Spain:*

And whereas the Kings of *Portugal* and *Pruſſia*, the Electors of *Hanover*, *Saxony*, *Treves*, *Mentz*, Palatine of the *Rhine*, the Duke of *Savoy*, the Prince of *Heſſe*, the Dukes of *Wolfembuttle*, *Mechlenberg*, and *Wirtemberg*, the Circles of *Suabia* and *Franconia*, and of the *Upper Rhine*, the Biſhops of *Munſter* and *Conſtance*, and other Princes and Powers, being invited by the ſaid Grand Alliance, and relying on the Faith thereof, did afterwards become Parties to the ſaid Confederate War againſt *France* and *Spain:* And in the Treaty entered into, in or about the Month of *May* 1703, between his Imperial Majeſty and the Queen of *Great Britain*, the States-General, and the King of *Portugal*, it is, amongſt other things, expreſly ſtipulated,

That no Peace nor Truce ſhall be made, but by the mutual Conſent of all the Confederates; nor ſhall any, at any time, be made, whilſt the Second Grandſon of the moſt Chriſtian King, by the Dauphin, or any other Prince of the Line of *France*, continues in *Spain*; nor unleſs the Crown of *Portugal* ſhall fully poſſeſs and enjoy all the Lands, Kingdoms, Iſles, Caſtles, Cities, Towns, *&c.* with their Territories and Dependencies in *Spain*, or elſewhere, which it now poſſeſſes: And, in the Treaty of *Norlingen*, ratified by her late Majeſty, it is, amongſt other things, expreſly agreed,

That it ſhall not be allowed to make particular Treaties; but the Peace ſhall be jointly treated of; and ſhall not be concluded, without obtaining, as far as is poſſible, the Reunion of the Lands belonging to the Circles *(b)*; [and until at leaſt the Security of the Aſſociated Circles] be abſolutely provided for, in the beſt manner that is poſſible, and better than it has formerly been:

And whereas, to give the greateſt Strength that was poſſible to the Union ſo neceſſary to both Nations, her late Majeſty, and the States, by a Treaty, in the Month of *June* 1703, renewed and confirmed all Treaties and Alliances then ſubſiſting between them; and therein it is, amongſt other things, expreſly and particularly ſtipulated,

That as the ſaid moſt Serene Queen, and the Lords the States-General, are now in War with *France* and *Spain*, and are reciprocally bound to aſſiſt each other, and mutually to defend, maintain, and preſerve, their Countries and Subjects in their Poſſeſſions, Immunities, and Liberties, as well of Navigation and Commerce, as other Rights whatever, by Sea and Land, againſt, and in Oppoſition to, all Kings, Princes, and States; and particularly againſt *France* and *Spain*; to the end a juſt and reaſonable Peace may the better be obtained, that may eſtabliſh the Repoſe and Tranquillity of *Europe*;

It is agreed, between the moſt Serene Queen of *Great Britain* and the ſaid Lords the States-General, That neither of the ſaid Allies ſhall make a Suſpenſion of Arms, or a Peace, with *France* or *Spain*, or any other King, Prince, or State, who ſhall moleſt or attack either of the ſaid Allies, but in Conjunction, and by common Conſent:

And whereas the ſaid War was, for ſeveral Years, carried on with Vigour and Unanimity, by her Majeſty, and her Allies, at a vaſt Expence, both of Blood and Treaſure; for the Support of which, on the Part of *England*, many Millions have been granted by Parliament; who, on many Occaſions ſince, continued not only to expreſs their Senſe of the Juſtice and Neceſſity of the War, but did frequently give their humble Advice to the Throne, That no Peace could be ſafe, honourable, or laſting, ſo long as the Kingdom of *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, continued in the Poſſeſſion of any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon:*

And whereas it pleaſed Almighty God to grant to the Confederate Arms, under the Command of their great and victorious General the Duke of *Marlborough*, ſuch unparalleled Succeſſes, as exceeded even their own Hopes, and the Fears of the Enemy; and, by the many ſignal Victories of *Schellenberg*, *Hochſtedt*, *Audenarde*, and *Ramellies*, as well as by the Conqueſts of the Electorates of *Bavaria* and *Cologne*, and the Reduction of the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, and many other great Advantages both by Sea and Land,

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and by the Wiſdom and Unanimity of their Councils, the Glory of the Confederate Arms, and the Reputation of *Great Britain* in particular, was raiſed to an higher Pitch than in any former Age:

And whereas her late Majeſty, in Conjunction with her Allies, wiſely foreſeeing, that, whenever the Enemy ſhould be brought to make Overtures of Peace, the ſureſt Way to put an End to the War, and prevent *France* from putting in Practice her uſual Intrigues, was, by previouſly inſiſting on ſuch Conditions from *France*, that nothing might remain to be done in a General Aſſembly, but to give them the Form of a Treaty; and, for thoſe Reaſons, a Preliminary Treaty was concluded on, and was afterwards ſigned by the Plenipotentiaries of his Imperial Majeſty, of her late Majeſty the Queen of *Great Britain*, and of the Lords the States-General of the *United Provinces*, and afterwards ratified by their Principals; wherein the Intereſts of the ſeveral Allies were adjuſted, in order to a General Treaty of Peace with *France*; and therein the Reſtitution of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, being One of the chief Cauſes for carrying on the War, is laid down as an immutable Foundation among the Allies:

And whereas, in the Year of our Lord 1709, the King of *France*, having firſt ſignified his Conſent to the Reſtitution of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, ſent Miniſters to the *Hague*, to treat with the Miniſters of the principal Allies on a General Peace; and, in the Conferences held thereupon, the Intereſts of all the Allies, as adjuſted in the ſaid Preliminaries, were poſitively and expreſly agreed to by the Miniſters of *France*, and particularly that of the Reſtitution of the intire *Spaniſh* Monarchy to the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and the ſaid Negotiation was afterwards broke on no other Diſpute, but on the 37th Article of the Preliminary Treaty, concerning the Time and Manner of evacuating *Spain*:

And whereas, the Conferences being reſumed at *Gertruydenberg*, in the Year of our Lord 1710, the ſaid 37th Article became the only Subject of the Negotiation which was then ſet on foot for the finding out ſome Equivalent, by which the ſame Security might be given to the Allies, as they had by the 37th Article of the ſaid Preliminaries: And though it was unqueſtionable, that before any Negotiation was begun, that while the Preliminaries were treating, that by thoſe Preliminaries themſelves, that before the laſt Negotiation was reſumed, and all the while it laſted, the Reſtitution of *Spain*, and the *Indies*, was laid down as a firm and immoveable Foundation of the Negotiation; and no Queſtion remained concerning it with the Miniſters of the Allies, or thoſe of *France*, but touching the Security for its Execution; and though all ſeaſonable and prudent Overtures were made by the Allies for ſettling an Equivalent; yet the Conferences were broke off by *France*, without any Satisfaction therein:

And whereas the ſincere Intentions of all the Allies to have ſettled the Peace of *Europe* on ſolid and equitable Foundations, were notorious and inconteſtable; and the Rupture of the ſaid Negotiations could only be imputed to the Enemy; her Sacred Majeſty, in Conjunction with her Allies, renewed their Reſolutions to continue and puſh the War with Vigour, and to make all poſſible Efforts, as the only Means left to force a good and general Peace; and her Majeſty, in her Speech from the Throne, on the 15th of *November* 1709, taking Notice of the Endeavours of the Enemy, during the ſaid Negotiations, to amuſe, and create Jealouſies among, the Allies, declared her Reſentment thereat; and earneſtly recommended the carrying on the War, and a vigorous Proſecution of the Advantages obtained, that ſhe might put the laſt Hand to that great Work, of reducing the exorbitant and oppreſſive Power, which had ſo long threatened the Liberties of *Europe*:

And it having pleaſed Almighty God, after the ſaid Preliminary Treaty, to bleſs the Confederate Army, under the Command of their conſummate General the Duke of *Marlborough*, with new and ſignal Conqueſts, the Reduction of *Tournay*, the Victory of the *Jaſnieres*, the Taking of *Mons* and *Doway*, *Bethune*, *St. Venant*, and *Aire*, and the penetrating the Lines near the *Scarpe*:

And whereas, from the proſperous Condition of the Affairs of the Allies, and the Wiſdom, Firmneſs, and Unanimity, of their Councils, nothing remained, in all human Appearance, but that they ſhould reap the Fruits of their Victories in a ſpeedy, juſt, honourable, and laſting Peace; and, on the other hand, nothing was left to raiſe the Hopes of the Enemy, whereby to defeat that happy Proſpect, but the Succeſs of their ſecret Endeavours to diſunite the Confederacy:

And whereas *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, with other evil-minded Perſons, Enemies to the true Intereſts of their own Country, as well as to the common Liberty and Welfare of *Europe*, having, by many wicked Arts, and baſe Inſinuations, obtained Acceſs to her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*; and, in or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt* 1710, being admitted into her Councils, and into Places of the higheſt Truſt; and, to make way for their wicked Enterprizes, did, by their evil Counſel and Advice, prevail on her Majeſty to diſſolve a Parliament which had given the moſt unqueſtionable Proofs of their great Wiſdom, and of their true Zeal for the common Cauſe; for which, as well as for the many Marks of Duty and Affection given to her, her Majeſty returned her hearty Thanks, and expreſſed her great Satisfaction:

And whereas the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others his Accomplices, had formed a treacherous Correſpondence with the Emiſſaries of *France*; by means whereof, certain Propoſitions were tranſmitted from *France* to *England*, ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, Secretary of the King of *France*, in the Month of *April* 1711, to be the Baſis of a Treaty of a General Peace; which Propoſitions though her Majeſty was prevailed on, by the falſe Counſels of the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, to receive as a ſufficient Foundation for a Treaty of a General Peace, and, as ſuch, to communicate them to the Grand Penſionary and the Miniſters of *Holland*; her Majeſty was, however, graciouſly pleaſed, at the ſame time, to declare to them her Pleaſure, by her Secretary of State, That, being reſolved, in making Peace, as in making War, to act in perfect Concert with the States, ſhe would not loſe a Moment in tranſmitting a Paper of that Importance; and that, though the Propoſitions were general, and contained an Air of Complaiſance to her Majeſty, and the contrary towards the States, yet that could have no ill Conſequences, as long as her Majeſty and the States underſtood one another, and acted with as little Reſerve as became Two Powers ſo nearly allied in Intereſt; and that the Penſionary ſhould be aſſured, that that Rule ſhould be inviolably kept on her Part:

Which gracious Declaration of her Majeſty, as well as the ſaid Propoſitions, being maturely conſidered by the Grand Penſionary and the Miniſters of *Holland*, an Anſwer was returned from them to her Majeſty, full of Duty and Thankfulneſs for the obliging Manner in which ſhe was pleaſed to communicate the ſaid Propoſitions; and with the utmoſt Aſſurances of mutual Confidence, ſo neceſſary to prevent the Deſigns of the Enemy; but more particularly, That the States deſired, equally with *Great Britain*, to have a general, definitive, and laſting Peace; and declared, That they were ready to join in all the moſt proper Meaſures to procure it: That the Propoſitions were yet too general; and that the States deſire, as *Great Britain* did, that *France* would explain herſelf more particularly upon the Points therein contained, and impart a Plan which ſhe thinks the moſt proper to ſecure the Intereſt of the Allies, and ſettle the Repoſe of *Europe*; after which, a more particular Negotiation might be entered into:

Notwithſtanding all which Premiſes;

Article 1.

He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having no regard to the Honour or Safety of her late Majeſty, or her Kingdoms, or to the many ſolemn Engagements ſhe was then under to the old and faithful Allies of this Nation, or to the common Liberties of *Europe*; but

but being devoted to the Intereſt, and the Service, of the *French* King, the common Enemy, and being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council; contrary to his Oath, and in Violation of his Duty and Truſt, and in Defiance of the Tenor of the ſeveral Treaties afore-mentioned, or ſome of them, as well as of the frequent Advices of Parliament, and the many Declarations of her Majeſty from the Throne; but more particularly in Defiance of the ſolemn and mutual Aſſurances which had been ſo lately renewed between her Majeſty and the States, to act in perfect Concert with them in making Peace, as in making War; did, on or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt*, in the Year of our Lord 1711, maliciouſly and wickedly form a moſt treacherous and pernicious Contrivance and Confederacy, with other evil-diſpoſed Perſons, then alſo of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, to ſet on foot a private, ſeparate, diſhonourable, and deſtructive, Negotiation of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*, without any Communication thereof to her Majeſty's Allies, according to their ſeveral Treaties; and was not only wanting in his Duty and Truſt to her Majeſty by not oppoſing, and, as far as was in his Power, by not adviſing, her Majeſty againſt going into any private, ſeparate Negotiation with *France*; but, in Execution of his Purpoſes aforeſaid, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did adviſe her late Majeſty to ſend *Matthew Pryor* Eſquire directly to the Court of *France*, to make Propoſitions of Peace, without communicating the ſame to her Majeſty's Allies: And accordingly the ſaid *Matthew Pryor*, by the Advice, and with the Privity, of him the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and other falſe and evil Counſellors, in or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt* in the Year of our Lord 1711, was ſent, in a clandeſtine Manner, from *England* to *France*; and did communicate the ſaid Propoſitions of Peace to the Miniſters of *France*; in which the particular Intereſts of *Great Britain*, as well as the common Intereſt of *Europe*, were ſhamefully betrayed: And, in Manifeſtation of his ſaid Deſign to exclude her Majeſty's Allies from their juſt Share in the ſaid Negotiation, an expreſs Article was inſerted in the ſaid Propoſitions, by the Privity and Advice of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, that the Secret ſhould be inviolably kept till allowed to be divulged by the mutual Conſent of both Parties; although the King of *France* had, in the Propoſitions ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, and tranſmitted in the Month of *April* preceding, offered to treat with the Plenipotentiaries of *England* and *Holland* alone, or jointly with thoſe of the Allies, at the Choice of *England:* By which treacherous and dangerous Advice, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did not only contrive, and ſet on foot, a Negotiation of Peace more advantageous to *France* than even *France* itſelf had aſked; but thereby did put it into the Power of the common Enemy to create incurable Jealouſies and Diſcords between her Majeſty and her faithful Allies, and to deſtroy the Confidence which had ſo long, and ſo ſucceſsfully, been cultivated between them, and which was ſo neceſſary for their common Safety.

Article 2.

That the *French* King, laying hold of the ſaid treacherous Overture, ſet on foot in manner aforeſaid, did, in or about the Months of *Auguſt* or *September*, in the Year of our Lord 1711, ſend over Monſieur *Meſnager* into *England*, to carry on a clandeſtine and ſeparate Negotiation of Peace; which being made known to him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, he did afterwards, in the ſaid Month of *September* 1711, ſecretly and unlawfully, without any Colour of Authority, meet, confer, and treat, with the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager* on the Negotiations of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*; and therein he did adviſe and promote the making a private and ſeparate Treaty or Agreement between the ſaid Crowns; which ſaid Treaty or Agreement was afterwards, with the Privity, Conſent, and Advice, of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, agreed, concluded on, and ſigned, by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Part of *France*; and by the Earl of *Dartmouth*, and *Henry St. John* Eſquire, Two of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, in behalf of her late Majeſty; by virtue only of her Majeſty's Sign Manual under the Signet, and without the leaſt Knowlege or Participation of the Allies: In which Treaty, the immediate Intereſts even of *Great Britain* are given up to *France*, and the Duke of *Anjou* is admitted to be King of *Spain*; an expreſs Stipulation being therein made with the Sieur *Meſnager*, in the Name, and (as therein is alleged) purſuant to Powers from King *Philip*, as King of *Spain:* Whereby he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did not only aſſume to himſelf regal Power, in taking upon him to meet and treat with the Enemy, without any Authority or Powers from her Majeſty; but did what in him lay to ſubvert the ancient and eſtabliſhed Conſtitution of the Government of theſe Kingdoms, by introducing illegal and dangerous Methods of tranſacting the moſt important Affairs of the State:

And by which private and ſeparate Treaty, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did what in him lay to diſſolve and cancel the many ſolemn Treaties her Majeſty then ſtood engaged in to her good and ancient Allies; and whereby her Majeſty, even before any thing was finally ſettled for the Safety or Advantage of her Kingdoms, was brought to this fatal Dilemma; either to ſubmit to the Dictates of *France* in the Progreſs of the ſaid Negotiation; or, ſo notorious a Breach of national Faith being divulged by the Enemy, from thence to loſe all future Confidence of her good Allies.

Article 3.

That the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, the better to diſguiſe and carry on the aforeſaid private, ſeparate, and dangerous, Negotiation, did, together with other evil-diſpoſed Perſons, then in high Truſt under her Majeſty, contrive and adviſe the preparing and forming a Set of general Preliminaries, intituled, Preliminary Articles, on the Part of *France*, to come to a general Peace; and that the ſame ſhould be ſigned by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager (a)* [only: And, the ſame being ſo prepared and ſigned by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*,] he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did, contrary to his Duty and Truſt, impiouſly adviſe her Sacred Majeſty *(b)* [that the ſame ſhould be, and accordingly they were, received by her Majeſty,] and communicated to the Miniſters of the Allies then reſiding in *England*, as the Ground of a general Negotiation of Peace; and as if the ſame were the only Tranſactions that had been on this Subject between *Great Britain* and *France:* And, to this End, the private Treaty, ſigned, as aforeſaid, by the Earl of *Dartmouth* and Mr. *St. John*, on the Part of *England*; and by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Part of *France*; was, by the evil Advice and Contrivance of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, wilfully and induſtriouſly concealed, not only from all the Allies, but even from her Majeſty's Council, and her Parliament: And he did further adviſe her Majeſty, not only to accept the ſaid general Preliminaries, but, in her Name, and by her Authority, to communicate the ſame to the States-General, as a ſufficient Foundation whereon to open the Conferences of Peace with *France:*

And the more effectually to cover from the States-General the pernicious Steps, which his evil Influence had engaged her Majeſty in with the common Enemy, certain Inſtructions were prepared, and, by his Counſel and Advice, were ſigned by her Majeſty, and delivered to the Earl of *Strafford*, her Ambaſſador to the States-General; wherein the ſaid Earl of *Strafford* is directed to repreſent to the Penſionary of *Holland*, and to ſuch others as ſhall be appointed to confer with him, That when her Majeſty had received, in *May* laſt, by his Excellency's Diſpatches, an Account of the Senſe which thoſe among them, who were at that time in the Secret, had of the Overtures made by *France* for ſetting a general Negotiation of Peace again on foot, and of the Anſwer which, it was deſired, might

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be returned to the Propoſitions ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, her Majeſty did immediately acquaint the Enemy, That their Offers were thought by her, and by the States-General, neither particular nor full enough; and therefore that her Majeſty did inſiſt, That they ſhould form a diſtinct Project of ſuch a Peace as they were willing to conclude; whereas no ſuch Inſtances had been made to the Enemy on her Majeſty's behalf: But, on the contrary, notwithſtanding her Majeſty had declared, That the Propoſitions of Monſieur *de Torcy* were thought by her, and the States-General, neither particular nor full enough; yet, without any further Explication from the Enemy, her Majeſty was prevailed on, in manner aforeſaid, to ſend over Propoſitions to *France*, as general and enſnareing, and, in all reſpects, as deſtructive to the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, and her Allies, as the Propoſitions of Monſieur *de Torcy:* And the ſaid general Preliminaries, communicated to the States in manner aforeſaid, were calculated only to amuſe and deceive them into a general Negotiation with *France*; and, in the Particulars aboveſaid, as well as in ſeveral others, the ſaid Inſtructions contained Matters either falſe, or groſly prevaricating and evaſive: By which moſt wicked Counſels of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, that unqueſtionable Truth and Sacredneſs, which, by the Laws of Nations, ought to accompany and conſtitute the Inſtructions of publick Ambaſſadors to Princes in Friendſhip, and Confederacy againſt the common Enemy, was moſt vilely proſtituted to the moſt dangerous Purpoſes, to deceive and miſlead her Majeſty's good Allies in Matters of the greateſt Importance to their own Intereſts, and the Intereſts of theſe Kingdoms; the Honour of her Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, and of the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, which had been raiſed to the higheſt Pitch of Glory abroad, and had been juſtly held in Veneration with her good Allies, was ſcandalouſly debaſed and betrayed; and the Royal Hand, by the wicked Arts of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, was made the Inſtrument to advance the Intereſt of the common Enemy.

Article 4.

That whereas the Earl of *Strafford*, purſuant to his ſaid Inſtructions, had communicated the Preliminaries, ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager* only, to the States-General; who, being juſtly alarmed at the preſſing Inſtances made, on the Part of her Majeſty, that Conferences ſhould be opened on Propoſitions as general and uncertain as thoſe ſo lately offered by *France*, and ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*; and their High Mightineſſes, having been unſucceſsful in their Remonſtrances to the Earl of *Strafford* againſt opening the Conferences upon the ſaid Propoſitions; did ſend over Mr. *Buys* their Ambaſſador, to repreſent to her Majeſty, as well the Hazard of meeting the Miniſters of *France*, before the eſſential Articles were firſt ſettled by ſpecial Preliminaries, or, at leaſt, explained by *France*, and made ſpecifick; as likewiſe the Advantages to the Enemy, who, being but One Body, were influenced by One Council, and directed by One Power; whereas the Confederates conſiſted of ſeveral Powers, whoſe Intereſts are not only diſtinct, but, in many Caſes, contrary to each other; whereby the *French* would have a fair Opportunity to divide the Allies, when it would be impoſſible for them to break in upon *France*; and further to repreſent, That the Propoſitions themſelves were, in ſome Inſtances, very prejudicial, particularly in the Articles of Commerce, *Dunkirk*, and the Union of the Crowns of *France* and *Spain:* All which Repreſentations of the ſaid Mr. *Buys*, by the evil Influence of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, were rendered ineffectual: But, in order to prevail upon the States-General to open the Conferences upon the ſaid general Preliminaries, by the Management and Contrivance of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, an Occaſion was taken to declare to Mr. *Buys* at a Committee of Council, in her Majeſty's Name, her conſtant Affection, aud good Diſpoſition, to their State, and to the promoteing their Intereſt, and to treat with their High Mightineſſes with a perfect Confidence and Harmony: And, at the ſame time, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did then falſly and maliciouſly declare, or was privy to, adviſing and conſenting, that it ſhould be, and ſo it was, declared, in her Majeſty's Name, That ſhe had made no ſeparate Treaty with *France*, nor would ever make any, before ſhe had fully complied with all Engagements to her Allies; and that each of them ſhould have Opportunity to make good their Pretenſions: By which falſe, ſcandalous, and diſhonourable Aſſurances, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did not only highly diſhonour her Majeſty, by whoſe Privity the ſaid ſeparate Treaty with *France* had been, before that time, concluded and ſigned; but their High Mightineſſes, the good Friends, and ancient Allies, of her Majeſty, were groſly abuſed, and thereby induced to enter into a Negotiation with *France*, ſo dangerous in itſelf, and ſo fatal in its Conſequences.

Article 5.

That her Sacred Majeſty Queen *Anne* having, in due Form of Law, and under her Great Seal, conſtituted the Right Reverend *John* Lord Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and the Earl of *Strafford*, her Plenipotentiaries, with full Powers to meet, treat, and conclude, with the Plenipotentiaries of the Confederates, and thoſe whom the King of *France* ſhall, on his Part, depute for that Purpoſe, the Conditions of a good and general Peace, that ſhall be ſafe, honourable, and, as far as is poſſible, agreeable to the reaſonable Demands of all Parties; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, not contenting himſelf to abuſe the Royal Authority to the Deluſion of the States-General, the neareſt Allies of the Queen, but intending the univerſal Prejudice of his Imperial Majeſty, and all the Allies of theſe Kingdoms, and thereby the more ſucceſsfully to carry on the Meaſures of *France*, wherein he was then engaged, contrived and prepared Inſtructions, or was privy to, conſenting and adviſing, the ſame, for her Majeſty's ſaid Plenipotentiaries, which ſhe was prevailed upon, by the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*'s evil Counſel, to ſign; and the ſame were delivered to the ſaid Plenipotentiaries; wherein, among other things, they are inſtructed to the Effect following; *viz.* "If it "ſhall be thought proper to begin by the Diſpoſition of "the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, you are to inſiſt, That the Security "and reaſonable Satisfaction, which the Allies expect, and "which his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has promiſed, cannot be "obtained, if *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, be allotted to any "Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*;" whereas the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* had, at that time, privately and treacherouſly negotiated and agreed with the Miniſters of *France*, that *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould remain in a Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and had prevailed on her Sacred Majeſty to be Party to the ſaid private Treaty, wherein the ſame is neceſſarily implied: And the ſaid Plenipotentiaries are further inſtructed, in caſe the Enemy ſhould object, as the Imperial Miniſters have done, That the 2d Article of the 7th, ſigned by the Sieur *Meſnager*, implies, That the Duke of *Anjou* ſhall continue on the Throne of *Spain*; "You are to inſiſt, That thoſe Ar-"ticles, as far as they extend, are indeed binding to "*France*; but that they lay neither us, nor our Allies, "under any poſitive Obligation:" Whereby the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* baſely entered into a Confederacy and Colluſion, even with the Miniſters of the Enemy; and prevailed on her Majeſty to give her Royal Conſent thereto, the more effectually to impoſe on his Imperial Majeſty, and all the Allies; and to conceal the ſaid ſecret Negotiations, and the ſeparate Treaty, that had been agreed on between *Great Britain* and *France:* And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, not only in the Particulars before-mentioned, but in many others contained in the ſaid Inſtructions, has brought a laſting Reproach on the Crown of theſe Realms, and groſly violated the many Treaties, wherein her Sacred Majeſty was then engaged to her Allies, to act in perfect Concert with them throughout the Negotiations of Peace.

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Article 6.

That the Conferences of Peace being opened between the Plenipotentiaries of the Allies and thoſe of the Enemy, for the negotiating a general Peace, upon the mutual and moſt ſolemn Engagements amongſt the Allies, not only to act in perfect Confidence with each other, but to promote their common Intereſt, and to obtain from the Enemy all juſt and reaſonable Satisfaction; and a ſpecifick Explanation of the general Preliminaries having been given in by the Enemy at *Utrecht*, whereon the Allies delivered their reſpective Demands; by the Artifices of *France*, and the ſecret Encouragement and Concurrence of the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, the Progreſs of the ſaid publick Negotiation was delayed, and kept in Suſpenſe, under Pretence of the Enemy's refuſing to give their Anſwer in Writing: During which time, he the ſaid Earl *Robert* of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, again aſſuming to himſelf regal Power, in Derogation of the Royal Authority, to treat of Peace with *France*, which was then delegated, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*; and for the promoting the Deſigns of the Enemy; to the apparent Deſtruction of the common Cauſe of her Majeſty, and her Allies; contrary to the known Laws and Conſtitution of this Kingdom; in direct Violation of the ſeveral Alliances her Majeſty then ſtood engaged in; and in Oppoſition to the many Aſſurances given by her Majeſty to act in Concert with her Allies; and in Defiance of the expreſs Inſtructions given to her ſaid Plenipotentiaries; was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, as far as in him lay, to have put an End to, and prevented, any further private and unlawful Negotiations with *France*; but did, with others his Accomplices, adviſe, concur, continue, and promote, a private, ſeparate, and unjuſtifiable, Negotiation of Peace with *France*, directly from *England* to *France*, without any Communication thereof to the Allies; and, in ſuch private Negotiations, did concert with the Miniſters of the Enemy Terms of Peace highly prejudicial to the Intereſt of her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms, and of all her Allies; and whereby the good Effects of the ſaid general Negotiations were intirely defeated.

Article 7.

That her Sacred Majeſty Queen *Anne* having been prevailed on, by the falſe Counſels of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, to accept of a Treaty with *France*, on the Suppoſition, that the *Spaniſh* Monarchy ſhould continue in the Poſſeſſion of a Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and it being acknowleged, even by the King of *France*, in the general Preliminaries ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, that the Exceſs of Power, from the Reunion of the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*, would be contrary to the Good, and general Repoſe, of *Europe*; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having nothing ſo much in View as the aggrandizing the common Enemy; yet always intending to cover the Iniquity of his Heart under ſpecious Pretences, and falſe Appearances; did wickedly and treacherouſly adviſe, and carry on, a private and ſeparate Negotiation with *France*, on the Subject of a Renunciation of his Right to the Kingdom of *France* by the Duke of *Anjou*; and that ſuch Renunciation ſhould be the Security againſt the Reunion of the Two Kingdoms: And, by the Influence of his evil Counſels, her Majeſty was prevailed on to accept, and finally to conclude and ratify, a Treaty of Peace with *France*; wherein the ſaid Renunciation is taken as a ſufficient Expedient to prevent the Miſchiefs that threatened all *Europe*, in caſe the Crowns of *France* and *Spain* ſhould be united upon the Head of one and the ſame Perſon; although he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* well knew, that a Memorial had been, during the ſaid ſeparate Negotiation, tranſmitted by Monſieur *de Torcy*, Secretary of State, and Miniſter, to the *French* King, to One of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State; whereby it was declared, That the ſaid Renunciation would be null and invalid by the fundamental Laws of *France*; which Laws were looked upon as the Work of him who had eſtabliſhed all Monarchies, and which he only could aboliſh; and that no Renunciation, therefore, could deſtroy it; and, if the King of *Spain* ſhould renounce, they would deceive themſelves that ſhould receive it as a ſufficient Expedient to prevent the Miſchiefs propoſed to be avoided: By which falſe and treacherous Counſels, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did not only betray the Intereſts of the common Cauſe into the Hands of the moſt formidable Enemy, but wilfully and maliciouſly abuſed the Power and Influence which he had obtained with her Majeſty, ſo far as to engage her Sacred Majeſty, and the Honour of the Imperial Crown of theſe Kingdoms, to become Party with *France* in ſo fatal a Deceit.

Article 8.

That her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* having, on the 7th Day of *December* in the Year of our Lord 1711, earneſtly recommended it from the Throne, that Proviſion might be made for an early Campaign, in order to carry on the War with Vigour, and as the beſt Way to render the Treaty of Peace effectual; in order to which, vaſt Supplies were granted, and Magazines provided, at a great Expence, for an early Campaign; and, in purſuance thereof, her Majeſty having ſent her Generals *Lumley* and *Cadogan* to give early Aſſurances to her Allies of her ſincere Intentions, and likewiſe expreſly inſtructed her General the Duke of *Ormond*, not only to renew the ſame Aſſurances, and declare her Reſolutions of puſhing on the War with the utmoſt Vigour, but to concert with the Generals of the Allies the proper Meaſures for entering on Action; and the Confederate Army, which at that time was the fineſt and ſtrongeſt that had been in the Service during the whole Courſe of the War, and provided with all Neceſſaries to act with Vigour, having marched, according to the Reſolution taken in Concert with her Majeſty's General, almoſt up to the Enemy, with a great Superiority both as to the Number and Goodneſs of Troops, and animated with a noble Courage and Zeal to acquit themſelves bravely; ſo that, in all human Appearance, and with the Divine Aſſiſtance, which had appeared ſo viſibly for them on many other Occaſions, they would have been able, either by Battle or Siege, to have gained great Advantages over the Enemy, to have bettered the Affairs of the Allies, and to have facilitated the Negotiations of Peace; and the Miniſters of *France* having frequently and earneſtly repreſented to the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others his Accomplices, during their ſecret Negotiations, their juſt Apprehenſions from the Bravery, and good Diſpoſition, of the Confederate Army; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being truly informed of the ſure Proſpect which, by the Bleſſing of God, the Army of the Confederates then had of gaining new Conqueſts over the Army of *France*, and whereby they would have been enabled to have forced Terms of Peace, ſafe, honourable, and laſting; in order to diſappoint thoſe comfortable Expectations of the Allies, and to give Succeſs to his ſecret Negotiations with the Miniſters of *France*, was privy to, conſenting and adviſing, together with other falſe and evil Counſellors, and, together with them, did adviſe and conſent, That an Order ſhould be ſent, in her Majeſty's Name, to the Duke of *Ormonde* in *Flanders*, to avoid engaging in any Siege, or hazarding a Battle, till further Orders; although nothing had then been ſettled in the ſaid private Negotiation for the Intereſt and Security of *Great Britain*; and although *Philip* King of *Spain* at that time had not conſented to the Renunciation of his Right to the Crown of *France*: And, not contenting himſelf with having obtained that fatal Step, ſo highly advantageous to the Cauſe of *France*, but being wickedly determined to do all that in him lay to diſſolve the whole Confederacy, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, with others, was privy to, and did conſent and adviſe, That Orders ſhould be ſent to the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, One of her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries then at *Utrecht*, to take the Firſt ſolemn Opportunity to declare to the *Dutch* Miniſters, That her Majeſty looked on herſelf, from their Conduct, to be then under no Obligation whatſoever to them: Which Two Declarations giving juſt Alarm to all the Allies, they repreſented to the Biſhop of *Briſtol* their general Diſſatisfaction,

faction, and the unexpreſſible Conſternation they were all in: That theſe Proceedings were the unavoidable Ruin of *Europe*: They urged Religion, Liberty, and the Faith of Treaties, to ſhew the Enormity of this Uſage: And the States expreſſed their Uneaſineſs on no Account ſo much, as that they could not come to the Knowlege of their own Lot: Which Repreſentations the Biſhop of *Briſtol* did, at the Inſtance of the Allies, ſignify to One of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State: But their High Mightineſſes finding, that all Applications to the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, and, in particular, to the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, were of no Avail againſt *France*, and for the Intereſt of the common Cauſe, thought it neceſſary, in a manner the moſt moving and reſpectful, to addreſs directly to her Majeſty, by a Letter of the 5th of *June* 1712; therein expreſſing their great Surprize and Affliction at the Two Declarations afore-mentioned; and finding it difficult to conceive how ſuch Declarations, ſo prejudicial to the common Cauſe, given ſo ſuddenly without their Knowlege, and undoubtedly too without the Knowlege of the other Allies, could agree and conſiſt with the Nature of an Alliance, and with thoſe Aſſurances and Engagements her Majeſty had ſo lately made; and not knowing how to reconcile it with the great Goodneſs and Kindneſs which her Majeſty had always honoured them with; and not being able to conceive how ſuch a ſudden Change could happen with reſpect to them, having carefully examined their own Conduct, and finding nothing therein that could have given Ground to her Majeſty's Diſſatisfaction: And having repreſented the viſible and immediate fatal Conſequences of the ſaid Two Orders, not only to the common Intereſt of her Majeſty and the States, but to the whole Confederacy, and to the Proteſtant Religion; they beſeeched her Majeſty, with all the Reſpect, and all the Earneſtneſs, they were capable of, That ſhe would not perſiſt in the Declarations made by the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and would be pleaſed to revoke the Orders given to the Duke of *Ormonde*; and would authorize him to act according to Occurrences, and as the Exigency of the War, and the Advancement of the common Cauſe, ſhould require: Notwithſtanding which, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being acquainted with the ſaid Repreſentations of the States, was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, and to his Oath, and the great Truſt repoſed in him, in not adviſing, as he ought to have done, her Sacred Majeſty to have hearkened to the ſaid ſeveral Inſtances made to her, but, perſiſting in his deſperate and deſtructive Meaſures for the Advancement of the Intereſt of the common Enemy, did afterwards adviſe her Majeſty to diſregard and reject the ſame; and did countenance, encourage, adviſe, and promote, the ſaid private, ſeparate, and wicked, Negotiations with *France*, without any Participation of the Allies, contrary to all her Majeſty's Engagements, and to the apparent Ruin of the common Cauſe:

By which ſeveral wicked and perfidious Counſels, the Progreſs of the victorious Arms of the Confederates was ſtopped; and an Opportunity loſt for conquering the Enemy, the moſt favourable, in the Opinion of all the General Officers, and the Quarter-maſters of the Allies, who were ſent out to view the *French* Camp; and whereby all Hopes of Confidence between her Majeſty and her Allies was intirely deſtroyed, and the King of *France* made abſolute Maſter of the Negotiations of Peace, and the Affairs of *Europe* given into his Hands.

Article 9.

That, to impoſe upon the Allies the fatal Neceſſity of ſubmitting to the Terms of *France*, and, in order thereto, to leave the whole Confederate Army at the Mercy of the common Enemy, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, was privy and conſenting to a ſecret and ſeparate Concert with the Miniſters of *France*, without the Knowlege of the Allies, for the ſeparating the Troops in her Majeſty's Pay from the reſt of the Confederate Army; for the Effecting whereof, inſtead of preventing, as far as in him lay, ſo fatal a Step, he was not only wanting to adviſe againſt ſo unwarrantable a Proceeding, but did conſent to, and adviſe her Majeſty, that the Duke of *Ormonde*, and all the Troops then in her Majeſty's Pay, or ſuch of them as would obey his Orders, ſhould ſeparate themſelves from the Army of the Confederates: And, having Notice, that the Generals of the Auxiliaries paid by her Majeſty, whoſe Honour and Conſciences would not permit them to abandon the Confederates, and leave them as a Sacrifice to *France*, but, for the Sake of the common Intereſt of *Europe*, and according to the true End and Deſign of their Conventions, did refuſe to withdraw with the Duke of *Ormonde*, without particular Orders from their reſpective Maſters; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, in Violation of his Oath, and the Duty and Truſt repoſed in him, did take upon himſelf an arbitrary and illegal Power to refuſe, and put a Stop, to the Pay and Subſidies due on account of the ſaid foreign Troops; although they were intitled thereto by the Conventions entered into with her Sacred Majeſty, and by expreſs Proviſion, made by Act of Parliament, for the Payment of the ſame:

By which fatal Separation, which, purſuant to his evil Counſels, was afterwards made, great Numbers of the Confederate Troops, who had before, on many Occaſions, ſignalized themſelves in the Defence of the Cauſe of *Europe*, ſoon afterwards, at the unfortunate Action of *Denain*, fell as Sacrifices to the Fury and Revenge of *France*; the Siege of *Landrecy* was raiſed; the important Towns and Fortreſſes of *Queſnoy*, *Bouchain*, and *Douay*, were retaken by the *French* Army; and not only the Fortune of the War, but the Fate of *Europe*, decided in favour of *France*.

Article 10.

That, in further Execution of his pernicious Deſigns to complete the Deſtruction of the common Cauſe of *Europe*, and to render it impracticable for her Majeſty to reſume the War againſt *France*, in Conjunction with her Allies; or to recover the Union with her Majeſty's old and faithful Allies, ſo neceſſary to the Preſervation of theſe Kingdoms; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, did carry on, and concert, with the Miniſters of *France*, a private and ſeparate Negotiation for a general Suſpenſion, by Sea and Land, between *Great Britain* and *France*; and to that End, among others, did adviſe her Majeſty to ſend over *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, One of the Principal Secretaries of State, to the Court of *France*, with Powers to ſettle the ſaid Suſpenſion; in purſuance of which, a deſtructive Treaty of Suſpenſion was made in *France*, on the 19th of *Auguſt*, N. S. 1712, by the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, on the Part of her ſaid Majeſty, for Four Months, without the Knowlege, or any Participation, of the Allies, and before any Terms of Peace were ſettled with the Enemy, either for *Great Britain*, or the Allies: By which evil Counſels, the expreſs Terms of ſeveral of the afore-mentioned Treaties were expreſly contravened and broken; the good Friends, and ancient Allies, of her Majeſty, and theſe Kingdoms, were totally deprived of the juſt Aſſiſtance, to which they were thereby intitled, and were left expoſed to the Inſults of the common Enemy; and, the ſacred Ties of Union and Friendſhip between her Majeſty and her Allies being cut aſunder, her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, the Safety of her Kingdoms, and of the Proteſtant Succeſſion to the Crown of theſe Realms, were left expoſed to the Enterprizes of her moſt formidable Enemy.

Article 11.

That whereas the States-General of the *United Provinces* were, in or about the Months of *September* or *October* in the Year of our Lord 1712, in Poſſeſſion of the ſtrong and important Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*; and whereas the King of *France* had, during the Courſe of the ſaid private, ſeparate, and treacherous, Negotiation between him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, and the Miniſters of *France*, ſignified his Conſent to the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, that the ſaid Town and

and Fortreſs of *Tournay* ſhould remain to the ſaid States-General, as Part of their Barrier; and whereas her Majeſty, in her Inſtructions, of *December* 23d, 1711, to her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, had expreſly directed them to inſiſt, with the Plenipotentiaries of *France*, in the General Congreſs, that, towards forming a ſufficient Barrier for the States-General, *Tournay* ſhould remain to their High Mightineſſes; and did afterwards declare herſelf conformably thereunto, in her Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, on the 6th of *June* 1712; in which ſhe communicated to them the Terms whereon a Peace might be made; and whereas, for ſeveral Years before, and till the ſaid Months of *September* and *October*, in the Year of our Lord 1711, there was open War between her late Majeſty and the King of *France*; and, the ſaid War continuing for all the ſaid Time, and afterwards, the ſaid King of *France*, and his Subjects, were Enemies to her Majeſty; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and a Subject of her Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having altogether withdrawn the cordial Love, and true and due Obedience, which every true and faithful Subject owed to her ſaid Majeſty, and deſigning to give Aid and Succour, and to adhere to the ſaid *French* King, did, on or about the Months of *September* or *October* 1712, during the ſaid War, falſly, maliciouſly, wickedly, and treacherouſly, aid, help, and aſſiſt, and adhere to, the King of *France*, then an Enemy to her late Majeſty; and, in Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, maliciouſly, falſly, and treacherouſly, did counſel and adviſe the ſaid Enemy in what Manner, and by what Methods, the ſaid important Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*, then in the Poſſeſſion of the States-General, might be gained from them to the King of *France*; contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Article 12.

That whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, not only in purſuance of the Treaties ſhe ſtood engaged in to her good Allies, and in particular to his Imperial Majeſty, for the Recovery of the Monarchy of *Spain* to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, thereby to preſerve a due Balance of Power in *Europe*; but alſo from her juſt Reſentment againſt the Duke of *Anjou*, who then ſtiled himſelf King of *Spain*, and who, in Defiance of her Majeſty's *(a)* [Title] to the Crown, had acknowleged the Pretender as King of *Great Britain*; and, on theſe juſt Foundations, her Majeſty had, in Vindication of the Honour of the Crown, and in Juſtice to her People, at a vaſt Expence of Blood and Treaſure, and on the earneſt and repeated Advices of her Parliament, proſecuted a vigorous War againſt the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*; and whereas, in the Years of our Lord 1710, 1711, and 1712, the ſaid open, bloody, and expenſive War was carried on between her ſaid late Majeſty Queen *Anne* and the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*; and, during all the time aforeſaid, the ſaid War did continue; and for all that time, the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, and the Subjects of *Spain* adhering to him, were Enemies of her late Majeſty; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having withdrawn his true Obedience from her late Majeſty, did, at ſeveral times, in the ſaid Years of our Lord 1710, 1711, and 1712, falſly, maliciouſly, wickedly, and treacherouſly, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, then an Enemy to her ſaid late Majeſty; and, in the Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Helping, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, and in Confederacy and Combination with the then Enemies of her late Majeſty, and with divers other wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons, did, at ſeveral times, in the Years aforeſaid, adviſe and counſel the Enemies of her late Majeſty, and, in ſuch Counſelling and Adviſing, did concert with them, and did promote, the yielding and giving up, *Spain* and the *Weſt-Indies*, or ſome Parts thereof, to the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, then in Enmity with her Majeſty; againſt the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Article 13.

That whereas the Ri hes, Power, and Strength, of theſe Kingdoms, depend intirely on the flouriſhing Condition of Trade and Navigation; and her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, having due Regard thereto, as well as to the juſt Expectations of her People, after the vaſt Expences they had ſo chearfully undergone in Support of the War, did, on the firſt opening the Conferences for a General Peace, declare from the Throne to both Houſes of Parliament, on the 7th of *December* 1711, That ſhe would endeavour, that, after a War which had coſt ſo much Blood and Treaſure, the Nation might find their Intereſt in Trade and Commerce improved and inlarged by a Peace; and, on the 6th of *June* 1712, when ſhe was pleaſed to communicate the Terms on which a General Peace might be made, did declare, That nothing had moved her Majeſty from ſteadily purſuing the true Intereſt of her own Kingdoms; and that the Terms of Peace, obtained for her own Subjects, were ſuch as, ſhe had Reaſon to expect, would make her People ſome Amends for the great and unequal Burden which they had lain under through the whole Courſe of the War; and hoped that none of the Confederates would envy her Share in the Glory and Advantage of the Peace; and afterwards declared to both Houſes of Parliament her Satisfaction in the near View ſhe had of Peace, ſince it would, in ſome meaſure, recompenſe her Subjects for their vaſt Expences; and, after the Concluſion of the Treaties of Peace and Commerce with *France*, did declare from the Throne, on the 9th of *April* 1713, That the many Advantages ſhe had obtained for her Subjects, had occaſioned much Oppoſition, and long Delays, to the Peace; but it afforded her great Satisfaction, that her People will have it in their Power, by degrees, to repair what they had ſuffered during ſo long and burdenſome a War; whereon both Houſes of Parliament did, from time to time, expreſs their grateful Acknowlegements to her Majeſty, for her great Care and Concern for the Welfare of her People:

And whereas, at the Setting on foot, and in the Progreſs, of the ſaid private, ſeparate, and pernicious Negotiations between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, it was laid down as a Principle, on the Part of *Great Britain*, never to be departed from, That *France* ſhould conſent to adjuſt the Intereſts of *Great Britain* in the Firſt place, that the Miniſters of *Great Britain* might thereby be enabled to engage the Queen to make the Concluſion of the General Peace eaſy to *France*; and, on this plauſible Pretence, it was inſiſted on, by the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, to remit the Diſcuſſion of the particular Intereſts of the Allies to general Conferences; and, throughout the whole Courſe of the ſaid ſeparate Negotiation, all imaginable Conceſſions were not only made by the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, for the real Advantage of the Intereſts of *France* againſt the Allies; but all Meaſures were entered into, and concerted, between them, that even the Miniſters of *France* could dictate, in order to ſtrengthen their Hands, and to enable them to impoſe the Terms of a General Peace; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having nothing in View through the whole Courſe of the ſaid Negotiation, wherein he was wickedly and principally engaged, in Concert with *France*, but the final Deſtruction of his Country; and, to that end, the ſacrificing the Commerce of *Great Britain* to the Aggrandizement of *France*; was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, in not inſiſting on, in all Events, and not procuring, in the Firſt place, the moſt certain and ſtrict Securities imaginable for the Safety and Advantage of the Commerce of theſe Kingdoms; but did adviſe her late Majeſty, That, in the Propoſitions ſent, by his Privity and Advice, by Mr. *Pryor*, to *France*, and alſo in the ſaid private and ſeparate Treaty, ſigned on the ſaid 27th of *September* 1711, wherein the preliminary Demands for *Great Britain*, more particularly, were intended to be adjuſted with *France*, the Demands for *Great Britain*, in point of Commerce, ſhould not only be made in

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looſe, general, and inſufficient Terms; but that the Liberty of Fiſhing, and Drying of Fiſh, on *Newfoundland*, ſhould be expreſly given up to *France*; though the Reſtitution of that ſmall Part of the Iſland, which *France* had taken during the War, was therein referred, to be diſcuſſed, to general Conferences; and, having, by his wicked Artifices, engaged her Majeſty in the ſaid private Treaty with *France*, without any Security for the Commerce of *Great Britain*, he did artfully and cunningly contrive, with the Miniſters of *France*, to keep in Suſpenſe all Matters that concerned the Commerce of *Great Britain*; until, by means of his wicked and pernicious Counſels aforementioned, *France* was become Maſter of the Negotiations: And the chief Advantages for the Commerce of *Great Britain* by that means remaining unſettled; and the Miniſters of *France* afterwards diſputing the moſt eſſential Articles which had been in Agitation; and, in particular, that fundamental Principle of treating, and being treated, as *Gens amiciſſima*; and endeavouring to elude what had been agreed on in the ſaid private and ſeparate Negotiation for the ſuppoſed Advantage of *Great Britain*; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, under Pretence of removing a Difficulty then depending, by an Expedient advantageous to *Great Britain*, did treacherouſly adviſe the 9th Article of the Treaty of Commerce with *France*; a Bill for the rendering whereof effectual was afterwards rejected by the Houſe of Commons, as highly prejudicial and deſtructive to the Commerce of theſe Kingdoms; but yet, for the ſake of gaining that deſtructive Article for *Great Britain*, as if the ſame had been advantageous, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in Defiance of the expreſs Proviſion of an Act of Parliament, as well as in Contempt of the frequent and earneſt Repreſentations of the Merchants of *Great Britain*, and of the Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, did adviſe her Majeſty finally to agree with *France*, that the Subjects of *France* ſhould have Liberty of Fiſhing, and drying Fiſh, on *Newfoundland*; and did alſo adviſe her Majeſty to make a Ceſſion to *France* of the Iſle of *Cape-Breton*, with Liberty to fortify the ſame; although the Iſle of *Cape-Breton* was Part of the ancient Territories of the Crown of *Great Britain*; and her Majeſty had declared from the Throne, That *France* had conſented to make an abſolute Ceſſion of *Nova Scotia*, or *Acadia*, whereof *Cape-Breton* is Part, to her Majeſty:

And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, intending, in all Events, to ſecure to *France* the Advantages relating to the Fiſhery of *Newfoundland*, and to *Cape-Breton*, did, in Conjunction with the Miniſters of *France*, adviſe her Majeſty to conſent, that the ſame ſhould be made an Article in the Treaty of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*; whereas the only Advantages in Trade, pretended to be ſtipulated for *Great Britain*, being inſerted in the Treaty of Commerce, were to depend on certain Conditions, to be made good by Act of Parliament:

And, purſuant to, and by the Influence of, the ſaid evil Counſel of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, her Sacred Majeſty was adviſed to ratify the ſaid Article in the ſaid Treaty of Peace, and the ſaid Treaty of Commerce; by means of which pernicious Counſels, the good Intentions of her Sacred Majeſty to have obtained for her People advantageous Terms of Commerce, were intirely fruſtrated; the Trade and Manufactures of *Great Britain*, as far as in him lay, rendered precarious, and at the Mercy of the Enemy; and that beneficial Branch of Trade, always eſteemed the great Support of the Naval Power, and the chief Nurſery of the Seamen, of *Great Britain*, yielded up to the Subjects of *France:*

And the only Pretence for the avowed and notorious Violation of Treaties, and the carrying on the Meaſures of *France*; *viz.* the adjuſting firſt the Intereſt of *Great Britain*; through the whole Courſe of the ſaid private and ſeparate Negotiation, terminated at laſt in the Sacrifice of the Commerce of *Great Britain* to *France*, without the leaſt Shadow of Advantage in Trade procured for theſe Kingdoms.

Article 14.

That he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did, in Concert with other evil and falſe Counſellors, even without any Application from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Savoy*, and after the King of *France* had, in the Courſe of the ſaid private and ſeparate Negotiations, conſented that the Kingdom of *Sicily* ſhould remain to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, form a Project and Deſign to diſpoſe of the Kingdom of *Sicily* to the Duke of *Savoy*, from the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and, to effect that his unjuſt, diſhonourable, and pernicious Project, he did adviſe her Majeſty to give Inſtructions, among other things, to *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then appointed her Ambaſſador to *France*, to demand, in her Majeſty's Name, of the King of *France*, the Kingdom of *Sicily* for his ſaid Royal Highneſs: And, a Treaty of Peace being afterwards made between the King of *France*, his Royal Highneſs, and the Duke of *Anjou*, wherein a Ceſſion is made to his Royal Highneſs of the Kingdom of *Sicily*, without any Concurrence or Participation of his Imperial Majeſty, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did baſely and ſcandalouſly adviſe her Sacred Majeſty to conſent to the ſame, by an Article inſerted in the Treaty of Peace between her Majeſty and the King of *France*; and afterwards, by his Privity and Advice, her Majeſty was prevailed on to aſſiſt his Royal Highneſs againſt the Emperor, then in Alliance with her Majeſty, with a Part of her Royal Fleet, at her own Expence, in order to put him in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Kingdom of *Sicily*; whereby the greateſt Injuſtice was done to his Imperial Majeſty, in direct Violation of the Grand Alliance, and contrary to her Majeſty's frequent Declarations from the Throne, and her plain and full Inſtructions to her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, for obtaining his juſt and reaſonable Satisfaction; and whereby National Faith, and the Honour of the Crown, was vilely betrayed; and the Naval Power of theſe Kingdoms, and the Supplies granted by Parliament for reducing the common Enemy, were perfidiouſly employed againſt the great and faithful Ally of this Kingdom.

Article 15.

That whereas the Dignity and Support of the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms has, in all Ages, greatly depended on the Wiſdom and Truth of the Communications made from the Throne, eſpecially in Parliament, as the ſure and only Means, whereby the Kings and Queens of this Realm can receive the ſincere and faithful Advice of their People, in Matters of the higheſt Importance; and which, by the fundamental Laws and Conſtitution of this Government, ought to be inviolably obſerved, as the ſacred Band of the Duty and Affection of Subjects to their Sovereign:

And whereas, by the moſt ancient and known Laws of this Kingdom, it is indiſpenſably incumbent on the great Officers of State, that ſurround the Throne, to maintain, as far as in them lies, the Sacredneſs of the Royal Word, on all Occaſions; it being moſt apparent, that the greateſt Diſhonour to the Throne, and the greateſt Danger to theſe Kingdoms, muſt inevitably enſue, whenever that Fountain of Truth, by wicked Counſels, ſhall be in any Degree corrupted, and thereby loſe its juſt Influence, and neceſſary Authority:

And whereas the Power of making Peace and War, One of the ancient, undoubted, and moſt important, Prerogatives of the Crown, has been always exerciſed, by the Sovereigns of theſe Realms, with the ſtricteſt Regard to the Honour of the Crown, and the Welfare of the People; and, for that End, they have, in great Wiſdom, in all Ages, taken the Advice of Parliament on ſuch weighty Occaſions:

And whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* declared, from the Throne, her gracious Intentions to communicate the Terms of Peace to her Parliament, for their deliberate and ſerious Advice therein; wiſely foreſeeing, that the

the Safety of her Perſon and Government, of the Proteſtant Succeſſion to the Crown, which ſhe had neareſt her Heart, and of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Liberties of *Europe*, did inevitably depend on the happy Concluſion of the ſaid Negotiations:

He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, having taken on himſelf, throughout the ſaid Negotiations, a moſt arbitrary and unwarrantable Authority, and the chief Direction and Influence in her Majeſty's Councils; and moſt wickedly deſigning to proſtitute the Honour of the Crown, and the Dignity of Parliaments, and not only totally to deprive her Majeſty of the wholſome and neceſſary Advice of her Parliament in ſo great a Conjuncture, but, by miſrepreſenting the moſt eſſential Parts of the Negotiations of Peace, to obtain the Sanction of Parliament to his traiterous Proceedings, and thereby fatally to deceive her Majeſty, her Allies, her Parliament, and her People;

He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was not only wanting in the Diſcharge of that Duty to his Sovereign, which became his high Station, by not adviſing againſt, and, as far as in him lay, in all Events, by not preventing, even any Intimation from the Throne to the Parliament, which was not conformable to the exacteſt Truth and Impartiality; but taking Advantage of his ready Acceſs to her Majeſty, and his exorbitant Influence in her Councils; did prepare, form, and concert, together with other falſe and evil Counſellors, ſeveral Speeches and Declarations to be made by her Majeſty from the Throne to her Parliament, on the Subject of the ſaid Negotiations of Peace; and did adviſe her Majeſty to make the ſame to her Parliament; and particularly, by means of his falſe and evil Counſels, her Majeſty did, amongſt other things, on the 7th of *December* 1711, declare from the Throne, in the Words following; "That, notwithſtanding the "Arts of thoſe who delight in War, both Place and "Time are appointed for opening the Treaty of a General Peace; our Allies, eſpecially the States-General, whoſe Intereſt I look upon as inſeparable from my "own, have, by their ready Concurrence, expreſſed their "Confidence in me:"

Whereas it was then notorious to all *Europe*, and the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others his Accomplices, well knew, that the principal Allies of her Majeſty, and particularly the States-General, then had, in the ſtrongeſt and moſt preſſing Manner, repreſented, not only to her Majeſty's Miniſters in *Holland*, but afterwards, by a Miniſter of their own, directly to her Majeſty, the Inſecurity and Danger to the common Cauſe, by entering into general Negotiations with *France*, on the Propoſitions ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*; and alſo, their firm Opinion of the fatal Conſequences that might enſue thereon: And although they had ſtill great Apprehenſions concerning the Method of opening the Conferences, and the Conſequences that might happen thereupon; yet, being wrought on by the Menaces, and other extraordinary Methods uſed with them by her Majeſty's Miniſters, and relying on the ſolemn Aſſurances and Declarations of her Majeſty, to ſupport the Intereſts and Concern of their State, and to act in perfect Confidence and Harmony with them, they did at laſt, with the greateſt Reluctance, conſent to enter upon a general Negotiation of Peace with *France*: And, in the ſame Speech, her Majeſty was prevailed on, by the evil Counſels of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, to declare, in the Words following; "That the Princes and States, "which have been engaged with us in this War, being, "by Treaties, intitled to have their ſeveral Intereſts ſe"cured at a Peace, I will not only do my utmoſt to pro"cure every one of them all reaſonable Satisfaction; but I "ſhall alſo unite with them, in the ſtricteſt Engagements, "for continuing the Alliance, in order to render the Gene"ral Peace ſecure and laſting:" And, in her Meſſage, of the 17th of *January* following, her Majeſty again expreſſes the Care ſhe intended to take of all her Allies, and the ſtrict Union in which ſhe propoſed to join with them:

Whereas, by the evil Influence of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, her Majeſty was not only induced to enter into a private Negotiation with *France*, excluſive of her Allies; but the ſame was, in like manner, carried on by him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others; and the ſeveral Intereſts which the Allies were intitled to by their Treaties, were not only not ſecured to them by the Peace, nor any reaſonable Satisfaction given to them; but the main Intereſts of her principal Allies, eſpecially of his Imperial Majeſty, were, by the wicked Practices of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, given up to *France*; and no Engagements were obtained for continuing the Alliance, in order to render the General Peace ſecure and laſting.

And, her Majeſty having, on many former Occaſions, expreſſed her Reſolution, never to make Peace with *France* and *Spain*, ſo long as *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, remained in the Houſe of *Bourbon*, ſhe was prevailed upon, by the Advice of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, to declare herſelf, in Anſwer to an Addreſs of the Houſe of Peers, the 11th of *December* 1711, to the Effect following; *viz.* "I ſhould be ſorry "any one could think, I would not do my utmoſt to "recover *Spain*, and the *Indies*, from the Houſe of *Bour*"*bon*:"

Whereas it is moſt manifeſt, that the leaving the Kingdom of *Spain*, and the *Indies*, in the Houſe of *Bourbon*, was the Foundation of the private and ſeparate Treaty between *Great Britain* and *France*, which had been before that time ſigned, even with her Majeſty's Conſent; and the ſame fundamental Reſolution was immutably obſerved between them, to the Concluſion of the Peace: And her Majeſty having frequently declared from the Throne, That her Reſolutions in entering into the ſaid Negotiations were, to obtain a general, good, and laſting Peace; and the Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht* being inſtructed to treat with *France* conformably to that End; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in order to remove the juſt Suſpicions which had been conceived of his private and ſeparate Negotiations with *France*, did adviſe her Majeſty to make this further Declaration, in her ſaid Meſſage, of the 17th of *January*; "That the World "will now ſee how groundleſs thoſe Reports are, which "have been ſpread abroad by Men of evil Intentions, to "ſerve the worſt Deſigns, as if a ſeparate Peace had "been treated; for which there has not been the leaſt Co"lour given:"

Whereas a private and ſeparate Negotiation had been carried on, for Five Months together, between *England* and *France*; and, during that time, private Propoſitions had been ſent from *England*, and a private Treaty with a Miniſter of *France* ſigned, even by her Majeſty's Privity, excluſive of all the Allies, before the ſaid Declaration made by her Majeſty; and private and ſeparate Meaſures were thenceforth carried on by the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and his Accomplices, on behalf of her Majeſty, with the Miniſters of *France*, even to the Concluſion of the Peace.

Her Majeſty was further prevailed on, by the wicked Advice of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in her Speech, of *June* the 6th, 1712, to declare, "That, to prevent the Union of the Two Crowns, "ſhe would not be content with what was ſpeculative; "but inſiſted on ſomething ſolid:" And, in the ſame Speech, to the Effect following; *viz.* "The Nature of "the Propoſal for a Renunciation is ſuch, that it executes "itſelf; and *France* and *Spain* are thereby more effectually "divided than ever:"

Whereas the Miniſters of *France* had, before that time, aſſured the Miniſters of her Majeſty, That, to accept of the Expedient propoſed on her Majeſty's behalf, would be to build on a ſandy Foundation; and that the Renunciation would be null and void by the fundamental Laws of *France*; and that they would deceive themſelves, who accepted it as an Expedient to prevent the Union of the Two Crowns:

And

And not only in the Particulars before-mentioned, but in many others contained in the ſaid ſeveral Speeches and Meſſages, made, and ſent to her Parliament, even while the ſaid Negotiations of Peace with *France* were depending, the moſt eſſential Points relating to Peace and Commerce, and which concerned the Intereſts as well of the Allies as of *Great Britain*, were groſsly miſrepreſented:

By all which wicked, treacherous, and unexampled evil Counſels, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did moſt baſely, ungratefully, and ſcandalouſly, abuſe the Favour of his Royal Miſtreſs; and, by means of her Authority, did miſlead her Parliament into groundleſs and fatal Reſolutions; and thereby not only prevented the juſt Advice of the Parliament to her Majeſty on that critical Juncture, but obtained the Approbation of Parliament to his myſterious and dangerous Practices; and did not only deprive her Majeſty of the Confidence and Affection of her Allies, but expoſed her Majeſty, and her People, to the Contempt of the common Enemy.

Article 16.

That whereas the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* having, on all Occaſions, uſed his utmoſt Endeavours to ſubvert the ancient eſtabliſhed Conſtitution of Parliaments, the great and only Security of the Prerogatives of the Crown, and of the Rights, Liberties, and Properties, of the People; and being moſt wickedly determined, at one fatal Blow, as far as in him lay, to deſtroy the Freedom and Independency of the Houſe of Lords, the great Ornament, and neareſt Support, of the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms; and falſly intending to diſguiſe his miſchievous Purpoſes, under a pretended Zeal for the Prerogative of the Crown; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, on or about the Months of *December* or *January* 1711, whilſt the Houſe of Lords were under an Adjournment, and had Reaſon to expect, that, on their next Meeting, Matters of the higheſt Importance would be communicated to them from the Throne; they having, ſome few Days before, given their humble Opinion and Advice to her Majeſty, That no Peace could be ſafe or honourable to *Great Britain*, or *Europe*, if *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, were to be allotted to any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, and aſſuming to himſelf an arbitrary Direction and Controul in her Majeſty's Councils, contrary to his Duty, and his Oath, and in Violation of the great Truſt repoſed in him, and with an immediate Purpoſe to render ineffectual the many earneſt Repreſentations of her Majeſty's Allies againſt the ſaid Negotiations of Peace, as well as to prevent the good Effects of the ſaid Advice of the Houſe of Lords, and in order to obtain ſuch future Reſolutions of that Houſe of Parliament, on the important Subject of the Negotiations of Peace, as might ſhelter and promote his ſecret and unwarrantable Proceedings, together with other falſe and evil Counſellors, did adviſe her Majeſty to make and create Twelve Peers of this Realm, and Lords of Parliament; and, purſuant to his deſtructive Counſels, Letters Patents did forthwith paſs, whereby Twelve Peers were made and created; and did likewiſe adviſe her Majeſty immediately to call and ſummon them to Parliament; which being done accordingly, they took their Seats in the Houſe of Lords on or about the Second Day of *January* 1711; to which Day the Houſe then ſtood adjourned: Whereby the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did moſt highly abuſe the Influence he then had with her Majeſty; and prevailed on her to exerciſe, in the moſt unprecedented and dangerous Manner, that valuable and undoubted Prerogative, which the Wiſdom of the Laws, and Conſtitution of the Kingdom, hath intruſted with the Crown, for the rewarding ſignal Virtue, and diſtinguiſhed Merit; by which deſperate Advice he did not only, as far as in him lay, deprive her Majeſty of the Continuance of thoſe ſeaſonable and wholſome Counſels in that critical Juncture, but wickedly perverted the true and only End of that great and uſeful Prerogative, to the Diſhonour of the Crown, and the irreparable Miſchief to the Conſtitution of Parliaments.

All which Crimes and Miſdemeanours were committed and done by him the ſaid Earl, againſt our late Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity, the Peace and Intereſt of this Kingdom, and in Breach of the ſeveral Truſts repoſed in him the ſaid Earl:

And he the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, during the time that all and every the Crimes before ſet forth were done and committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 8° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom, was committed:

And the ſaid Report was once read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe being informed, That the Surveyors, Secretary, and Treaſurer, acting under the Commiſſioners for building Fifty new Churches, attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, the Surveyors preſented to the Houſe their Account; and the Secretary preſented to the Houſe his Account; and the Treaſurer preſented to the Houſe his Account; all relating to the Fifty new Churches.

And then they withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read:

And the ſaid Accounts are as follows; *viz.*

7th *July* 1715. AN Account of the Number of Churches now building, according to the late Act of Parliament; and how far the ſeveral Works are at preſent advanced.

The Church at *Greenwich* is intirely finiſhed, except ſome ſmall Matters of Pavings, and Steps; and the Pews and Galleries, together with ſome Repairs wanting at the old Steeple.

The Church at *Deptford* is carried up, and the Roof is now putting on; ſo that the ſaid Fabrick will be covered this Summer; and the Cemetery is already incloſed with a Wall.

The Church at *Weſtminſter* is ſo far advanced, that it will be ready for the Roof this Summer.

The Church in the *Strand* is in good Forwardneſs, and will be finiſhed next Summer.

The Church in *Spittle-fields*, in the Pariſh of *Stepney*, is advanced Fourteen Foot high; and may be covered in, next Summer.

The Church at *Wapping-Stepney* is advanced Eight Foot above the Ground; and is now carrying on with Expedition.

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The Church at *Limehouſe*, *Stepney*, is raiſed above-ground, and advancing with all Expedition.

St. Andrew, *Holborn*. There are Two new Cemeteries in the Pariſh intirely walled in, and finiſhed.

N. Hawkſmoor, *Ja. Gibbs*, } Surveyors.

7th *July* 1715. AN Account of what Sites of Churches, *&c.* are already purchaſed; in what Pariſhes the ſame are ſituated; the Proprietors Names of whom they were purchaſed; and the Sum of Money paid for each Sale; together with an Account of ſuch other Sites as are agreed for, the Purchaſes of which are not yet perfected; the Proprietors Names; the Pariſhes where ſituated; and the Sum of Money to be paid for each Site; and alſo of other Sites, now under Treaty.

In what Pariſhes the Sites are purchaſed.	Proprietors Names of whom they were purchaſed.	The Sum given for each Site.
Deptford	*Richard Wiſe*	710 — —
St. Margaret, *Weſtminſter*	*Henry Smith* Eſquire	700 — —
St. George's Chapel	Sir *Nath. Curzon*, &c.	1,100 — —
St. Pancraſs, Two Cemeteries	Dr. *Proctor* and *Gray*	600 — —
Spittle-fields, *Stepney*	Mrs. *Heath*, &c.	1,260 — —
Limehouſe, *Stepney*	*John Weſt*	400 — —
Upper-Wapping, *ditto*	*Bridges Watts*	400 — —
St. Paul, *Shadwell*	*Robert Haſtings*	1,000 — —

Sites agreed for, the Purchaſes of which are not yet completed.	Proprietors Names.	The Sum agreed for, for ſuch Site.
St. Andrew, *Holborn*	*Robert Barker*	1,900 — —
Bethnal-Green, *Stepney*	Mr. *Sclater*	300 — —
St. Giles in the Fields	Lady *Ruſſell*	1,000 — —
Lower-Wapp. Stepney	*Baſt Johnſon*	700 — —
St. Giles Fields	*Philip Dacrey*	1,400 — —
St. Botolph, *Aldgate*	Sir *Tho. Davall*	1,000 — —
Lambeth	Sir *John Thornicroft*	*gratis.*
In the *Straud*	*John Walker* Eſquire	200 — —
St. Martin's	Lord *Scarborough*	*gratis.*

What Sites are now under Treaty.	Proprietors Names.	The Sum demanded for each Site.
St. Botolph, *Biſhopgate*	*Jerem. Sambrook* Eſquire	1,550 — —
St. Mary Mag. Bermondſey	Lord *Saliſbury*	500 — —
St. Giles in the Fields	Mr. *Hayes*	1,000 — —

Tho. Rous, Secretary.

July 7, 1715. AN Account of Monies borrowed upon the Loan on Coals for building 50 new Churches; what hath been iſſued from the Exchequer, at ſeveral times, to the Commiſſioners Treaſurer; how the ſame hath been applied; and what remains in the Commiſſioners Hands; what they are yet indebted to Workmen, and for Sites contracted for; and alſo, what further Sum is now applied for . . the Treaſury to pay off ſuch Debts.

Money borrowed upon the Loan on Coals at Five ſeveral times, each time 10,000 *l.*	Money iſſued from the Exchequer to the Commiſſioners Treaſurer at ſeveral times.	Paid to Workmen.	Paid for Sites.	Paid Counſel-Fees, Sollicitor-Bills, Office-Rent, and ſundry other Incidents.	Paid Officers Salaries from *September* 1711.	Money remaining in the Hands of the Commiſſioners Treaſurer.	What the Commiſſion is now indebted to Workmen.	What to be paid for Sites of Churches, *&c.* contracted for.	What Sum is now applied for to the Exchequer, to pay Part of the Debts outſtanding.
l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
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Per Henry Smith, Treaſurer.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of this Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That the Town-Clerk of the City of *London* attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a Liſt of the Perſons who took the Oaths at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held for the City of *London*, in order to their Naturalization, purſuant to the Act for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the reading the Report from the Committee of Secrecy, a Second time, of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The Firſt Article being read a Second time;

And an Amendment being propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out the Words "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King;"

The ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be One of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Craggs*: } 280.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Down*, Mr. *Shippen*: } 125.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The 2d, 3d, and 4th Articles, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be other Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 5th Article being read a Second time;

And an Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 6th Article, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be one of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 7th Article being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 8th Article being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 9th and 10th Articles, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be other Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the Report of the ſaid Articles be adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The 11th Article being read a Second time;

Several Amendments were propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out, in ſeveral Places, "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Article, by leaving out theſe Words, "and traiterouſly:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words, "and traiterouſly," ſtand Part of the ſaid Article;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Char. Turner*, Mr. *Monſon*: } 247.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Jefferys*, Mr. *Vernon*: } 131.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Several other Amendments were propoſed to be made to the ſaid Article, by leaving out, in ſeveral Places, "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Article, ſo amended;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Horatio Walpole*, Mr. *Edgcombe*: } 247.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Drake*: } 127.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The 12th and 13th Articles being ſeverally read a Second time, the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be other Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 14th Article being read a Second time;

Several Amendments were propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out, in ſeveral Places, "King of *France*," and inſerting, inſtead thereof, "*French* King:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 15th Article being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereto, by inſerting, in ſeveral Places, theſe Words, "or to the "Effect," before the Word "following:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The 16th Article being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by inſerting theſe Words, "and Writs iſſued:"

The ſame were, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Article, ſo amended, be another of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The laſt Paragraph, or Concluſion, was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be prepared, ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 9° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That Sir *George Cooke*, Chief Prothonotary of the Court of Common-Pleas at *Weſtminſter*, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a Liſt of the Names of ſuch Perſons as were ſworn in the ſaid Court, by virtue of the late Act of Naturalization.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then they withdrew.

Mr. *Bertie* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one . . . were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

A Clauſe being offered to the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody; the ſame was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

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Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed, with the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Earl.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire, That they will continue ſitting ſome time.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Sevennight;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the ſaid Election be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Sir *Richard Groſvenor* have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That *Dennis Bond* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Borough of *Leverpole*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Leaſe under the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, demiſed to the Mayor, Bailiffs, *&c.* of the ſaid Borough, and their Succeſſors, the Soil and Site of her late Majeſty's late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, for Fifty Years, at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* payable into the Receipt of the ſaid Duchy, for the Uſe of the late Queen, *&c.*; and the Leſſees and Petitioners have performed all the Covenants in the ſaid Leaſe contained; and the Borough does increaſe in Buildings and Inhabitants; ſo that the Church and Parochial Chapel there cannot contain the Inhabitants thereof; ſo that the Petitioners deſires to build, and endow, another Church, at their own Charge, upon the Site of the ſaid late Caſtle: And there is a Clauſe enabling the Chancellor to grant, under the ſaid Seals, in his Majeſty's Name, unto the Petitioners, the Reverſion of the Soil and Site of the ſaid late Caſtle, at the aboveſaid yearly Rent, payable into the Receipt of the ſaid Duchy for ever, to the Uſe of his Majeſty: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

And Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had Directions from his Majeſty to ſignify his Majeſty's Conſent, that ſuch a Bill may be brought in.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, and Mr. *Wilſon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. Comptroller reported, That he having been at the Houſe of Lords, to deſire, That they will continue ſitting ſome time; the Lords do agree to continue ſitting ſome time, as this Houſe deſires.

The ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* were read.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* do carry the ſaid Articles to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* be directed, before he exhibits the ſaid Articles to the Lords, to impeach *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons, aſſembled in Parliament, having received Information of divers traiterous Practices and Deſigns of a great Peer of this Houſe, *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanours: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanours: I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to pray, and demand of, your Lordſhips, That the Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire, That they will direct the Painted Chamber, the Lobby, and the Paſſage of the Houſe of Peers, may be cleared from any Croud.

Ordered, That Mr. Sollicitor-General do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported to the Houſe, That he had been at the Houſe of Peers, and delivered the Meſſage for clearing the Painted Chamber, Lobby, and Paſſage to their Houſe.

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The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newberry*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed, be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 11° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Grimſton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Albans*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Lord *Coningſby* reported, That he did, on *Saturday* laſt, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeach *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanours; and delivered in the Articles of Impeachment againſt him; and did pray and demand, That the ſaid Earl might be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That *Stephen Parry* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intitled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of the Debts, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee appointed, the Fourth Inſtant, to draw up an Addreſs, to return the Thanks of this Houſe to his Majeſty for his gracious Meſſage, That a Proviſion may be made for ſettling a Maintenance for the Miniſters for the Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, That they had drawn up an Addreſs; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Addreſs was read; and, with an Amendment, agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having, with the utmoſt Satisfaction, received your Majeſty's gracious Meſſage, recommending to us the providing a Maintenance for the Miniſters, who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches intended to be erected in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, That we will, with all Chearfulneſs, ſet about the making ſuch a Proviſion, as ſhall fully anſwer your Majeſty's pious Intentions, and the Wants of ſo many of the Inhabitants of your Two great and populous Cities.

It is very grateful to your obedient Commons, to be employed in a Work that is ſo much for the Honour of the Church of *England*, and the Advancement of our holy Religion, and that comes recommended by ſo gracious a Sovereign; who, ever ſince his happy Acceſſion to the Throne, has taken all Occaſions to expreſs a great and tender Concern for the Support of our excellent Conſtitution, both in Church and State, and the good Order and Welfare of his Subjects.

As we ſhall always be ready to do our Parts towards the attaining theſe great Ends, in every thing that comes before us; ſo we truſt, that this good Work in particular, which your Majeſty has ſo much at Heart, will bring down the Bleſſing of God upon all your Undertakings; and be a Means of promoting the Quiet and Peace, as it cannot but add to the Glory, of your Reign.

May your Majeſty live not only to ſee it accompliſhed, but to enjoy the Fruits of your Piety, in a long and proſperous Reign over a religious and orderly, an obedient and thankful People!

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Honourable Houſe, That their Lordſhips will take the Requeſt of this Houſe into ſerious Conſideration; and ſend an Anſwer thereunto in a convenient time:

And that the Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington*, by *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Tho. Pelham* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was committed, That they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for making Incloſures of ſome Parts of the Common Grounds in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for endowing poor Rectories, Vicarages, Curacies, and Chapelries, for the better Support of their Miniſters;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Sir *Arthur Kay*:	99.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Pelham*:	80.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Wrightſon* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wrightſon* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Honourable Houſe, That the Lords have ordered the Black Rod to attach, and take into ſafe Cuſtody, *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*: And that the Black Rod had returned to the Lords, That he hath accordingly attached the ſaid Earl; and hath him now in ſafe Cuſtody.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and ſeveral of them a Second time, one by one; which, with Amendments to ſome of them, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 12° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Humphrey Hyde* Gentleman was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is Proprietor of *Wiggon's-Key*, in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, and of the Wharf, Warehouſes, and other Houſes, thereunto belonging, now in Leaſe to a Tenant; and the ſaid Premiſes are all enſured by the Tenant, or Under-tenant, and are almoſt all rebuilt; and the Under-tenant, and others, have petitioned for a Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes burnt down in *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*; and that there is no Occaſion for ſuch Bill, touching the Ground belonging to the ſeveral Proprietors there; there being no Difference; and moſt of the Houſes are rebuilt, without any Court of Judicature: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in and near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, by his Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if he thinks fit.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington*, by *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of Sir *Arthur Owen* Baronet, *Tho. Wynn*, *William Bodvell*, *John Sparrow*, and *William Wynn*, Eſquires, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other Gentlemen, Freeholders and Inhabitants in the County of *Angleſea*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, in the Second Year of King *Edward* the Sixth, the Great Seſſions of the ſaid County ſhall be kept within the Town of *Beaumaris*, or the Liberties of the ſame; and, by ſeveral other Acts, made ſince the aboveſaid Act, the Petitioners, and other Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and thoſe that are, or ſhall be, employed in Places Civil or Military within the ſame, ſhall, at the ſaid Courts of Seſſions, take the Oaths of Qualification to his Majeſty; and, by reaſon of the ſaid Statute, of the Second of *Edward* the Sixth, the ſaid Courts of Seſſions cannot be adjourned; ſo the Petitioners are not only forced to travel, though never ſo infirm, to *Beaumaris* aforeſaid (which ſtands on the outermoſt Confines of the ſaid County), to attend the ſaid Seſſions; but many times, by Sickneſs, are diſabled from attending to qualify themſelves by the Acts for that Purpoſe; which may tend to the Ruin of the Petitioners, and others of the ſaid County, and their Poſterity, by ſubjecting them to the Penalties of the ſaid Acts: And in caſe the ſaid Act, of the Second of King *Edward* the Sixth, were repealed, whereby the ſaid Courts of Seſſions might be adjourned, and held at ſuch other Parts of the ſaid County, from time to time, as Occaſion may require, will be for the Benefit of the ſaid County in general: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, That the ſaid Clauſe may be repealed, or amended, as ſhall be moſt conducive to the Eaſe and Safety of the ſaid County in general;

And a Debate ariſing thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Comptroller reported, That his Majeſty having been humbly waited upon, to know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he would be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty had appointed this Day at One of the Clock, at his Palace of *Saint James's*.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the further Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; was committed; be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, which was ordered to be heard this Day, be heard upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, was committed, be adjourned till *Friday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 13° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths

Oaths for due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tho. Pelham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Honourable *John Noel* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That the Houſe do proceed in the hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* Tomorrow Morning at Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That Sir *John Rogers* have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; was committed:

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee, as far as Clauſe B, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe B being read a Second time, That all mixed or medley Broad-Cloth, and other Woollen Broad-Cloth, brought to *London* for Sale, ſhall be carried to *Blackwell-hall* in *London*, or duly regiſtred with the proper Officers, paying them the ancient Duties of Hallage, upon pain of forfeiting Five Shillings for each Broad-Cloth ſo brought *London*, and ſold, without being brought to the Hall, or there regiſtred, to be paid by the Seller;

The ſaid Clauſe was amended:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment, ſo amended;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Erle:*	135.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *D'eth:*	79.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Clauſe C, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

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Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty, and preſented their Addreſs: To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer;

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for the juſt Concern expreſſed in this Addreſs for our excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State; and for the Aſſurances you give me of promoting ſo good and pious a Deſign: I could not expect leſs from a Houſe of Commons, which hath given ſo many Proofs of their Affection to me, and my Government.

Mr. Attorney-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing Rioters: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual.

The firſt Four of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Fifth Reſolution being read a Second time;

Several Amendments were ſeverally propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "and the Crown to be at;" and by adding, at the End of the ſaid Reſolution, theſe Words, "to be borne out of the King's Fourth-part, ſo "far as the ſame will extend:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That, of all Seizures and Forfeitures in *Ireland*, Three-fourths ſhall be to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſeize the ſame, to be intitled thereto, upon Conviction of the Party; and the other Fourth ſhall be to the King, for the Uſe and Encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland:* And that, of all Seizures and Forfeitures in *Great Britain*, the Seizer ſhall be likewiſe intitled to Three-fourths, and the other Fourth to the King; the Expence of Proſecutions in both Kingdoms to be borne out of the King's Fourth-part, ſo far as the ſame will extend.

The Sixth Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, "And that "no Perſon be admitted, on any Pretence whatſoever, to "travel with Wool in the Night within Miles of "the Sea:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That no Wool, Woollen Yarn, or Worſted, be, at any time, carried or conveyed any where in *Ireland* within Miles of the Sea, in any other Package than common Linen Packs or Bags; and that no leſs Quantity be contained in each than Weight, under a Penalty; except that a Grower give full Satisfaction to the Office, that he had not ſo much grown; and then the Quantity to be ſpecified in his Permit: And that no Perſon be admitted, on any Pretence whatſoever, to travel with Wool in the Night within Miles of the Sea.

The Seventh Reſolution being read a Second time;

Several Amendments were ſeverally propoſed to be made thereunto, by inſerting, after "virtue," theſe Words, "of the Act;" and by leaving out "a greater Number "of:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Debate ariſing in the Houſe, touching their agreeing in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended; *viz.* That, inſtead of the great Ships and Sloops employed in *England* and *Ireland* againſt the Owlers, by virtue of the Act of the Tenth and Eleventh of his late Majeſty King *William*, ſome ſmaller Veſſels be employed in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for that Purpoſe;

Ordered, That the Debate thereupon, and the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report, be adjourned until *Monday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

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An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowther* do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with an Amendment: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Motion made Yeſterday, upon the Petition of Sir *Arthur Owen*, and others.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to repeal, or amend, an Act, made in the Second Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Sixth, intituled, An Act for the keeping the Great Seſſions, and County-Courts, at the Town of *Beaumaris*, in the County of *Angleſea*, as ſhall be moſt conducive to the Eaſe and Safety of the ſaid County in general, according to the Prayer of the Petitioners: And that the Committee do ſit *de die in diem*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of Duties on the ſame.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; be read the Third time upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 14° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Clothiers, Wool-combers, Weavers, Fullers, and other the Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Cullumpton*, in *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the making *Exeter* a free Port for bringing in of Wool from *Ireland*, will be of no Advantage to that Town, or to the Petitioners; and the whole Buſineſs in the Manufactures depends on the Encouragement the Town of *Tiverton* finds from foreign Markets: And praying, That the Port of *Exeter* may not be opened for bringing in of Wool from *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table till the Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into further Conſideration.

A Petition of the Portreeve, Gentlemen, Clothiers, and other the Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Honiton*, in *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the putting a Stop to the Exportation of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to *France*, will be of very great Advantage to this Town, and the Parts adjacent; and the opening the Port of *Exeter*, for bringing in of Wool from *Ireland*, will obſtruct the good Deſign of any Law againſt the Exporting of Wool for *France*; and the Woollen Manufacture of this Town depends chiefly on that of *Tiverton*, which can have no Advantage by opening the Port of *Exeter*: And praying, That the ſaid Port of *Exeter* may ſtill remain ſhut up, with reſpect to the Fiſh-Trade.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table till the Report from the Committee appointed to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into further Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Committee, who are to conſider of Heads of a Bill to explain and amend the Laws relating to Rogues and Vagabonds, and ſending them whither they ought to be ſent, do ſit *de die in diem*: And that all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Kennett* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed, be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel proceeded, and examined Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify other of the Petitioner's Voters, in regard they had no Freehold in the Places they voted for; or that they were not taxed or rated for their Freehold; or that their Freeholds were not lett for Forty Shillings a Year Rent; or that they were Purchaſers within a Year before the Election; or that they were Copyholders: And alſo gave ſome Evidence relating to Bribery.

And a Witneſs being called, to prove that one *William Reynold* voted contrary to what appears by the Sheriff's Poll;

Which being objected to by the Petitioner's Counſel;

And the Counſel on both Sides being heard;

They were directed to withdraw.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Sitting-Member be admitted to examine *Edward Kemp*, to prove that *William Reynold* voted otherwiſe than he is ſet down upon the Sheriff's Poll;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the Reſolution of the Houſe.

Then the Sitting-Member's Counſel proceeded, and went through their Evidence, as to the Diſqualifications of the Petitioner's Voters.

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel ſummed up their Evidence touching the ſame.

After which the Sitting-Member's Counſel proceeded to give Evidence, That the Petitioner was not qualified to be elected, according to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons:

But a Witneſs, who had been ſummoned, not attending;

The Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris,

Veneris, 15° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Freeman*, Lord *Coningsby*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *De Gray*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Ducane*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Colonel *Morton*, Lord *Cavendiſh*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Arth. Kay*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Major *Holmes*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Wykes*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Hungerford*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon*, *Dorſet*, *Somerſet*, and *Cornwall*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Lord *James Cavendiſh* have Leave to go into the Country for Five Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Andrew Archer* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered to be added to the Bill, That the Exception, in the Acts recited, ſhould not extend to the excepting the Carriage of threſhed Corn, and Coal:

And the ſame was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

An Amendment was propoſed, to be made to the Bill, Preſs 2. L. 10. To leave out "Proviſo," and inſert "Proviſoes:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Pr. 2. L. 10. After "mentioned," to inſert "or "in an Act made in the Ninth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's "Reign, to render more effectual the ſaid recited Act of "the Sixth Year of her Majeſty's Reign:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bertie* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Pr. * L. * To leave out the Clauſe, which obliges all mixed or medley Broad-Cloth, and other Woollen Broad-Cloth, brought to *London* or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, for Sale, to be carried to *Blackwell-hall* in *London*, or to be duly regiſtred with the proper Officer there, in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe:

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Clauſe do ſtand Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Whereupon the Clauſe was cut out of the Bill at the Table.

And ſeveral other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill, being miſwrote in ingroſſing the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and alſo to render more effectual an Act, of the Seventh Year of her ſaid Majeſty, intituled, An Act for better aſcertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloths made in the County of *York*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Heyſham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, was committed, be adjourned until *Monday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 16° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Lime-Regis*, in the County of *Dorſet*, and Places adjacent, employed in the Woollen Manufactures, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Wool, Woollen Yarn, *&c.* are frequently exported from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to *France*; and that all the Laws in Force, and his Majeſty's moſt gracious Proclamation, have hitherto proved ineffectual; to the great Detriment of the Traders in the ſaid Woollen Manufactures; to the Ruin of great Number of Families depending thereon; and to the viſible

Increaſe of the Poor: And praying, That ſome more effectual Means may be ſpeedily found out to prevent the Exportation of Wool, and Woollen Yarn, *&c.* from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to *France*; and to encourage the Traders in the ſaid Woollen Manufactures.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, who were to conſider of the Laws in being for the preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame might be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into further Conſideration.

A Petition of *Patrick Edmingſton* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Year 1699, he went on the *Darien* Expedition on board the *Riſeing Sun*, and carried Effects with him to the Value of 400 *l.* which was his whole Patrimony: And that the Company, ſoon after their Arrival, meeting with great Oppoſition from the *Spaniards* in their Settlements, the Counſellors of the ſaid Company, being intirely deſtitute of Ammunition, and cloſly beſieged in their Fort by the Enemy, for the Space of 14 Weeks, gave Order to call in all the Pewter and Lead belonging to private Perſons; upon which, the Petitioner readily delivered up all he had of either, which was a conſiderable Part of his Stock, and all that remained to him of the ſaid 400 *l.*; but could not obtain a Receipt of the Counſellors for the ſame: And, after that the Colony was forced from their Settlement in *Darien*, the Petitioner, with the few ſurviving Perſons, were caſt into *Jamaica*, deſtitute of Cloathing, and all manner of Neceſſaries of Life; and muſt have periſhed there inevitably, had they not been relieved by the charitable People of that Place; and he, ſome time after, came to *England* in a helpleſs Condition: And that, during the Continuance of the ſaid Colony, had the Misfortune to be wounded ſeveral times: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Captain *William Murray*, of the Foot-Guards, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That when the *Scotch* Company for *Africa* did, *An.* 1698, ſettle a Colony at *Darien*, he, being to ſerve there as a Captain of a Company of Foot, did uplift the Eſtate provided to him by his Father, and did levy that Company, conſiſting of Fifty Men; and went along with that Company; and ſerved for the Space of Two Years, from the time of his Entry, to the time that the ſaid Colony was diſpoſſeſſed by the Enemy, without Payment for his Service, or Recompence for his Charges and Trouble, and levying the ſaid Company: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That *William Okeden* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That *Charles Bertie* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington* by *George* Earl of *Cardigan* to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Dawney*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Wright-ſon*, Mr. *Bankes*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *John Ruſhout*; and all that ſerve for the County of *York*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That *John Digby* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Richard Vaughan*, of *Merionethſhire*, Eſquire, have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Stephen Northleigh* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *William Levinz* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of *William Ruſſell* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his late Father Sir *William Ruſſell* was ſeiſed of the Ground-rent, and the Reverſion in Fee, of a Meſſuage commonly called the *Trinity-houſe*, with the Appurtenances, ſituate in *Water-lane*, near *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, after the Expiration of an additional Term of Forty Years, decreed to the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the *Trinity-houſe*; which Term will expire at *Michaelmas* 1725; and his ſaid Father, by his Will, deviſed the Premiſes to him, and his eldeſt Son; with other Remainders; and the ſaid *Trinity-houſe* was burnt down by the late Fire, which lately happened in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*; and the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, having inſured thereon the Sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds, have received the ſame, towards the Charge of rebuilding the Premiſes; and he is informed, a Bill is brought into this Houſe, for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in and near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*; which, he conceives, will be prejudicial to the Intereſt of him, and his Family: And praying to be heard, by his Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in and near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, by his Counſel, before the ſaid Committee, thereupon, if he thinks fit.

An ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Albans*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Albans*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenley*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Grimſton* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. Attorney-General, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout: And the Firſt Amendment was read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned.

The Houſe being informed of great Diſorders in the County of *Stafford* by ſeveral evil-diſpoſed Perſons going from Place to Place, in a tumultuous and riotous manner; and that they had aſſaulted and wounded ſeveral of his Majeſty's good Subjects, without any Provocation; and that one Mr. *Bayly* was able to give the Houſe an Account thereof; and that he was at the Door;

He was ordered to be called in:

And he was called in accordingly; and, at the Bar (the Mace lying on the Table), gave the Houſe an Account of what had happened in that Country.

And then he withdrew.

And Mr. *Bracebridge*, a Member of the Houſe, acquainting them of a Letter wrote from that Country, relating to thoſe Diſturbances; which he read in his Place;

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be brought up to the Table.

And it was brought up accordingly; and read; and is as followeth;

Honoured Sir,

I Hope this will find you, and your good Lady, *&c.* in good Health, as your Children here are, God be thanked.

Undoubtedly you have heard of ſeveral Paſſages, that followed upon the Performance of the *Wolverhampton* Mob; as, namely, the Demoliſhing of the Preſbyterian Meeting-houſes at *Stafford* and *Walſall*, and ('tis ſaid) at *Stone* and *Longdon*: Yeſterday a Parcel of the *Wolverhampton* Folks ſet forth, in order to attack *Bromwich* Meeting-houſe: Theſe People took *Bilſton*, *Dorlaſton*, and *Wedneſbury*, in the Way; ſo that they were a great Number: But the Diſſenters, having Notice of what was intended, came together in great Numbers, Horſe and Foot, furniſhed with Guns, Swords, *&c.* and attackt the Rioters, and drove 'um off; ſeveral of whom they have wounded: And the Mob has a Report among 'um this Day, that one of their Fraternity is killed; and they ſeem reſolved (as Fame goes) to venture another Puſh for it. The Truth of it is, there is no ſuch thing as appeaſing 'um with good Words; and, I think, to cure it by Force will be but an uncomfortable Matter. As far as I can learn, theſe poor Fellows have got a Notion, that the Miniſtry and Diſſenters have ruined Trade, on Purpoſe to make the Nation out of Love with the late Peace, and Peace-makers; and, becauſe the Miniſtry, and ſecret Committee, and their Friends, will not let the Country have Peace and Trade, they reſolve (if they can hinder it) the Diſſenters ſhall not have a quiet Toleration. Hunger, and want of Sleep, perhaps, may tame 'um in a little while; but, if Things don't mend in a little time, the Pariſhes may be burdened with their Families.

They will not be perſuaded, that there is any Argument againſt Experience; and they ſay, that One Year's Peace was better to them, and the Kingdom, than all the glorious Campaigns the D—— of *M*—— has ever made in all his Life; that thoſe were the beſt Friends of the Government that made Peace; and that their Impeachers ought much rather to be impeached than the laſt Miniſtry; ſo that, in ſhort, they look upon theſe Impeachments as nothing elſe but a Piece of Spight and Revenge in this military Miniſtry, becauſe the Ratifications of Peace took ſome Bread off their Trenchers: And they reaſon, that 'tis the ſtrangeſt thing in the World, that the Actions and Negotiations of thoſe worthy Patriots that made Peace, ſhould be called High Treaſon, High Crimes and Miſdemeanours, which have been approved by her Majeſty's ſubſequent Ratifications; for which her Majeſty received the Thanks and Congratulations of the Honourable Houſe of Commons, and, indeed, of almoſt the whole Nation. 'Tis impoſſible to recount their odd Speculations that they run into upon theſe Occaſions; however, I was willing you ſhould not be wholly a Stranger to theſe Paſſages. I hope your Goodneſs will pardon the Interruption of this tedious Letter. I am, with due Commendations,

Honoured Sir,

Bilſton, 13 *July* 1715. Your moſt obedient and moſt humble Servant,

Richd. Ames.

For *Wm. Ward* Eſquire, a Member of Parliament, at the Honorable Houſe of Commons, this.

London.

A Motion being made, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the ſeveral Magiſtrates throughout the Kingdom, That the Laws be put in a ſpeedy and the moſt vigorous Execution againſt all ſuch Perſons, who ſhall be found any way concerned in the late rebellious and tumultuous Riots and Diſorders committed, and now carrying on, in ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom, by Perſons diſaffected to his Majeſty, and his Government; and that a ſtrict Inquiry be made who are the Promoters and Authors of the ſaid Tumults and Riots; and that an Account may be taken of ſuch Juſtices of the Peace as have failed in the Diſcharge of their Duty on theſe Occaſions; and that ſuch Juſtices, who ſhall appear to his Majeſty to have neglected their Duty, be forthwith put out of the Commiſſions of the Peace; and that ſuch other Magiſtrates, as ſhall appear likewiſe to have neglected their Duty therein, may be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Rigour of the Law; and that his Majeſty will likewiſe be pleaſed to direct, That an exact Account may be taken of the Loſſes and Damages, which his Majeſty's Subjects have ſuſtained by reaſons of theſe tumultuous and rebellious Proceedings; and that the Sufferers may have full Compenſation made them for their Damages; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That all ſuch Expences as his Majeſty ſhall be at on that account, ſhall be made good to his Majeſty out of the next Aids that ſhall be afterwards granted by Parliament; and alſo, that the Laws againſt Papiſts and Nonjurors may be effectually put in Execution;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Queſtion, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, "And "alſo that an Account may be laid before this Houſe of "what Perſons are at preſent in the Commiſſion of the "Peace; and alſo what Perſons were in the Commiſſion "at the Demiſe of her Majeſty:"

And the Queſtion being put, That theſe Words be added to the Queſtion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Bracebridge*:	56.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Ruſhout*, Colonel *Churchill*:	196.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the ſeveral Magiſtrates throughout the Kingdom, That the Laws may be put in a ſpeedy and the moſt vigorous Execution againſt all ſuch Perſons, who ſhall be found any way concerned in the late rebellious and tumultuous Riots and Diſorders committed, and now carrying on, in ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom, by Perſons diſaffected to his Majeſty, and his Government; and that a ſtrict Inquiry be made who are the Promoters and Authors of the ſaid Tumults and Riots; and that an Account may be taken of ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, as have failed in the Diſcharge of their Duty on theſe Occaſions; and that ſuch Juſtices, who ſhall appear to his Majeſty to have neglected their Duty, be forthwith

with put out of the Commiſſions of the Peace; and that ſuch other Magiſtrates, as ſhall appear likewiſe to have neglected their Duty therein, may be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Rigour of the Law: And that his Majeſty will likewiſe be pleaſed to direct, That an exact Account may be taken of the Loſſes and Damages, which his Majeſty's Subjects have ſuſtained, by reaſon of theſe tumultuous and rebellious Proceedings; and that the Sufferers may have full Compenſation made them for their Damages: And to aſſure his Majeſty, That all ſuch Expences as his Majeſty ſhall be at on that account, ſhall be made good to his Majeſty out of the next Aids that ſhall be afterwards granted by Parliament: And alſo, that the Laws againſt Papiſts and Nonjurors may be effectually put in Execution.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Carter*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Sir *John Hinde Cotton*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Lord *Finch*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Neville*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Cowper*, Lord *Caſtlecomber*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Baylie*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Craggs*, Sir *Bryan Broughton*, Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *Char. Hotham*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Newport*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Northey*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Inge:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the adjourned Conſideration of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters; be now reſumed.

And the ſame were reſumed accordingly.

And the reſt of the ſaid Amendments were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That no Perſon ſhall be proſecuted, by virtue of that Act, for any Offence committed againſt the ſame, unleſs proſecuted within after the Offence ſhall be committed:

And the ſame was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up; and the Clauſe amended:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned until *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be heard upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

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Lunæ, 18° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Cheſter*, aſſembled at the Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace holden at *Nantwich*, in the ſaid County, on *Tueſday* the Twelfth Day of *July*, in the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, *Anno Dom.* 1715, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Bill is depending for making the River ..... navigable from *Fordſham* Bridge to *Northwich*, in the ſaid County of *Cheſter*; which Work is very practicable, and may be carried to ſome other Places near *Northwich*; and will be of great Advantage to the Undertakers; and are deſirous, that the Navigation may be undertaken at the Expence, and for the Benefit, of the Inhabitants: And praying to admit them, or ſuch others of the Gentlemen of the ſaid County as ſhall be thought fit, to be Undertakers of the ſaid Navigation.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to make the River *Weaver* navigable from *Fordſham* Bridge to *Northwich*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Merchants, and others, of the Borough of *Barnſtable*, trading in Wool, and Woollen Manufactures, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Committee, who are to prepare a Bill for the preventing the Exportation of Wool, have agreed to a Clauſe to be inſerted, for making the Port of *Exeter* an open Port for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; and whether the ſaid Clauſe will not be greatly prejudicial to the Deſign of ſuch an Act, by giving Occaſion to the *Iriſh* Owlers, and other ill-deſigning Men, under Pretence of carrying Wool to *Exeter*, to land it in *France*; and, by Bribes, and other ill Practices, get up their Bonds given in *Ireland:* And all the other Weſtern Ports may well deſire the ſame Liberty; which has formerly been the Occaſion of exporting great Quantities of Wool to foreign Parts; the Diſtance from *Ireland* to *Topſam* being twice as far from theſe Ports, the Hazard of the Seas conſequently muſt be greater than this Side the *Land's-End*; and, by the exacteſt Computation the Petitioners can make, Wool may be rendered to *Exeter* by Way of this Port, *Bideford*, *Minehead*, as cheap as if carried by Ship directly to *Topſam*, without the Odds of the Hazard of the Seas, and Length of Time; the Freight, with Commiſſion, and all Charges, from *Ireland* to *Exeter*, by the Way of theſe Ports, not exceeding Eight Pence Halfpeny a Stone; whereas the bare Freight to *Exeter* formerly was Eight Pence a Stone, beſides other Charges, not to be eſteemed leſs than a Peny or Two Pence a Stone; ſo that the carrying Wool about Land to *Exeter* will be a real Detriment to this, and the middle Part of the Country, without any Advantage to the *Exeter* Traders: And praying, That the ſame may be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, who were to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; ſhall be taken into further Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

An ingroſſed Bill, for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters; was read the Third time.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhould extend to all Places for religious Worſhip in *Scotland*, which are tolerated by Law:

And the ſame was twice read; and amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then the ſeveral Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 2. L. 39, and 40. To leave out "above," and inſert "to;" and, after "Twelve," inſert "or more:"

Pr. 4. L. 7. To leave out "or break into:"

L. 18. To leave out "or breaking into :"

Pr. 5. L. 17. After "City," inſert "or Town that is "either a County of itſelf, or is not within any Hun- "dred :"

Pr. 6. L. 5. After "City," inſert "or Town that is "either a County of itſelf, or is not within any Hun- "dred :"

L. 10. After "City," inſert "or Town :"

L. 15. After "City," inſert "or Town :"

L. 16. The ſame Amendment :

L. 17. The ſame Amendment :

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Sea and Land Officers, Seamen and Soldiers, being Debtors: And that Mr. *Pulteney* and the Lord *Coningſby* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Godfry* do carry the ingroſſed Bill to make the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and alſo to render more effectual an Act, of the Seventh Year of her ſaid Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the better aſcertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloths made in the County of *York*; to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate, and Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, who were to conſider the Laws in being for preventing the Exporting of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and how the ſame may be made more effectual; be further adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliamen; be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom was committed, be adjourned until To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded in the further Hearing theM erits of the Election for the County of *Bedford:*

And the Counſel were called in:

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel proceeded to give Evidence, to ſhew that the Petitioner was not qualified to be elected, according to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the Reign of the late Queen, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons:

To which the Petitioner's Counſel were heard; and produced Evidence, to juſtify his Qualification:

And afterwards the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded to juſtify ſeveral of the Votes the Sitting-Member's Counſel had objected againſt.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford* be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee, who were appointed, upon *Saturday* laſt, to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, being highly concerned at the continued Endeavours of the Enemies of your Perſon and Government to diſturb the Tranquillity and Happineſs of your Kingdoms, and to deprive your People of the great Bleſſings they enjoy under your auſpicious Reign; and it having appeared to us, that, by the Encouragement, and the falſe and traiterous Inſinuations, of Perſons diſaffected to your Title and Government, great Numbers of your poor deluded Subjects have been prevailed upon, in many Parts of the Kingdom, to aſſemble together, and, in a tumultuous and rebellious manner, to commit great Diſorders, and do great Injuries to others of their Fellow-Subjects and Fellow-Proteſtants; we think it our indiſpenſable Duty, on this Occaſion, to expreſs our utmoſt Abhorrence of all ſuch traiterous Proceedings, and our higheſt Reſentment againſt the Authors and Promoters of them; and to renew to your Majeſty the hearty and vigorous Reſolutions of your faithful Commons to ſupport your Majeſty, and your Government, againſt all your open and ſecret Enemies; and to contribute the utmoſt in our Power to the Honour and Safety of your Sacred Perſon, and the Quiet and Security of your Government:

And, to that end, we crave Leave moſt humbly to beſeech your Majeſty, That you will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the ſeveral Magiſtrates throughout your Kingdom, That the Laws now in force may be put in a ſpeedy, and in the moſt vigorous, Execution, againſt all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be found any way concerned in the rebellious and tumultuous Riots and Diſorders which have been committed, and are now carrying on, by Perſons diſaffected to your Majeſty, and your Government; and that a ſtrict Inquiry may be made, to diſcover the Authors and Promoters of them, ſo as they may be brought to condign Puniſhment:

And it being apparent, that the Neglect or Miſbehaviour of many Juſtices of Peace, and other Magiſtrates, have given great Encouragement to the ſaid Diſorders, we crave Leave, in all Humility, to beſeech your Majeſty, That an Account may be taken of ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, as have failed in the Diſcharge of their Duty on theſe Occaſions; and that ſuch of them, as ſhall appear to your Majeſty to have neglected their Duty, may be forthwith put out of the Commiſſions of the Peace; and that ſuch other Magiſtrates, as ſhall likewiſe appear to your Majeſty to have neglected their Duty therein, may be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Rigour of the Law:

And as your loyal Commons are fully aſſured, that, by the Wiſdom and Steadineſs of your Adminiſtration, the Sceptre in your Royal Hand will ſoon become a Terror to all thoſe, who, by open or ſecret Practices, ſhall any way abet the Enemies of your Perſon or Government; ſo, from our moſt dutiful Regard to your Majeſty, and in Juſtice to thoſe of your Subjects, who, for their Zeal, and firm Adherence to your Majeſty, and your Government, have been Sufferers in the ſaid tumultuous and traiterous Diſorders, we do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, That you will be moſt graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an exact Account may be taken of the Loſſes and Damages which any of your Subjects have ſuſtained by reaſon of the ſaid tumultuous and rebellious Proceedings; and that the Sufferers may have full Compenſation made them for their Damages; your faithful Commons

moſt humbly aſſuring your Majeſty, That all Expences, which ſhall be incurred on that account, ſhall be made good to your Majeſty out of the next Aids that ſhall be afterwards granted by Parliament:.

And, for the Security of your Sacred Perſon, and the quieting the Minds of your faithful Subjects, we do further moſt humbly adviſe your Majeſty, That you will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Orders, That the Magiſtrates throughout the Kingdom, in their ſeveral Stations, do ſpeedily and effectually put the Laws in Execution againſt Papiſts and Nonjurors.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a Second time;

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That this Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 19° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller reported, That his Majeſty having been waited upon, humbly to know when he will pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon at Three of the Clock, at his Palace at *Saint James's*.

Ordered, That Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That the Reverend Dr. *Linford*, Prebendary of *Weſtminſter*, be deſired to preach before this Houſe at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, upon the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* next, being the Anniverſary of his Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Crown: And that Mr. *Edward Wortley* and Mr. *Gybbon* do acquaint him therewith.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the County of *Bedford*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded in the Juſtification of other Voters for him, which had been objected againſt by the Sitting-Member's Counſel:

And then they ſummed up their Evidence:

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Member were heard as to the Evidence given on the Petitioner's behalf, in the Reply.

And then the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

The Queſtion being put, That *John Harvey* Eſquire is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Bedford*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Lee*:	74.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Offley*:	132.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *John Cater* Eſquire is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid County of *Bedford*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the County of *Bedford*, by raſing out the Name of *John Harvey* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *John Cater* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Ordered, That the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom was committed, be further adjourned until To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That the Merits of the Election for the County of *Eſſex*, which were appointed to be heard before them To-morrow, be heard before the ſaid Committee upon To-morrow Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of the Committee of Secrecy, who are Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, do examine ſuch Perſons as they think fit, at the ſaid Committee, touching Matters contained in the ſeveral Books and Papers before them.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 20° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the County of *Bedford*.

An ingroſſed Bill for the ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.

Ordered, That Sir *John Cope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *John Moſtyn* Eſquire, *William Robinſon* Eſquire, *John Robinſon* Eſquire, *William Jones* Eſquire, *Maurice Lewis* Eſquire, *John Williams* Eſquire, and *John Griffith* Gentleman, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Gentlemen and Freeholders, and others, Inhabitants in the County of *Angleſea*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Great Seſſions of the County of *Angleſea*, and Shire and County Days, and Seſſions of Peace for the ſaid County, have been held and kept within the Town of *Beaumorris*, or the Liberties thereof, and not elſewhere, ever ſince the Second Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Sixth; and they are informed, that ſome Perſons have petitioned to repeal and amend the ſaid Act of Parliament, in order to remove the ſaid Seſſions to ſome other Place, as may be moſt conducive to the Eaſe and Safety of the ſaid County in general; upon which it was ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to repeal and amend the ſaid Act, made in the Second Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Sixth, intituled, An Act for keeping the Great Seſſions, and County-Courts, at the Town of *Beaumorris*, in the County of *Angleſea*: And the ſaid Great Seſſions, and County-Courts, cannot be kept, to the Eaſe and Safety of the ſaid County in general, as the Place where the ſame is now kept: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, before the ſaid Act of Parliament be repealed or amended.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned is committed, ſhall be made.

Sir

Sir *Thomas Johnſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpoole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter:* And the ſame was received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Complaint of a Breach of Privilege againſt Sir *William Courtenay*, which was appointed to be heard this Day, upon *Friday* next, in the Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker reported, That he, with the Houſe, did Yeſterday preſent their humble Addreſs to his Majeſty: And that his Majeſty was pleaſed to give his moſt gracious Anſwer; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Thank you heartily for your Addreſs, and the many Marks of Zeal and Affection which you expreſs for my Honour and Safety, and the Security of the Kingdom.

I will give immediate Directions for putting in Execution the ſeveral Matters which you ſo juſtly recommend to me: And as I am reſolved, on all Occaſions, to follow the Advice of my Parliament; ſo I have no doubt, but that, by the Bleſſing of Almighty God, and your ſeaſonable and vigorous Aſſiſtance, I ſhall ſoon be enabled effectually to ſuppreſs that Spirit of Rebellion, which is ſo induſtriouſly fomented among us, and to eſtabliſh the Peace and Proſperity of my People.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the humble Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Majeſty for his moſt gracious Anſwer to their Addreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded on the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported to this Kingdom was committed:

And the Amendments, as far as Fol. 4. L. 5. were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Amendment, made Fol. 4. L. 5. to fill the Blank with "Four Inches," being read a Second time; and an Amendment being propoſed thereunto, to leave out "Four;" the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

An Amendment being propoſed to be made, inſtead thereof, to inſert * *

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

The Houſe being informed, That the Governor of the Bank of *England* attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, acquainted the Houſe, That he was ordered by the Bank of *England* to lay before the Houſe a Propoſal for the publick Service.

And then he withdrew.

And the ſaid Propoſal was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled:

THAT the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are willing to agree, That, in caſe the ſeveral publick unappropriated Monies, which, from *Michaelmas* 1715, will yearly come into the Receipt of Exchequer, together with a Sum of about Twenty-eight thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, be added to the preſent Funds ſettled for Exchequer-Bills; and ſuch of them as are temporary being made perpetual, redeemable by Parliament; that, after Payment, or reſerving ſufficient Monies to pay the Intereſt of Two Pence *per Centum per diem* on all Exchequer-Bills, and the Premio of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, together with the ſeveral Premio's of Forty-five thouſand Pounds, and Eight thouſand Pounds, *per Annum*, for making the ſaid Bills Specie; One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* may be taken out by Quarterly Payments, and Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum* by like Quarterly Payments, for the publick Service; both to commence from *Michaelmas* 1715: And that all Overpluſes be applied for or towards making up the Sum of Two hundred and ſeventy thouſand Nine hundred Ninety-nine Pounds Seven Shillings *per Annum*, for ſinking the Bills: Provided, That, in caſe any Deficiency ſhall happen on the Bank's annual Fund of One hundred thouſand Pounds, or their Annuity of One hundred and ſix thouſand Five hundred and One Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, the ſame be made good, preferable to the ſinking any of the ſaid Bills: And in caſe the ſeveral Branches ſettled for his Majeſty's Civil Liſt, with One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds added thereto, ſhall, upon the Account to be made at the End of One Year, produce more than Seven hundred thouſand Pounds, ſuch Overplus may alſo be appropriated towards the ſaid Sum of Two hundred and ſeventy thouſand Nine hundred Ninety-nine Pounds Seven Shillings *per Annum*, for ſinking and cancelling the ſaid Bills: And that Proviſion may be made, as formerly, that the Bank ſhall continue a Corporation, with all their Privileges and Powers, till all the Exchequer-Bills are cancelled; and that other uſual and neceſſary Clauſes be inſerted in the Act which may paſs on this Occaſion.

All which is humbly ſubmitted, *&c.*

By Order of the Court of Directors,

Jo. Ince, Secretary.

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſal be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf in.. the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Then the Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment propoſed to the Amendment, made by the Committee, to the Bill for the effectual Preventing of freſh Fiſh taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom:

And the Amendment propoſed was agreed unto:

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee, were ſeverally read a Second time; and the ſame, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent-money, for what is due to him, without Amendment:

And

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual Puniſhing of the Rioters; without Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Herman Meyer*, without Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed:

And the ſame was once read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Friday* Morning next.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes* Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Four publick Bills, and the Nine private Bills, following; *viz.*

An Act to explain the Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown; and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject:

An Act for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters:

An Act for making perpetual an Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act, That the ſolemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers* ſhall be accepted, inſtead of an Oath in the uſual Form; and for explaining and enforcing the ſaid Act, in relation to the Payment of Tythes and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation to be taken by the ſaid People called *Quakers*, inſtead of the Oath of Abjuration:

An Act for continuing the Impriſonment of *Robert Blackburn*, and others, for the horrid Conſpiracy to aſſaſſinate the Perſon of his late Sacred Majeſty King *William* the Third:

An Act for ſettling the Precedency of *Robert* Marquis of *Lindſey*, Great Chamberlain of *England*, when created a Duke of *Great Britain*; and of ſuch as ſhall ſucceed to the ſaid Honour:

An Act for appointing Perſons to take care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *John Digby* Eſquire, eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of *William* Lord *Digby*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*:

An Act for veſting in the Warden and College of *All Souls*, in *Oxford*, and their Succeſſors, certain Houſes and Ground belonging to the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, in *Oxford*:

An Act to impower the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome Perſons in *Great Britain* to adminiſter to *Henry Temple* Eſquire the uſual Oaths for the due Execution of the Office of Chief Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*:

An Act to enable Truſtees to grant Leaſes of Part of the Lands deviſed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Thomas Trenchard* Eſquire, deceaſed:

An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *William Betts* Gentleman, deceaſed, for diſcharging Incumbrances thereupon; and for making good a Settlement by him made of other Part of his Eſtate:

An Act for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, out of the Equivalent-money, for what is due to him:

An Act to naturalize *Florian Goebell* Merchant:

An Act for naturalizing *Herman Meyer*.

After which, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to declare from the Throne, That he had given Directions to the Lord Chancellor to declare to both Houſes a Matter of the greateſt Importance, in his Majeſty's Name and Words: And that the Lord Chancellor did accordingly read a Speech, delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne; and of which, to prevent Miſtakes, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe; and is as follows;

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal you have ſhewn for preſerving the Peace of my Kingdoms, and your Wiſdom in providing ſo good a Law to prevent all riotous and tumultuous Proceedings, give me great Satisfaction; but I am ſorry to find, that ſuch a Spirit of Rebellion has diſcovered itſelf, as leaves no room to doubt but theſe Diſorders are ſet on foot, and encouraged, by Perſons diſaffected to my Government, in Expectation of being ſupported from abroad.

The Preſervation of our excellent Conſtitution, and the Security of our holy Religion, has been, and always ſhall be, my chief Care; and I cannot queſtion, but your Concern for theſe invaluable Bleſſings is ſo great, as not to let them be expoſed to ſuch Attempts as I have certain Advices are preparing by the Pretender from abroad, and carrying on at home by a reſtleſs Party, in his Favour.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

In theſe Circumſtances, I think it proper to aſk your Aſſiſtance; and make no doubt but ... will ſo far conſult your own Safety, as not to leave the Nation, under a Rebellion actually begun at home, and threatened with an Invaſion from abroad, in a defenceleſs Condition: And I ſhall look upon the Proviſion you ſhall make for the Safety of my People, as the beſt Mark of your Affection to me.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return the moſt humble and dutiful Thanks of this Houſe to his Majeſty, for communicating to his Parliament the Advices he has received of an Attempt preparing to be made upon the Nation from abroad, abetted and encouraged by treaſonable Practices at home, in favour of a Popiſh Pretender; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will, with their Lives and Fortunes, ſtand by, and ſupport, his Majeſty, againſt all his open and ſecret Enemies; and to deſire his Majeſty, That he will immediately give Directions for fitting out ſuch a Number of Ships, as may effectually guard the Coaſts; and to iſſue out Commiſſions for augmenting his Forces by Land; aſſuring his Majeſty, this Houſe will, without Loſs of Time, effectually enable him to raiſe and maintain ſuch a Number of Forces, both by Sea and Land, as ſhall be neceſſary for the Defence of his Sacred Perſon, and for the Security of his Kingdoms.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid Reſolution be laid before his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately take into Conſideration his Majeſty's gracious Speech this Day made to both Houſes of Parliament.

The Houſe proceeded, accordingly, to take his Majeſty's Speech into Conſideration:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And

And a Motion being made, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Comptroller reported to the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been humbly waited on, to know his Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe; his Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint immediately, at his Palace at *St. James's*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 21° *die Julii*;
Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle at *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition preſented by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and referred by the Houſe to this Committee, for ſupplying, out of ſuch a Fund as is therein mentioned, the additional yearly Sum of One hundred Twenty thouſand Pounds, during his Majeſty's Life (which God long preſerve), for the Service of his Houſhold and Family, and other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions; and a further yearly Sum of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds, to be a Fund or Security for raiſing a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred Ten thouſand Pounds, as Part of the Supply granted for publick Services, upon ſuch Terms and Conditions, and in ſuch Manner, as in the ſaid Propoſition are expreſſed; be accepted.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, for anſwering the Sum of Twenty-eight thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, or thereabouts, mentioned in the ſaid Propoſition, the Duties on Hops, which have Continuance until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1715, be further continued, and made payable to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors; ſubject nevertheleſs to Redemption by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſuch of the Duties and Revenues for raiſing the general Fund to be eſtabliſhed, purſuant to the ſaid Propoſition, as are now temporary, be made perpetual; ſubject alſo to Redemption by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That if the Revenues ſettled by the Act of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, together with the ſaid additional Revenue of One hundred Twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, ſhall produce more, in clear Money, than the yearly Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds, to be reckoned from *Michaelmas* 1715, then the Overplus of ſuch Produce be made Part of the general Fund to be eſtabliſhed, as aforeſaid; and be appropriated, iſſued, and applied, accordingly, until all the Exchequer-Bills ſhall be paid off, or the ſaid general Fund ſhall be redeemed by Parliament; and that afterwards ſuch Overplus, exceeding Seven hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, be not iſſued, granted, diſpoſed, or applied to any Uſe or Purpoſe, or upon any Pretext whatſoever, without Authority of Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That any Sum, not exceeding Seventy-ſeven thouſand Six hundred Ninety-four Pounds One Shilling Seven Pence, of publick unappropriated Monies, which came into the Exchequer before the Twelfth of *June* 1714, be applied towards defraying his Majeſty's extraordinary Expences relating to the Civil Government, between the time of his Acceſſion to the Throne, and *Michaelmas* 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Sum of Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Uſes, be raiſed by ſettling a perpetual Annuity, after the Rate of Six *per Centum per Annum*, to be redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the Sum of One hundred Eighty thouſand Pounds, which was borrowed on the former Act for laying the Duty on Hops, and the Intereſt thereof, as is deficient, and remaining unpaid, be ſatisfied out of the Sum of Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, to be raiſed as aforeſaid.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors: And the ſame was received, and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That all further Hearings of the Merits of controverted Elections at the Bar of this Houſe, during this Seſſion of Parliament, be diſcharged;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Peytoe:*	96.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Chetwynd:*	175.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty with their Reſolution: And that thereupon his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this gracious Anſwer;

Gentlemen,

I Thank you heartily for this Addreſs. The Zeal and Vigour, which you ſhew upon this Occaſion, will, I truſt in God, enable me to defeat the evil Deſigns of our Enemies. I will immediately give Directions for ſuch an Increaſe of our Forces by Sea and Land, as I ſhall judge neceſſary for your Security; and will order Eſtimates of the Charge thereof to be laid before you.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Thirty-firſt Year of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring the Liberty of the Subject; and for Prevention of Impriſonment beyond the Seas; and alſo, an Act of Parliament of *Scotland*, of the Thirty-firſt of *January* 1701, intituled, An Act for preventing wrongous Impriſonment; and againſt undue Delays in Tryals; be read;

The ſame were read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his

Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government.

Mr. Sollicitor-General, accordingly, preſented to the Houſe a Bill to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion made Yeſterday, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, That the Committee had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman, of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other Means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

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The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writs of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; was, according to Order, read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 4. L. 41. After "Confeſſion," to inſert "or ſuch "Perſons:"

L. 42. After "convicted," to inſert "ſuch "Diſcoverer:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the more effectual preventing the Abuſes of Sheriffs, and other Returning-Officers, in not returning the Writ of Summons in due time; and for preventing Bribery and Corruptions in the Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. Sollicitor-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 22° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman, of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other Means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Edward Jeffreyes* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That the Account of the Woollen Manufactures, *&c.* exported from *Scotland* from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, is referred.

Ordered, That the annual Account of the Produce of the Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, for Wine and Brandy, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms, *&c.* in *Scotland*, ſince the Commencement of the Union, to *Chriſtmas* 1714, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe on Salt in *Scotland*, from *Chriſtmas* 1708 to *Chriſtmas* 1714, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Exciſe in *Scotland*, for Seven Years, from the Firſt of *May* 1707 to the Firſt of *May* 1714; and the Account of the Appropriations and Payments thereout, *&c.*; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

The Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful: And that the Lord *Coningſby* and Colonel *Bladen* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to naturalize *Robert de Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon

and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Pulteney*, by his Majeſty's Command, preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge of Three thouſand Dragoons, and Four thouſand Foot, *per Annum*; and of Levy-money of the ſame:

And the ſaid Eſtimate was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the Charge of Three thouſand Dragoons, and Four thouſand Foot, *per Annum*; and of Levy-money for the ſame; *viz.*

	Charge *per Annum*.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The Charge of Three thouſand Dragoons *per Annum*, according to the Eſtabliſhment, amounts to	145,236	10	10
The Charge of Four thouſand Foot, according to the Eſtabliſhments, amounts to, *per Annum*	81,601	16	8
Charge *per Annum* — £.	226,838	7	6
Charge of Levy-money for the ſaid 3,000 Dragoons, and 4,000 Foot, according to the uſual Allowances — — — — — — — — — — —	38,916	0	0
Total Charge — £.	265,754	7	6

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Sollicitor-General took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be now received.

Mr. Sollicitor-General, accordingly, reported the ſaid Amendments; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one .... were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the hearing the Merits of the Election for the Burghs of *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, *Aberbrothwick*, and *Bervy*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Burghs, was read:

And the Petitioner's Counſel examined a Witneſs, to prove Corruption in the electing Commiſſioners for the Burghs of *Brichan* and *Montroſe*:

And the Minutes taken at the *Sederunt* for the ſaid Election, relating to the Commiſſioner for the Burgh of *Brichan*, were read:

And the Sitting-Member's Counſel were heard thereunto; and they inſiſted, That the Commiſſioner for *Bervy*, who voted for the Petitioner, was procured to be elected by Bribery:

And the Minutes relating thereunto were read.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

The Queſtion being put, That *James Erſkine* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burghs of *Aberbrothwick*, *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, and *Inverbervy*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *John Middleton* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burghs of *Aberbrothwick*, *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, and *Inverbervy*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Burghs of *Aberbrothwick*, *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, and *Inverbervy*, by raſing out the Name of *James Erſkine* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *John Middleton* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed, be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 23° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Ward*, Sir *John Trevillian*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Dr. *Paſke*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *Thomas Wheate*, Mr. *Wilmer*, Sir *Hen. Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Coxe*, Mr. *Clarke*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Crecie*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Peter Mews*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir

Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Rich. Steel*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Rich. Onſlow*, Mr. *Feilding*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Newport*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Cocks*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Eden*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Strangways*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Mr. *Anſtis*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Robert Gordon*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Pawlett*, Mr. *Freeman:* And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Burghs of *Aberbrothwick*, *Aberdeen*, *Montroſe*, *Brichan*, and *Inverbervy*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That *Francis Drew* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That Sir *Geffery Palmer* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Samuel Bracebridge* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *John Hedworth* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Mr. *Dawney* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington* by *George* Earl of *Cardigan* to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Pulteney*, by his Majeſty's Command, preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge of Four Companies *per Annum*, to complete the *Coldſtreame* Regiment of Foot-Guards to Two Battalions; and for Levy-money for the ſame:

And the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the Charge of Four Companies *per Annum*, to complete the *Coldſtream* Regiment of Foot-Guards to Two Battalions; and Levy-money for the ſame; *viz.*

	Charge. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
The Charge of Four Companies of Foot-Guards, conſiſting in the Whole of One hundred and Ninety-ſix Men, Officers included, amounts unto, *per Annum* — — — — — — —	5,146	10	0
For Levy-money for the ſaid Four Companies — — — — — — — —	312	0	0
Total Charge — — £.	5,458	10	0

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Committee, who are to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable his Majeſty to grant a Commiſſion to adminiſter the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Abjuration, to all Officers, common Seamen, and Soldiers.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill: And that they had Notice, That there was a Meſſage from the Lords: And that he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, immediately after the Meſſage received, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the publick Bill following; *viz.*

An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon or Government.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* have Leave to make a Motion, it being after Three of the Clock.

And he moved accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, the Lord *William Powlet*, and Sir *David Dalrymple*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 25° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Drew* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee: And that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington*, by *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dawney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drew* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Complaint of a Breach of Privilege againſt Sir *William Courteney*, a Member of this Houſe, be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

A Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe of the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Lord *Harvey*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Carter*, Lord *Carbury*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Benſon*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Drake*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Colonel *Douglas*, Sir *Edward Northey*, Mr. *Bromley*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Drew*, Sir *Richard Farrington*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Lancaſter*, *Cheſter*, *Weſtmorland*, and *Cumberland*.

A Petition of Captain *John Campbell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That he having ſerved as Captain in the late Duke of *Argyle*'s Regiment, during the late War, from the time of the late happy Revolution till that Regiment was diſbanded at the Peace of *Reſwick*; after which, he commanded the Twelve Companies that went to *Darien*; One of which he raiſed at his own proper Charges, and ſerved as Captain in the ſaid Colony for Two Years; and was all that time at very great Expences, both in raiſing the ſaid Company, and maintaining himſelf: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*, in the Name and Behalf of them, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred ſixty-five thouſand Seven hundred Fifty-four Pounds Seven Shillings Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty for the Pay of Three thouſand Dragoons, and Four thouſand Foot, Commiſſion-Officers and Non-Commiſſion Officers included, for One Year; and for the Charge of Levy-money for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Five thouſand Four hundred Fifty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings, be granted to his Majeſty for the Charge of Four Companies, to complete the *Coldſtream* Regiment of Foot-Guards to Two Battalions, for One Year; and for Levy-money for the ſame.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for rendering more effectual the Proviſion made in an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Support of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, for ſeizing and ſecuring the Perſon of the Pretender, by providing, That the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds ſhall be paid to any Perſon or Perſons, being Natives or Foreigners, who ſhall ſeize or ſecure, alive or dead, the Perſon of the Pretender, whenever he ſhall land, or attempt to land, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or any other his Majeſty's Dominions.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller have Leave to make a Motion, it being after Two of the Clock.

And he moved accordingly.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do write circular Letters to the Sheriffs and Stewards of the ſeveral Counties of *Great Britain*, requiring the Attendance of the Members of the Houſe on this Day Fortnight, the Eighth of *Auguſt* next: And that this Houſe, notwithſtanding any Leave to be abſent, will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Members, whoſe Excuſes ſhall not be allowed of, as ſhall not then attend the Service of the Houſe.

The ſaid circular Letters are as follow; *viz.*

From the Houſe of Commons.

Sir,

THE Houſe of Commons having taken Notice of the Abſence of ſeveral of their Members, I am commanded to acquaint you with it, that you may give immediate Summons to the Repreſentatives of your County, and Boroughs in the ſame, That they do attend their Service in Parliament on *Thurſday* the Eighth Day of *Auguſt* next, notwithſtanding any Order for Leave to be abſent; the Houſe of Commons intending to proceed with all Severity againſt all ſuch of their Members as ſhall then neglect their Attendance, and whoſe Excuſes ſhall not be allowed: And you are to give an Account of the Receipt of this, and what you have done thereupon, to,

Sir,

Your humble Servant.

From the Houſe of Commons.

Gentlemen,

THE Houſe of Commons having taken Notice of the Abſence of ſeveral of their Members, I am commanded to give immediate Summons to all that are abſent, That they do attend their Service in Parliament on the Day of next: You are therefore deſired forthwith to ſend the incloſed Letters, as they are directed: And you are to give an Account of the Receipt of this, and what you have done thereupon, to

Your humble Servant.

To Sir *James Stuart* junior, and *Thomas Kennedy* Eſquire, or either of them, his Majeſty's Sollicitors at *Edinburgh*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 26° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Robert de Vlieger, and others, took the Oaths appointed, in order to their Naturalization.

A Petition of *William Pellat*, *Richard Shelley*, and *Richard Payne*, Eſquires, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they being ſeiſed of the Ground-rent, and Reverſion in Fee, of *Sab*'s Key, and of a Meſſuage and Warehouſes in or near *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*; which ſaid Premiſes, or the greateſt Part thereof, were burnt down, and demoliſhed, by the Fire which lately happened in *Thames-ſtreet* aforeſaid; and a Bill being brought into this Honourable Houſe, for erecting a Court of Judicature, to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, and demoliſhed, in *Thames-ſtreet* aforeſaid; which, they are adviſed, will be prejudicial to their Intereſts: And praying to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for erecting a Court of Judicature, to determine Differences touching Houſes and Buildings burnt down, demoliſhed, or defaced, in or near *Thames-ſtreet*, in the City of *London*, is committed; and the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, if they think fit, before the Committee, thereupon.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe A; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A being read a Second time, That the Penalty of Forty Shillings, mentioned in the Act, of the Eighth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act to regulate the Price and Aſſize of Bread, to be inflicted for want of Weight of Bread, according to the ſaid Act, ſhall be reduced to the Rate of Five Shillings *per* Ounce; and ſo proportionably for any greater or leſſer Weight; ſuch Bread being weighed within Four-and-twenty Hours after the ſame ſhall be baked;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Clauſe;

Ordered, That the Debate, and further Conſideration of the ſaid Report, be adjourned.

A Petition of *Aaron Auſtell*, of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That,

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in the Year 1711, he did enter 326,319 *L.* of *Virginia* Tobacco at the Cuſtom-houſe, *London*, and paid and ſecured the full Cuſtoms for the ſame; the greateſt Part of which he afterwards exported; but the Remainder was unfortunately deſtroyed by a ſudden and dreadful Fire, 1712; ſo could not have any Benefit by Sale, or Drawbacks upon Exportation: And he, and his Sureties, being liable to the Cuſtoms of the ſaid Tobacco, he did repreſent his Caſe to the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury; which their Lordſhips did refer to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, who have certified the ſame to be as above ſet forth; but their Lordſhips, as the Law now ſtands, could not give him any Relief therein; and the granting Debentures for the Tobacco ſo burnt is no more Detriment to his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, than if they had been ſhipped off to foreign Markets, by which he would have been intitled to Debentures for ſuch Allowance as the Law directs; but, by this Calamity, he is totally deprived of that Benefit: And praying to be relieved therein.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame to the Houſe;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr. *Carter*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; the Amendments they had made to the Bill; and which they directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhould not extend to the Office of the Lord Great Chamberlain of *England*, he ſubſtituting and appointing his ſufficient Deputy, who ſhall have taken the Oaths in the Act:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, relating to the Diſſenters in *Ireland*:

And the ſame was twice read; and, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to allow full Pay to ſuch Half-Pay Officers as are not otherwiſe provided for: And that his Majeſty will give Orders to the ſaid Officers, to hold themſelves in Readineſs to be employed in ſuch manner as his Majeſty ſhall think fit: And to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will ſupply ſuch extraordinary Expence as his Majeſty ſhall be at on this Account, out of the next Aids to be afterwards granted by Parliament.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* have Leave to make a Motion, it being after Three of the Clock.

And he moved accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring .. a Bill for the enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion: And that Mr. *Pulteney* and General *Cadogan* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Godfrey*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Liverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, is committed.

And then ... Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 27° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of many of the Baymakers in the Borough of *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, on behalf of themſelves, and all other Baymakers of the ſaid Town, together with their Sons and Apprentices, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Petition of the Bay and Say-Weavers of the ſaid Town was preſented to this Honourable Houſe; ſetting forth the Decay of the Weaving-Trade, and many Perſons employing more Apprentices than by Law they ought, and divers unlawful Helps, who never ſerved an Apprenticeſhip of Seven Years to the Trade, or have any Right thereto: And praying, That a Clauſe might be added to a Bill, to enable the ſaid Weavers to chooſe Wardens, and puniſh ſuch unlawful Helps; and that ſuch of them as belonged to the Corporation, and had a Branch in the Woollen Manufacture, might have Liberty to make *Colcheſter* Bays, to be halled, and ſealed, at the *Dutch* Bay-Hall, without Interruption: And the Petitioners apprehend, that ſuch a Clauſe will tend to the Deſtruction of the Trade in general; there having been, for many Years paſt, more Bays made than the Markets would carry off; and will be to the great Damage of them, their Sons, and Apprentices, duly bound for Seven Years to the ſaid Trade of Baymaking; and who, they conceive, have the only Right to the Trade of making Bays, to be halled, and ſealed, at the ſaid *Dutch* Bay-Hall: And praying, That no ſuch Clauſe may be granted; and that they may be heard, by Counſel, to make good the Allegations of their Petition.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Petition of the Bay and Say-Weavers in *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, is referred: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wrightſon* do carry the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts, to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to explain an Act, paſſed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of King *William*, intituled, An Act to enable the Town of *Liverpole*,

pole, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, to build a Church, and endow the ſame; and for making the ſaid Town, and Liberties thereof, a Pariſh of itſelf, diſtinct from *Walton*; touching the Manner of electing the Rectors of the ſaid new Church, and Parochial Chapel; and for ſettling a Sum in proportion to the yearly Value of Garden-ground within the ſaid Pariſh, to be paid in lieu of the Tythes of ſuch Garden-ground.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better preventing freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill: Pr. 2. L. 40. To leave out "*March*," and inſert "*September*:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

And an Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better preventing freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom; and for the Preſervation of the Fry of Fiſh; and for the giving Leave to import Lobſters and Turbets in foreign Bottoms; and for the better Preſervation of Salmon within ſeveral Rivers in this Kingdom.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gybbon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newberry*, in the County of *Berks*, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time, as far as Clauſe D: And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with ſome Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe D being read a Second time, That if the River ſhall, by means of new Cuts, or any otherwiſe, be leſſened, or diverted from any Waters-Meadows, whereby the Occupiers of them ſhall be damnified, Satisfaction ſhall be made to the Occupiers of Water-Meadows, out of the Riverage, or any other Securities given by the Undertakers;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, on behalf of Mr. *Clarges*:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Comptroller reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of Yeſterday, relating to the Half-Pay Officers, had been preſented to his Majeſty: And that his Majeſty received the ſame very graciouſly; and was pleaſed to ſay, That he looked upon this Addreſs as a freſh Inſtance of the Duty and Affection of this Houſe, and of their Zeal for the Security and Preſervation of his People and Government.

Colonel *Bladen* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time:

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe touching the Second Reading thereof;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Debate be adjourned;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Henry Banbury*, Mr. *Bathurſt*: } 71.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Maynard*: } 157.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a Second time upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, be taken into Conſideration Tomorrow Morning.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Complaint, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, and others, have entered upon the Poſſeſſion of Sir *William Courteney* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe; and the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Complaint, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, and others, have entered upon the Poſſeſſions of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe;

The Committee have examined the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

Mr. *John Aſh* ſaid, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, and others, having, at ſeveral times in *March* and *April* laſt, diſturbed Sir *William Courtenay*'s Poſſeſſion, by entering with Force upon his Eſtate called *Gurteenlinagh* and *Ballyneo*, in the County of *Limerick*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and driving off his Tenants Cattle; the Witneſs, upon the 9th of *May* laſt, gave them Notice of Sir *William*'s Privilege, as a Member of this Houſe; and that he inſiſted thereon, for quieting his ſaid Poſſeſſion: After which Notice, upon the 16th of the ſame *May*, they came with Piſtols, and other Arms, and again forcibly entered upon the ſaid Eſtate, and drove away the Tenants Cattle; and they have ſince dug the Ground, and cut down Half an Acre of Coppice-wood: And that the Perſons, who thus entered upon the ſaid Eſtate, and committed Spoils there, as aforeſaid, are, Mr. *Thomas Green*, *John Gilbourn*, *Edmund Gilbourn*, *Thomas Sulivan*, *James Fitz-Gerrald*, *John Conor*, *John Condon*, *Tiego Cronen*, and *John Hadderman*.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, *John Gilbourn*, *Edmund Gilbourn*, *Thomas Sulivan*, *James Fitz-Gerrald*, *John Conor*, *John Condon*, *Teigo Cronen*, and *John Hadderman*, having, at ſeveral times in *March*, *April*, and *May*, laſt, entered upon the Poſſeſſions of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe, in the County of *Limerick*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and driven out his Tenants Cattle, cut down Wood, and done other Spoils to the ſaid Eſtate, are guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe;

Ordered, That Mr. *Thomas Green*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Gilbourn*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Edmund Gilbourn*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Thomas Sulivan*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *James Fitz-Gerrald*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Conor*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant . . Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Condon*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Tiego Cronen*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Hadderman*, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; for the better Preventing of Mutiny and Deſertion: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 28° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill; That the Oath of Abjuration, by the Act appointed to be taken in *England*, ſhall be . . . Oath of Abjuration to be taken in *Ireland*, and no other:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill; That, in caſe any Perſon ſhall be killed in ſeizing or ſecuring, alive or dead, the Perſon of the Pretender, then their Executors or Adminiſtrators ſhall receive the ſame Share of 100,000 *l.* as their Teſtators or Inteſtates would have been intitled unto, had they been living:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And ſeveral other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carter* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded to the Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitions, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return, were read:

And the Petitioner's Counſel were heard, as to the Right of Election:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel were likewiſe heard to the ſame Point; and examined ſeveral Witneſſes thereunto.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

And a Motion being made, That the Right of Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, is in the Inhabitants within the ſaid Borough, being Pot-wallers, and not receiving Alms, or Charity;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Queſtion, by leaving out "or Charity:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words "or Charity" do ſtand Part of the Queſtion;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And then the Queſtion being put;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And then they were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

And then . . . Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 29° *die Julii*;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Craggs*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; was committed; the Amendments they had made thereunto; which they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Truſtees for ſettling the poor *Palatines* in *Ireland* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they were conſtituted Truſtees for ſettling ſeveral Families of poor *Palatines* in *Ireland*; and there are ſettled Two hundred and Thirteen Families, who induſtriouſly follow their ſeveral Occupations, eſpecially in propagating Hemp; and are well ſettled on ſeveral Gentlemens Eſtates; and have Freeholds; but, being Strangers, they were ignorant of their being obliged to take the Oaths preſcribed by the Act for Naturalization; and, the Act being repealed before they could be ſettled on their Freeholds, they are not capable of enjoying them; but have ſince taken the Oaths, though the Time preſcribed by the Act was elapſed: And praying, That a Time may be allowed them to take the Oaths.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the Petition: And that the Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, and Mr. *Strickland*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for inlarging the Fund for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *James Bateman*, Sub-Governor of the *South-Sea* Company, preſented to the Houſe a Propoſal from the General Court of the *South-Sea* Company for raiſing the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings Eight Pence, for the Service of the Publick: And the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

> The Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas*, and other Parts of *America*; and for encouraging the Fiſhery; having under their Conſideration how they may be moſt ſerviceable to his Majeſty, and Government, in this Juncture, do propoſe to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, in Parliament aſſembled, towards raiſing the Supply for the Service of the Publick, by inlarging the capital Stock of the ſaid Company;
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> 1. THat the ſaid Company do conſent, That their Stock be inlarged to Ten Millions, by adding *L.* 822,032 4 *s.* 8 *d.* to the preſent Stock, by an Act, of this Seſſion; for which an Annuity, after the Rate of Six *per Cent.* be allowed from 24 *June* 1715, over and above the preſent *L.* 8,000 *per Annum*, for Management.
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> 2. That this additional Stock be veſted in ſome Perſons, for the Purpoſes hereafter-mentioned; and be written in the Book of the ſaid Company accordingly; *viz.*
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> 3. That *L.* 558,678 1 4 being the Year's Intereſt for *L.* 9,177,967 15 4 the Company's preſent Stock, from *Chriſtmas* 1714 to *Chriſtmas* 1715; and *L.* 24,660 19 4 the Intereſt of the *L.* 822,032 4 8 new Stock, from *Midſummer* laſt to *Chriſtmas* next; making together *L.* 583,339 0 8; be, upon paſſing the ſaid Act, immediately aſſigned, by the Perſons in whom it ſhall be veſted, to the Caſhier of the Company, or whom the Court of Directors may appoint to accept the ſame, that due Diſcharge may be given for it.
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> 4. That *L.* 238,693 4 0 in Stock, the Remainder of the ſaid *L.* 822,032 4 8 additional Stock, be for the publick Service, as ſhall be directed.
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> 5. That, from and after 25 *December* 1715, there be as is now provided, till 25 *December* 1716, annually, within Twenty Days after the 25 *December* an Eſtimate made of what the Funds, applicable to pay the Company their Annuity, will amount to, by a Medium of the Three preceding Years; and what the ſame ſhall fall ſhort of *L.* 608,000 ſhall be provided for by Parliament; and the Deficiency, at the End of every Quarter of each ſucceeding Year, ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer of the Navy, out of the Money then in, or firſt coming to, his Hands.
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> 6. That, after 25 *December* 1716, what the Funds ſhall produce ſhort of the ſaid *L.* 608,000 in each Year, ending the 25 *December*, which, the Company are apprehenſive, will be conſiderable, ſhall be provided for by Parliament; and made good by the Treaſurer of the Navy, out of the Money then in, or firſt coming to, his Hands.
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> 7. That the Clauſes for making good the ſaid Deficiencies by the Treaſurer of the Navy be effectual, to the Satisfaction of the Company; and that thereby the Treaſurer of the Navy be obliged to pay every Deficiency, as the ſame ſhall happen, whether the ſame be provided for by Parliament, or not; and that, in Default of Money in his Hands, he be authorized and obliged to diſpoſe of ſo much of any Parliamentary Securities, which ſhall be in, or firſt come to, his Hands, as will be ſufficient to enable him to diſcharge the Deficiency due to the Company, and pay them the ſame in Money, without any Deduction from the Company.
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> 8. That as for ſuch Money as has been, or, on or before the 25 *December* 1715, ſhall be, paid into the Exchequer out of the Duties on Salt, above what may be ſufficient to pay the Intereſt of unſubſcribed Tallies 1710, and alſo out of the Duties on Candles, *&c.* Apprentices, which are at preſent applicable to the Payment of the Company's Annuity, the ſame to be received by the Company weekly, out of the Exchequer; and be deducted out of the Quarter's Annuity, which ſhall be due to the Company from the 25 *December* 1715 to the 25 *March* 1716.
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> By Order of the General Court,
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> 29 *July* 1715. *Ja. Bateman*, Sub-Governor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſal be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

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An ingroſſed Bill for the enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters, for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion, by enforcing, and making more effectual, An Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Mountgomery*, Colonel *Churchill*, Mr. *Midleton*, Mr. *Steuart*, Doctor *Oliphant*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Fordſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter* . . . . .

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 30° die Julii;

Anno 1° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That *Henry* Lord Viſcount *Downe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, his Son being very ill, and upon other extraordinary Occaſions.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas*, and other Parts of *America*; wherein they offer, That *L.* 822,032 4 8 may be added to their capital Stock, for the publick Service, upon the Terms and Conditions therein mentioned; be accepted.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, and *William Hunt*, be relieved, as to the Cuſtoms by them paid, and ſecured, for 227 Hogſheads of Tobacco deſtroyed by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *William Parrott*, and others, who ſuffered the Loſs of ſeveral Quantities of Sugar, and other enumerated Commodities, in the ſaid Fire; the Cuſtoms whereof, as is alleged, amount to the Sum of *L.* 2,901 17 10½; be relieved.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *John Lambert* Baronet, *Samuel Sheppheard* Eſquire, and the Executors of *John James David* Merchant, be relieved, in reſpect of the Duties paid, or ſecured, the Half-Subſidies excepted, for Sixty-nine Hogſheads and Fifteen Teirces of Claret taken by the *French*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Propoſition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas*, and other Parts of *America*; wherein they offer, That *L.* 822,032 4 8 may be added to their capital Stock, for the publick Service, upon the Terms and Conditions therein mentioned; be accepted.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by inſerting, after "ſecured," theſe Words, "the Half-"Subſidy excepted:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, and *William Hunt*, be relieved, as to the Cuſtoms by them paid, and ſecured, the Half-Subſidy excepted, for 227 Hogſheads of Tobacco deſtroyed by the late dreadful Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, "except "as to the Half-Subſidies:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That *William Parrott*, and others, who ſuffered the Loſs of ſeveral Quantities of Sugar, and other enumerated Commodities, in the ſaid Fire; the Cuſtoms whereof, as is alleged, amount to the Sum of *L.* 2,901 17 10½; be relieved, except as to the Half-Subſidies.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That Sir *John Lambert* Baronet, *Samuel Shepheard* Eſquire, and the Executors of *John James David* Merchant, be relieved, in reſpect of the Duties paid, or ſecured, the Half-Subſidies excepted, for Sixty-nine Hogſheads and Fifteen Teirces of Claret taken by the *French*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions agreed unto by the Houſe: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Colemore*, and Mr. *Lowther*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill or Bills.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovebond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Bill for inlarging the Fund for the Governor and

Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Sir *John Conway* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Godfrey Clarke* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions;

It paſſed in the Negative.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords deſire this Houſe will give Leave, That *Thomas Vernon*, of *Twickenham-Park*, Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, may come to the Lords Committees for Privileges, to whom the Complaint of a Breach of the Earl of *Abingdon*'s Privilege is referred, in order to be examined by the ſaid Committee, touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That *Thomas Vernon* Eſquire have Leave to attend the Lords at their Committee of Privileges, if he thinks fit.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Committee of Secrecy, That they had directed him to exhibit further Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanours againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

FURTHER Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanours againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Article I.

That whereas, in or about the Month of *January* in the Year $171\frac{0}{1}$, a dangerous and deſtructive Expedition had been ſet on foot, and projected, under a Pretence of making a Conqueſt on the Poſſeſſions of the *French* King in *North America*; but with a real Deſign to promote his Intereſts, by weakening the Confederate Army in *Flanders*, and diſſipating the naval Force of this Kingdom; as well as for the ſake of the private Intereſts, and corrupt Gain, of the Promoters of the ſaid Expedition; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being then One of her late Majeſty's Privy-Council, and One of the Commiſſioners of her Majeſty's Treaſury, was not only wanting in his Duty to her late Majeſty, by wilfully and induſtriouſly abſenting from the Meetings of other Perſons then in high Truſt under her Majeſty, wherein the ſaid Expedition was concerted; and by not adviſing her Majeſty againſt, and doing what in him lay to have prevented, the putting the ſame in Execution; but did, contrary to his Oath, and the high Truſt then repoſed in him, adviſe her Majeſty to conſent to the making an Expedition for the conquering *Canada*, and the City of *Quebeck*, on the River of *St. Lawrence*, in *North America*: And, in Execution of his ſaid evil Counſels, he did further adviſe her Majeſty to give Orders for detaching ſeveral Battalions of the Forces then in the Service of her Majeſty, in Conjunction with her Allies, in *Flanders*, and to ſend the ſame, with a large Squadron of Men of War, on the ſaid Enterprize; although the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* well knew, that the ſaid Project, or Expedition, having been frequently deliberated on, and maturely conſidered, a ſhort time before, in a Committee of Council, was then laid aſide, as dangerous and impracticable: And a Demand being made at the Treaſury, on or about the Months of *May* or *June* 1711, for the Sum of *L.* 28,000 or thereabouts, on Pretence of Arms and Merchandize ſaid to be ſent on the ſaid Expedition to *Canada*, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, though he well knew, or had Reaſon to ſuſpect, that the ſame was an unjuſt and exorbitant Demand, and a great Abuſe on her Majeſty, and the Publick, and ſuch as ought not to have been complied with, was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, in not giving his humble Advice againſt the ſaid Demand, or, at leaſt, in not repreſenting to her the Grounds of ſuch his Suſpicion; but did, contrary to his Oath, and his Duty, adviſe her Majeſty, That the ſaid Sum ſhould be iſſued and paid; and did accordingly counterſign a Warrant to the Paymaſter of her Majeſty's Forces for the Payment of the ſame; purſuant to which, the ſame was iſſued, and received:

And, in further Violation of his Oath, his Duty and Truſt, and with the moſt corrupt Deſign to prevent the Juſtice due to her Majeſty, and the Nation, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and exerciſing a moſt unexampled arbitrary Power, not only in her Majeſty's private Councils, but extending his evil Influences to the great Council of the Nation, after the ſaid Expedition had proved unſucceſsful, and it had been diſcovered to him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, that the Nation had been cheated of above Twenty thouſand Pounds on that Account, did, moſt ungratefully and corruptly, employ his wicked Arts, and the Credit which he had gained by his many falſe and crafty Inſinuations and Practices, to keep the Houſe of Commons from examining that Affair:

And, in or about the Month of *Auguſt* 1714, in a Letter, or Memorial, under his own Hand, to her late Majeſty, he did preſume not only to inſinuate the ill Opinion he therein pretended always to have had of the ſaid Expedition; but did declare the Suſpicions he had of the great Injury and Abuſe done to her Majeſty, and the Publick, in the Demand of the ſaid *L.* 28,000 even at the time when the ſame was made; and that the Publick had been cheated of above *L.* 20,000 on that Account: And, in the ſaid Memorial, did preſume further to declare to her Majeſty, That he was forced to uſe all his Skill and Credit to keep the Houſe of Commons from examining that Affair the laſt Parliament; thereby vainly, but moſt wickedly, recommending himſelf to the Continuance of her Majeſty's Favour, by the Succeſs of his moſt profligate Meaſures:

By all which unparallelled Corruptions, and moſt dangerous Counſels and Practices of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, the good and faithful Allies of her Majeſty were deprived of the Aid of her Majeſty's Troops, to which they were intitled by their Conventions; and the Confederate Army in *Flanders* was greatly diminiſhed, to the apparent Advantage of the common Enemy; the publick Money, granted by Parliament for reducing the Power of *France*, and which was expreſly appropriated for other ſpecial Services, was arbitrarily and illegally miſapplied and embezzled, and an heavy Debt incurred on the Nation, not only fitting the Parliament, but

but even in Contempt and Defiance of a Repreſentation made by the Houſe of Commons to the Throne, even whilſt the ſaid Expedition was concerting; and whereby the higheſt Injuſtice was done, in ſuppreſſing an Inquiry ſo juſt to her Majeſty, and her People, and a laſting Reproach and Scandal brought on that Houſe of Commons, of which he boaſts, as having been wrought on, by his corrupt Influence, not to examine into ſo high, and ſo ſcandalous, an Abuſe.

Article II.

That the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, not contented with the high Employments, and Places of Honour and Profit, beſtowed on him by her late Majeſty, nor with the large and exceſſive Gains by him made by the Incomes and Profits of the ſaid Emp'oyments, on or about the Month of *October* 1711, whilſt the Nation was engaged in a moſt expenſive War againſt *France* and *Spain*, for preſerving the Liberties of *Europe*, and greatly exhauſted with the Supplies and Taxes for carrying on the ſame, and was under ſuch heavy Debts as were impoſſible to be ſatisfied without the utmoſt Frugality, or laying grievous Taxes on the Commons of *Great Britain*; contrary to his Oath, and his high Truſt, and making a moſt diſhonourable and ungrateful Uſe of the ready Acceſs he had to her late Majeſty, did prevail on, and adviſe, her Majeſty to ſign a Warrant to himſelf, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, for the Iſſuing and Payment of the Sum of 13,000 *l.* to *John Drummond* Eſquire, or his Aſſigns, for ſuch ſpecial Services relating to the War, as her Majeſty had directed: And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, on or about the 24th of *November* following, in purſuance of the ſaid Warrant under her Majeſty's Sign Manual, did ſign a Warrant for the Payment of the ſaid 13,000 *l.* for ſuch ſpecial Services of the War, as her Majeſty had directed; although no ſpecial Services had been, or were at any time afterwards, directed by her Majeſty, to which the ſaid Monies were to be applied:

And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* having privately deſired Leave of the ſaid *Drummond* to ſtrike ſome Tin Tallies in his the ſaid *Drummond*'s Name, he did, purſuant thereto, direct, That Orders, amounting to the Sum of 13,000 *l.* ſhould be charged in the Regiſter of the Exchequer, on the Monies ariſing by Sale of Tin, in the Name of the ſaid *John Drummond*; and though the ſame were accordingly ſtruck in the Name of the ſaid *Drummond*, in or about the Month of *November* 1711, they were not delivered out to the ſaid *Drummond*; but were kept in the Treaſury-Chamber, or elſewhere, in the Power or Cuſtody of the ſaid Earl, till about the End of *January* following, when the ſaid *Drummond* having Occaſion, as the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* well knew, to go into *Holland*, at the Deſire and Requeſt of the ſaid Earl, he indorſed his Name on the ſaid Orders; and the ſame were left, by his Privity, Direction, or Conſent, in the Hands of Mr. *John Taylour*, a Clerk of the Treaſury: And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having afterwards got Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Orders, did, in or about the Month of *June* 1712, ſend an Order, in Writing, to the ſaid Mr. *Taylour*, to deliver the ſaid Tallies to a Servant of the ſaid Earl; which was done accordingly; the ſaid Indorſement not being at that time filled up.

And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having, by theſe corrupt and ſcandalous Methods, got the ſaid Tallies and Orders into his own Hands, did afterwards fill up Aſſignments of the ſaid Orders for 12,000 *l.* Part of the ſaid 13,000 *l.* to himſelf, and the remaining Part to ſuch other Perſons as he thought fit; and did afterwards, in or about the Months of *Auguſt*, *October*, and *November*, 1713, at ſeveral times, diſpoſe of the ſaid Orders and Tallies to his own private Uſe and Advantage: And, to cover the ſaid ſcandalous Embezzlements, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did afterwards, as he pretends, adviſe, and prevail on, her Majeſty, on or about the 14th of *December* 1713, to ſign a Warrant prepared by himſelf; wherein, after the Recitals of his own good, faithful, and acceptable, Services, which had tended to the Quiet, Safety, and Proſperity, of her Majeſty, and her Realms, though accompanied with great Difficulties on himſelf, and Hazards to him, and his Family; and that her Majeſty was reſolved to beſtow upon him a Sum of ready Money; but the ſaid Earl repreſenting to her Majeſty, That the Arrears then due to her Servants and Tradeſmen were very great and preſſing, her Majeſty did therefore agree and determine, that he ſhould have to his own Uſe the ſaid ſeveral Sums, amounting to 13,000 *l.* compriſed in the Orders aforeſaid; it was directed, That the ſaid *John Drummond* ſhould aſſign the ſaid Orders, and the whole Right and Benefit thereof, to the ſaid Earl, and his Aſſigns; although the ſaid Earl had privately and clandeſtinely procured from the ſaid *Drummond* an Aſſignment of the ſaid Orders near Two Years before the ſaid Warrant, and had fraudulently and corruptly diſpoſed and converted them to his own Uſe, without her Majeſty's Privity or Conſent, ſome time before her Majeſty was prevailed on to ſign the ſaid Warrant.

And though the laſt-mentioned Warrant, if any ſuch there be, was not communicated to the ſaid *Drummond* by the ſaid Earl during her Majeſty's Life; nor was the ſame counterſigned, nor entered in the Treaſury; yet he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, even after his ſaid Corruption had been diſcovered in Parliament, did preſume, without the Privity of the ſaid *Drummond*, to ſend the ſaid Warrant to the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, deſiring, that the ſame might then have been entered in the Treaſury; but the ſame was, with great Honour and Juſtice, refuſed to be ſo entered:

By which moſt vile and ſcandalous Corruption, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was guilty of the moſt notorious Breach of his Oath and Truſt, as Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*; of the higheſt Abuſe of her Majeſty's Goodneſs, and Embezzlement of her Treaſure; and of the greateſt Injuſtice and Oppreſſion of other her Majeſty's Subjects.

Article IIId.

That whereas, by the eſtabliſhed and known Laws of this Kingdom, the Allowances or Appointments for the Maintenance and Support of Ambaſſadors, Envoys, Plenipotentiaries, and other publick Miniſters of the Crown in foreign Courts, ought to be aſcertained in due Form of Law, as well in Honour, as in Juſtice to the imperial Crown of theſe Realms:

And whereas the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in or about the Month of *July* or *Auguſt* 1712, ſent *Mathew Prior* Eſquire, an Inſtrument and Creature of his own, into *France*, for the carrying on his ſeparate and dangerous Negotiations; and did afterwards, in the Month of *November* 1712, by his evil Counſels, prevail on her late Majeſty, without the Privity of, or any Communication with, her Allies, to ſend the ſaid *Mathew Prior* as her Majeſty's Plenipotentiary to the *French* King, with Inſtructions to treat and conclude Matters of the higheſt Importance relating to the general Negotiations of Peace; but the ſame was a treacherous and wicked Contrivance of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, for the more effectual carrying on and promoting his private, ſeparate, and dangerous, Practices with the Miniſters of *France*, and the Enemies of her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms:

He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, not regarding his Oath, or his high Truſt, or the Laws of the Kingdom, did, moſt corruptly and ſcandalouſly, combine with the ſaid *Mathew Prior* for the defrauding her Majeſty of very great Sums, under the Colour of his ſaid Employments in *France*; and, to that End, the ſaid Earl did contrive, that the ſaid *Prior* ſhould be ſent into *France* with the Character aforeſaid, but without any ſettled Appointments or Allowances; but, in the ſtead and lieu thereof, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did give the ſaid *Mathew Prior* an unlimited Credit; and did promiſe to anſwer and pay ſuch Bills as the ſaid *Prior* ſhould draw on him during his Reſidence in *France*.

Purſuant to which Contrivance, and corrupt Agreement, he the ſaid *Mathew Prior* did, between the 27th *Auguſt* in the Year 1712, N. S. and the 10th *July* 1714, or thereabouts, at ſeveral times, draw Bills of Exchange, to the Amount of 12,360 *l.* or thereabouts, on him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; which he, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, did adviſe, and prevail on, her Majeſty to ſign Warrants for the Payment of, and did counterſign the ſame; although the ſaid *Prior* was no way intitled to any ſuch Allowances by reaſon of his ſaid Employment; and the ſame greatly (*a*) [exceeded] the Allowance even of an Ambaſſador of the Crown of *Great Britain:*

And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did, in the Years 1712, 1713, and 1714, without any Colour of Authority, but for the further promoting his corrupt and wicked Purpoſes, prevail on, and adviſe, her Majeſty to ſign Warrants, which were counterſigned by himſelf, for the Payment of the Sum of 5,560 *l.* or thereabouts, to the Uſe of *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, a near Relation and Emiſſary of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, out of the Monies appropriated to the Uſe of her Majeſty's Civil Liſt:

And did, in like manner, at ſeveral times, in the Years aforeſaid, moſt illegally, fraudulently, and corruptly, iſſue or direct, or adviſe the Direction and Payment of, ſeveral other large Sums of Money, to other Perſons, out of her Majeſty's Treaſury:

By which moſt illegal and ſcandalous Management, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* has introduced a Practice highly prejudicial to, and utterly inconſiſtent with, the Conſtitution of this Kingdom, and of the moſt pernicious Conſequence, by opening a Way for the moſt dangerous Corruptions; and was not only guilty of a notorious Breach of his Oath, but entered into the moſt baſe and ſcandalous Combination with the Perſons above-mentioned, and others, under Pretence and Colour of promoting her Majeſty's Service, to defraud her Majeſty of the publick Money, which he was intruſted with the Management of, for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

Article IVth.

That whereas the Revenues ariſing to the Crown from the Hereditary Exciſe, and Poſt-Office, or ſome Parts thereof, were, by virtue of Letters Patents of the late King *James* the Second, charged with, and made liable to, certain Annuities, or yearly Sums, in Truſt for, or to the Uſe of, *Mary* the Conſort of the ſaid King *James* the Second; but the ſaid Revenues were afterwards, by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, granted and ſettled for the Support of the Royal Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, or for other publick Uſes, without any Saving or Exception of the ſaid Letters Patents: And whereas, by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, the Sum of 500,000 *l.* was granted to her late Majeſty, for the Diſcharge of divers Arrears of Salaries, Diet, Monies, and other Allowances, and ſundry Debts for Pre-emptions, Proviſions, and other Cauſes, which had been then incurred, and grown due to her late Majeſty's Servants, Tradeſmen, and others; and were occaſioned by ſeveral extraordinary Expences ſince the Act for the better Support of her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown: And the ſaid Sum of 500,000 *l.* was expreſly appropriated to the Uſes afore-mentioned, in Aid of the ſaid Revenues or Branches, which were appointed for the Support of her Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown:

And whereas by an Act, made in the 13th and 14th Years of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, it was Enacted, That, for preventing traiterous Correſpondence between his Majeſty's Subjects and the pretended Prince of *Wales*, or his Adherents, that if any of the Subjects of the Crown of *England*, from and after the Firſt Day of *March* 1701, ſhould, within this Realm, or without, hold, entertain, or keep, any Intelligence or Correſpondence, in Perſon, or by Letters, Meſſages, or otherwiſe, with the ſaid pretended Prince of *Wales*, or with any Perſon or Perſons employed by him, knowing ſuch Perſon to be ſo employed; or ſhould, by Bill of Exchange, or otherwiſe, remit or pay any Sum or Sums of Money, for the Uſe or Service of the ſaid pretended Prince of *Wales*, knowing ſuch Money to be for ſuch Uſe or Service; ſuch Perſon, ſo offending, being lawfully convicted, ſhould be taken, deemed, and adjudged, to be guilty of High Treaſon, and ſhall ſuffer and forfeit, as in Caſes of High Treaſon:

He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* (*b*) [having], by means of the ſaid *Mathew Prior*, held a private and unlawful Correſpondence with the ſaid Conſort of the late King *James* the Second, then reſiding in *France*, and being determined ſecretly to promote, as far as in him lay, the Intereſt of the Pretender; but yet contriving to avoid the ſaid Penalty of High Treaſon; and the ſaid Conſort of his late Majeſty King *James* the Second having impowered Abbot *Gaultier*, a Popiſh Prieſt, and buſy Emiſſary between *Great Britain* and *France*, during the ſaid private and ſeparate Negotiations of Peace, and who was particularly intruſted, as the common Agent between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, in tranſacting the moſt ſecret Affairs relating to the Pretender, to concert, with the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, the ſettling the Payment and Remittance of a very great yearly Sum, out of her Majeſty's Treaſure, into *France*, under Colour and Pretence of the ſaid Letters Patents; and the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having held frequent clandeſtine Conferences with the ſaid Abbot *Gaultier* on the Subject aforeſaid, and having, by his evil Counſels, ſacrificed to *France* the common Intereſts of *Europe*; and being reſolved, that the Firſt-fruits of the Peace with *France* ſhould be an Offering made, by his immediate Procurement, to the neareſt and moſt avowed Adherent of the Pretender, though at the great Expence of the Honour and Safety of her Majeſty, and her People, did, ſoon after the Concluſion of the Peace with *France*, agree and undertake to procure the Payment of the yearly Sum of 47,000 *l.* and upwards, to, or to the Uſe of, the ſaid Conſort, during her Life; and, in Execution of his ſaid Purpoſe, did afterwards, on or about the 23d *December* 1713, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, adviſe her late Majeſty to ſign a Warrant to himſelf, in the Words, or to the Effect, following; *viz.* "*Ann* R. Whereas our late Royal Father "King *James* the Second, by Letters Patents under his "Great Seal, bearing Date on or about the 28th Day of "*Auguſt* 1685, did grant unto *Lawrence* Earl of *Ro-*"*cheſter*, *Henry* Earl of *Peterborow*, *Sidney* Lord *Godol-*"*phin*, *Robert Worden* Eſquire, and Sir *Edward Herbert* "Knight (who are all ſince deceaſed), divers Annuities, "or yearly Sums, amounting to 37,328 *l.* 13. 7, to "hold to them, and their Heirs, during the Life of the "then Royal Conſort *Mary*, now Queen Dowager, in "Truſt for her; and, by other Letters Patents, bearing "Date on or about the 3d Day of *December* 1686, did "alſo grant unto the ſaid Queen a further Penſion, or "yearly Sum, of 10,000 *l.* to hold during her natural "Life; all which were made payable in ſuch manner as "in the ſaid ſeveral Letters Patents is more fully expreſſed: "Our Will and Pleaſure now is, and we do hereby di-"rect, authorize, and command, That you cauſe Pay-"ment to be made to the Heirs of ſuch of the ſaid "Truſtees, as was the longeſt Liver of them, of ſo much "as, ſince the 25th Day of *March* laſt 1713, is incurred "or grown due on the ſaid Annuities, or yearly Sums, "amounting to 37,328 *l.* 13. 7; and to the ſaid "Queen Dowager, or her Aſſigns, of ſo much as, ſince "the ſaid 25th Day of *March* laſt, is incurred or grown "due on the ſaid Annuity of 10,000 *l.* according to the "Purport of the ſeveral Grants, or Letters Patents, above-"recited; as alſo of what ſhall hereafter become due, "and payable, upon the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, Quarterly,

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" during the Life of the ſaid Queen Dowager: And, for " ſo doing, this ſhall be your Warrant. Given at our " Court at *Windſor* Caſtle the 23d of *December* 1713, " in the Twelfth Year of our Reign:"

And did afterwards, on or about the 24th of *December* following, ſign a Warrant to the Auditor of the Receipt of her Majeſty's Exchequer, requiring him to make and paſs Debentures for paying to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as is, are, or ſhall be, authorized to receive the ſame, the Sum of 9,332 *l.* 3. $4\frac{3}{4}$, for One Quarter, incurred upon the ſaid ſeveral yearly Sums therein mentioned, from *Lady-day* 1713, to *Midſummer* following; and appointed the ſame to be ſatisfied out of the Sum of 500,000 *l.* appropriated by an Act paſſed in the then laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for or towards Payment of ſuch Debts and Arrears, as were therein mentioned; and another Warrant to the ſaid Auditor, to make and paſs Debentures for paying to the ſaid Queen, or to her Treaſurer or Receiver, the Sum of 2,500 *l.* for One Quarter incurred on the ſaid Penſion of 10,000 *l. per Annum*, from *Lady-day* 1713, to *Midſummer* then laſt paſt; and appointed the ſame to be ſatisfied out of the Sum of 500,000 *l.* appropriated, by an Act paſſed the then laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for or towards Payment of ſuch Debts and Arrears as were therein mentioned:

And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, on or about the 20th of *July* 1714, being then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, having, corruptly and deceitfully, in farther Violation of his Oath, and his high Truſt, adviſed her late Majeſty to ſign a Warrant, directing the Payment of One thouſand Pounds Sterling to *Daniel Arthur* Eſquire, for Monies expended by him for her Majeſty's ſpecial Service; and the ſame being accordingly iſſued, and received by him the ſaid *Arthur*, out of her Majeſty's Treaſure; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being then alſo Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, did give private Direction to the ſaid *Arthur* to pay the ſaid Sum of 1,000 *l.* to the ſaid Abbot *Gaultier*, or to his Uſe; purſuant to which Direction, the ſaid *Arthur* did pay, or cauſe to be paid, the ſaid Sum of 1,000 *l.* to the ſaid Abbot *Gaultier*, or to his Uſe:

Whereby the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did moſt wickedly betray the Honour of her late Majeſty, and the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, in adviſing her, under colour of the ſaid Letters Patents, and without the Advice of her Council, or her Parliament, to direct the Iſſuing of the Revenue, provided by Parliament for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, to the Uſe and Benefit of the open and avowed Adherent of the Pretender; and did not only defraud her Majeſty of the ſaid Sum of 1,000 *l.* but did, moſt arbitrarily, illegally, and corruptly, adviſe the Embezzlement and Miſapplication of ſo much of the ſaid Sum of 500,000 *l.* in Contempt and Defiance of the expreſs Appropriation of an Act of Parliament.

Article Vth.

That whereas, by the ancient and undoubted Laws of this Kingdom, no Perſon, being a natural-born Subject of this Realm, or within any of the Dominions thereunto belonging, and having committed, and being under the Guilt of, High Treaſon, ought to be received within this Kingdom as a publick Miniſter, or with any Character from any foreign Prince, State, or Potentate: And whereas, ſome time in the Year 1713, one *Patrick Lileſh*, ſtileing himſelf, and commonly known by the Name of, Sir *Patrick Lawleſs*, an *Iriſh* Papiſt, who had ſerved with the late King *James* the Second, in the War in *Ireland*, againſt his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory; had followed the ſaid King *James* into *France*, and continued, in the moſt open and avowed Manner, in his Intereſt and Service, and in Rebellion againſt his ſaid Majeſty King *William*, and had bore (*a*) [high] Commiſſions, and been in open Arms againſt her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, in the late War in *Spain*, did come into this Kingdom, and pretended to have, and did take on himſelf, the Character of a Miniſter ſent from *Philip* King of *Spain* to her late Majeſty, to treat of Matters of the greateſt Importance to the Honour and Safety of her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms; and having given Notice of the ſame to *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, and who then aſſumed to himſelf the ſupreme Direction in her Majeſty's Councils; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, in not adviſing her Majeſty againſt receiving and admitting the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, in the Quality aforeſaid; but did, together with other falſe and evil Counſellors, adviſe her Majeſty to receive and admit him as a Miniſter from his ſaid Catholick Majeſty; and the ſaid Earl did preſume frequently to meet, confer, and negotiate the moſt important Affairs of the Nation, with the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, in the Quality aforeſaid; and, the better to conceal his ſaid illegal and dangerous Meaſures from her ſaid Majeſty, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was privy, conſenting, and adviſing, that the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, ſhould be introduced to her ſaid Majeſty, and ſhould be received and treated by her Miniſters, under the falſe and diſguiſed Name of Don *Carlo Moro*; and the Houſe of Lords, ſome time in the Month of *April* 1714, having Notice of the ſaid dangerous Attempt of the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, on or about the 9th of the ſaid Month, made an humble Addreſs to her Majeſty, That ſhe would be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue her Royal Proclamation, commanding all proper Officers, and Magiſtrates, to make diligent Search for, and to apprehend, all Popiſh Prieſts, and to put the Laws in Execution againſt them; and likewiſe to inquire after, and apprehend, all ſuch Perſons as had ſerved in Arms againſt her Majeſty, or their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and who were then within this Kingdom, contrary to Law; to the end that they might be brought to Juſtice: To which her Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to return an Anſwer, to the Effect following; *viz.* That ſhe would give Orders purſuant thereto: And a Proclamation did accordingly iſſue: And, on the ſaid 9th Day of *April*, the Houſe of Lords, having under their Conſideration what further Security could be provided for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of *Hanover*, came to the following Reſolution; *viz.* That no Perſon, being a natural-born Subject of *Great Britain*, or within any of the Dominions thereunto belonging, and who having traiterouſly ſerved againſt her Majeſty, ought to be received as a publick Miniſter, or with any Character, within this Kingdom: Notwithſtanding which, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, having no regard to the Safety of her Majeſty's Perſon, or to the Security of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and ſetting himſelf in utter Defiance not only of the Advice and Reſolution of the Houſe of Lords, but of her Majeſty's Aſſurances to that Houſe of Parliament, and of her Royal Authority and Command, by her Proclamation under the Great Seal, inſtead of doing what in him lay to have apprehended and brought, or cauſing the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, to be brought to Juſtice, did afterwards, on or about the 15th Day of *March* 1714, moſt wickedly and treacherouſly adviſe her Majeſty to ſign a Warrant, directing the Payment of One thouſand Pounds Sterling to *Daniel Arthur* Eſquire, for ſpecial Services; which being accordingly iſſued, and received by the ſaid *Arthur*, he the ſaid Earl did privately and corruptly direct the ſaid *Arthur* to pay the ſame; and, accordingly, the ſaid 1,000 *l.* was paid to the Uſe of the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*: And the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did, at other times, in a fictitious and ſcandalous Manner, direct the Payment of other conſiderable Sums of Money, out of her Majeſty's Treaſure, to the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*; which were accordingly paid to him; although it was notorious, that the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, had not only traiterouſly ſerved in Arms againſt her Majeſty, but had been the Miniſter or Agent of the Pretender at the Court of *Madrid*, and was under ſtrong Suſpicions of being ſent into *England*, though

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though under the Pretences aforeſaid, ſecretly to promote the Intereſt of the Pretender in theſe Kingdoms:

By all which corrupt and evil Counſels, he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* did, moſt baſely and ungratefully, expoſe the Perſon of her Sacred Majeſty; did what in him lay to enervate, and render ineffectual, the Advice of Parliament, and her Majeſty's moſt ſolemn Declarations, in a Matter of the neareſt Concern to her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms; and, by countenancing, in the moſt corrupt and ſcandalous Manner, the ſecret Emiſſaries of the Pretender, did greatly encourage his open Adherents; to the apparent Danger of the Proteſtant Succeſſion to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms.

Article VIth.

That whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, after ſeveral unſucceſsful Attempts, in Conjunction with her Allies, to eſtabliſh his preſent Imperial Majeſty on the Throne of *Spain*, being informed, That the People of *Catalonia* were inclined to caſt off the Yoke impoſed upon them by the *French*, and to return to the Obedience of the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and her Majeſty, being deſirous to maintain and improve that good Diſpoſition in them, and to induce them to put the ſame ſpeedily in Execution, did ſend *Mitford Crow* Eſquire to them, with neceſſary Powers and Inſtructions to carry on ſo great a Work, for the Advantage of her Service, and the Good of the common Cauſe; and, to that End, to treat with the *Catalans*, or any other People of *Spain*, about their coming into the Intereſt of King *Charles* the 3d, his preſent Imperial Majeſty, and (*a*) [joining with her Majeſty, and] her Allies, againſt the common Enemy: And her Majeſty, after her gracious Aſſureances to aſſiſt them with Men and Money, was pleaſed to authorize her ſaid Miniſter to give them her utmoſt Aſſurances, to procure the Eſtabliſhment of all ſuch Rights and Immunities as they had formerly enjoyed under the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and that, for their further Satisfaction, ſhe had ſent for Powers from King *Charles* the Third, for confirming the ſame; and was willing to become Guarantee, that it ſhould be done; nevertheleſs, on this expreſs Condition, That they ſhould receive the ſaid King *Charles* as lawful King of *Spain*, and utterly renounce the Houſe of *Bourbon*: And, together with the ſaid Inſtructions, her Majeſty was pleaſed to ſign, and cauſe to be delivered to her ſaid Miniſter, credential Letters to the Nobility, Magiſtrates, and all other Officers, Civil and Military, of *Catalonia*, deſiring them to depend on the Promiſes he ſhould make them in her Name: And, in her Majeſty's Inſtructions to the Earl of *Peterborow* and Sir *Cloudeſly Shovel*, in or about the Month of *May* 1705, they are ordered to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to induce the *Catalans* to join with them in their Undertaking; and to aſſure them of her Majeſty's Support; and to promiſe them, in the Queen's Name, That ſhe would ſecure them a Confirmation of their Rights and Privileges from the King of *Spain*, that they might be ſettled on a laſting Foundation to them, and their Poſterity; and, in caſe Perſuaſion ſhould not prevail, and the *Catalans* ſhould not make a ſuitable Return to thoſe kind Offers, they were ordered to annoy their Towns on the Coaſt of *Spain*, and to reduce them by Force: And, in Conformity to theſe Inſtructions, a Manifeſto, or Declaration, was prepared, by the Privity and Advice of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, then One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and delivered to the ſaid Earl of *Peterborow*, full, on the one hand, of the Aſſurances afore-mentioned, and, on the other hand, of Menaces to them, in caſe they declined her Majeſty's Overtures; which Manifeſto was afterwards publiſhed by him the ſaid Earl of *Peterborow*, in *Catalonia:* And whereas the Nobility, Clergy, and the whole Principality, of *Catalonia*, and the Inhabitants of the Iſle of *Majorca*, relying on the Faith of thoſe Royal Aſſurances, did utterly abandon the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and acknowleged King *Charles* the Third, his preſent Imperial Majeſty, for their lawful Sovereign; and did join their Arms with thoſe of her Majeſty, and her Allies, againſt the Duke of *Anjou:* And it having pleaſed Almighty God ſo far to bleſs her Majeſty's pious and generous Undertaking, as by moſt ſignal Succeſſes, in a ſhort time, to deliver the Principality of *Catalonia* from the heavy Yoke of *French* Bondage; and, great Supplies having been granted by Parliament, for the reducing the whole Kingdom of *Spain* to the Obedience of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, the Arms of her Majeſty, and her Allies, were attended with vaſt Succeſſes; having twice entered the capital City of that Kingdom, and obtained many other ſignal Conqueſts, to the great Advantage of the common Cauſe; and, through the whole Progreſs thereof, the Bravery and Firmneſs of the *Catalans* being always remarkable; thereby, as well as from the repeated Aſſurances given to them, from time to time, in her Majeſty's Name, by every General and Miniſter ſent from *Great Britain* to *Spain*, the Hearts of that brave People were united, under the ſtrongeſt Ties of Affection and Gratitude, to her Majeſty; and they were juſtly held in the ſtricteſt Dependance on the Continuance of her Royal Protection: He the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being an Enemy to the common Liberty of *Europe*; and having traiterouſly entered into Conſpiracies for ſubjecting the whole *Spaniſh* Monarchy to the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and deſigning, moſt maliciouſly, the utter Ruin and Deſtruction of the ancient Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, of the *Catalans*, who had made ſo glorious a Stand for the Preſervation of them; did, together with other falſe and evil Counſellors, form a moſt diſhonourable, wicked, and cruel, Contrivance, not only for abandoning the *Catalans* to the Fury and Revenge of the Duke of *Anjou*, and his Adherents; but for the final Extirpation of all their Rights, Liberties, and Privileges; and, in Execution of that his Intention, during the private, ſeparate, and pernicious, Negotiation of Peace, which was carried on between him and the Miniſters of *France*, and before any Negotiation of Peace was ſet on foot, in due Form of Law, between the Crowns of *Great Britain* and *Spain*, did adviſe her Majeſty to give Directions to the Lord *Lexington*, her Ambaſſador to the Court of *Spain*, to acknowlege the Duke of *Anjou* King of *Spain*; but was greatly wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, in not adviſing her to give Inſtructions to her ſaid Miniſter, at the ſame time, peremptorily and abſolutely to inſiſt on ſecuring the *Catalans* Liberties at the Concluſion of the Peace: And although the private, ſeparate, and treacherous, Practices of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and others, in Combination with the Miniſters of *France*, did afterwards, on or about the 14th of *March* 1713, neceſſitate his preſent Imperial Majeſty to conclude a Treaty for the evacuating *Catalonia*, whereof her Majeſty was Guarantee, without any expreſs and poſitive Stipulations for the *Catalans* Liberties; his Imperial Majeſty relying, in that reſpect, on her Majeſty's Declaration, to interpoſe for them in the moſt effectual Manner; and on the Promiſes of the *French* King, to join his Endeavours for the ſame Purpoſe; and although her Sacred Majeſty did, both before and after, frequently declare, by her Miniſters in *Spain*, That ſhe thought herſelf under the ſtrongeſt Ties of Honour and Conſcience not to abandon a People, whom the Neceſſities of the War had obliged her to draw into her Intereſt; and though the *French* King did not join his Endeavours for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, together with other falſe and wicked Counſellors, having, from time to time, amuſed and deceived the diſtreſſed *Catalans* with groundleſs Hopes of her Majeſty's effectual Interpoſitions in their favour; thereby engaging them in a more obſtinate Defence of their Territories againſt the Duke of *Anjou*; was not only highly wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, by not doing what in him lay, as a faithful Miniſter, to have prevented the Concluſion of the Treaty of Peace with *Spain*, till juſt and honourable Conditions were ſecured for the *Catalans*; but did falſly, maliciouſly, and treacherouſly, adviſe her Majeſty to conclude a Peace with the King of *Spain*, without any Security for the ancient and juſt Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, of that brave, but unhappy, Nation; and did, further, adviſe her Majeſty to ſend Sir *James Wiſhart*, her Admiral, with a large Squadron

(*a*) Supplied from the original Report.

Squadron of Men of War, at a great Expence, to favour the ſaid King of *Spain* in the Siege of *Barcelona*, the capital City of *Catalonia*; and with expreſs Inſtructions, That, in caſe the Inhabitants of *Majorca* ſhould refuſe the Terms that ſhould be offered them by the Duke of *Anjou*, to employ his Squadron in countenancing and aſſiſting all Attempts that ſhould be made for reducing them to a due Obedience: By which moſt vile and deteſtable Counſels, her Sacred Majeſty, contrary to her moſt pious Intentions, the Faith of Nations, and the Duties of Religion, and Humanity itſelf, and contrary to her ſolemn and repeated Aſſurances, was prevailed on to abandon a diſtreſſed People, drawn in, and engaged, by her own Invitation, into an open War with the Duke of *Anjou*, for the Preſervation of the Liberties of *Europe*, and the Commerce of *Great Britain*; and the Perſons, Eſtates, Dignities, Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, of the *Catalans* were given up as a Sacrifice to the implacable Reſentment of their enraged and powerful Enemy; and the Honour of the *Britiſh* Nation, always renowned for the Love of Liberty, and for giving Protection to the Aſſertors of it, was moſt baſely proſtituted, and a free and generous People, the faithful and uſeful Allies of this Kingdom, were betrayed, in the moſt unparalelled manner, into irrecoverable Slavery; and, in conſequence of which moſt diſhonourable and perfidious Councils, the moſt execrable Hoſtilities, Burnings, and Plunderings, were committed upon them, throughout their whole Province, without ſparing the Effuſion of innocent Blood, and without the Diſtinction of Age or Sex; and that unfortunate People were afterwards forced to undergo the utmoſt Miſeries of a Siege, in their capital City of *Barcelona*; during which, great Multitudes of them periſhed by Famine, and the Sword; many of them have ſince been executed; and great Numbers of the Nobility of *Catalonia*, who, for their Conſtancy and Bravery in Defence of their Liberties, and for their Services in Conjunction with her Majeſty and her Allies, had, in all Honour, Juſtice, and Conſcience, the higheſt Claim to her Majeſty's Protection, are now diſperſed in Dungeons throughout the *Spaniſh* Dominions; and not only the *Catalan* Liberties extirpated, but, by thoſe wicked Counſels of him the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, *Catalonia* itſelf is almoſt become deſolate.

All which Crimes and Miſdemeanors were committed and done by him the ſaid Earl, againſt our late Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity, the Peace and Intereſt of this Kingdom, and in Breach of the ſeveral Truſts repoſed in him the ſaid Earl: And he the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* was either Commiſſioner of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, during the time that all and every the Crimes before ſet forth were done and committed:

For which Matters and Things the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, of the Houſe of Commons, in Parliament aſſembled, do, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, further impeach the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of other high Crimes and Miſdemeanors in the ſaid Articles contained: And the ſaid Commons, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſations or Impeachments againſt the ſaid Earl; and alſo of replying to the Anſwers which the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* ſhall make to the Premiſes, or any of them, or to any Impeachment or Accuſation that ſhall be by them exhibited, according to the Courſe and Proceedings of Parliament; do pray, That the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* be put to anſwer all and every the Premiſes; and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be, upon them, and every of them, had and uſed, as ſhall be agreeable to Law and Juſtice.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Articles be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be read, Article by Article.

The Firſt, Second, Third, and Fourth Articles, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The Fifth of the ſaid Articles being read a Second time;

Several Amendments were propoſed to be made thereunto, by inſerting, after "1713," theſe Words, "one "*Patrick Lileſh*, ſtiling himſelf, and commonly known "by the Name, Sir *Patrick Lawleſs*;" and, in other Places of the ſaid Article, by inſerting "*Lileſh*, alias" before "*Lawleſs*:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And the ſaid Article, ſo amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be One of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The Sixth Article being read a Second time;

The ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be One of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

The Concluſion to the ſaid Articles, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be the Concluſion to the ſaid Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be prepared, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovebond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the further Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Plumtree*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Lord *Finch*, Honourable *James Stanhope*, Sir *Robert Corbet*, Right Honourable *Robert Walpole*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *John Ward*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *North*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the River *Weaver* navigable from *Fordſham* Bridge to *Northwych*, in the County of *Cheſter*, is referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 2° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Ward* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, That they had made an Amendment to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 9. L. 38. After the Word "Patrons," to inſert "in Writing firſt had and obtained."

The ſaid Amendment being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Amendment, by inſerting, after the Word "Writing," theſe Words, "under his or their Hands and Seals:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

Then the ſaid Amendment, ſo amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to impower the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*, for Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, to apply to any Church or Chapel any Lands, Tythes, or Hereditaments, ariſing from the ſaid Bounty, or from private Benefaction:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate, of *Tueſday* laſt, upon an Amendment to Clauſe A, made by the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned was committed:

And the ſaid Clauſe was amended by the Houſe:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment, ſo amended;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The other Amendments, made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time, as far as Clauſe D; and the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The laſt Amendment, being Clauſe D, being read a Second time, for repealing an Act, of the Second Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Sixth, intituled, An Act for the Keeping of the Great Seſſions, Quarter-Seſſions, and County-Courts, at the Town of *Beaumaris*, in the County of *Angleſea*;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Lord *Conningsby* preſented to the Houſe a Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen: And the ſame was received.

A Petition of the Agent of *Carolina* in *America*, and ſeveral Merchants trading thither, for and on behalf of themſelves, and the miſerable Inhabitants of that diſtreſſed Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That ſeveral *Indian* Nations, who, for many Years, had lived in Subjection to the Crown of *England*, and perfect Amity with the People of that Province, without any Provocation, in a barbarous manner, fell upon the *Engliſh*, and deſtroyed ſeveral Hundred Settlements; burnt their Houſes; and ſeized their Cattle and Effects: The Governor immediately drew out his Forces, and beat them in ſeveral Engagements; and the *Engliſh* not being above Two thouſand able Men, and in great Want of Arms, Ammunition, and other warlike Neceſſaries for their Defence, and the Enemy above Twelve thouſand ſtrong, and plentifully furniſhed with all warlike Stores, and encouraged by the *Spaniard* and *French* in neighbouring Settlements, which the *French* have lately made, even within the Boundaries of *Carolina*, and the *Engliſh* Dominions in *America*, for many Years; has taken off great Quantities of our Woollen, Iron, and other Manufactures; which has brought a great Revenue to the Crown, and Advantage to the Nation: And praying to have immediate Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Liddell*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Dockminicque*, Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Richard Steele*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Meryick*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Ward*, General *Lumley*, Sir *Thomas Scawen*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Johnſon*, Sir *Wm. Courtenay*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Tuckfeild*, Mr. *Cockbourn*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe; and all that ſerve for the Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Clauſe was offered to the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*:

And the ſame was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

For which Matters and Things, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, of the Houſe of Commons, in Parliament aſſembled, do, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, further impeach the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* of other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors in the ſaid Articles contained: And the ſaid Commons, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſations or Impeachments againſt the ſaid Earl; and alſo of replying to the Anſwers, which the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* ſhall make to the Premiſes, or any of them, or to any Impeachment or Accuſation that ſhall be by them exhibited, according to the Courſe and Proceedings of Parliament; do pray, That the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* be put to anſwer all and every the Premiſes; and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be upon them, and every of them, had and uſed, as ſhall be agreeable to Law and Juſtice.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed, with the further Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* for High Crimes and Miſdemeanours.

The ſaid ingroſſed further Articles were read.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* do carry the ſaid Articles to the Lords; and, before he delivers the ſaid Articles to the Lords, he do acquaint their Lordſhips thus;

My Lords,

THE Commons, aſſembled in Parliament, having received further Information of divers other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors committed by *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, have commanded me to exhibit further Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Doctor *Linford*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday, at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*: And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Wortley*, and Mr. *Plumptre*, do acquaint him therewith.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *John Ward* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Sir *John Ward* reported from the Committee, That they

they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

The Lord *Coningsby* reported, That he had carried the further Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors to the Lords, and left them with their Lordſhips.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful;

The Act, of the 13th and 14th of King *Charles* the Second, as to the Arms to be provided, was read:

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have a Power to receive a Clauſe for altering and amending ſo much of the Act, of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, An Act for ordering the Forces in the ſeveral Counties of this Kingdom, as relates to what Arms and Proviſions every Soldier ſhall bring along with him.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for ſaving the Exemptions of the College of Phyſicians.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for ſaving to the Lieutenancy of the City of *London* the making their Rates and Aſſeſſments in the ſame manner, as by former Acts of Parliaments they are impowered to do.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion, by enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulateing the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords had agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Michael*, *Saint Alban's*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenly*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion, by enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulateing the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters:

And the ſame were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

A: "And whereas, by an Act, of this preſent Seſſion "of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regu- "lating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Ser- "vice; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of "their Quarters; it is Provided, That every Perſon, be- "ing in his Majeſty's Service, who had been ſo for the "Space of Three Years paſt, ſhould be at Liberty, if he "thought fit, to demand his Diſcharge from the Colonel "of the Regiment to which he ſhould belong; and that "ſuch Colonel ſhall give ſuch Diſcharge; Be it Declared "and Enacted, That no ſuch Soldier hath, or ſhall have, "Right to demand ſuch Diſcharge by virtue of the ſaid "Act, unleſs the ſaid Soldier ſhall give his Colonel Three "Months Notice, at the leaſt, of his deſiring ſuch Diſ- "charge:"

B: "And whereas, by the ſaid recited Act, it is fur- "ther Provided and Enacted, That nothing therein con- "tained ſhould extend to compel the Quartering of any "Officer, or Soldier, of the Regiments of Foot within "that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Domi- "nion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, un- "leſs it be within Ten Miles of the Palace, or Place of "his Majeſty's uſual Reſidence, or within Ten Miles of "the Place where his Majeſty ſhall be preſent, or in ſome "Gariſon or Gariſons where ſufficient Barracks are not "provided for them, or unleſs it be in the Marches of "ſuch Officers or Soldiers; and that, in ſuch Marches, "no Perſon ſhall be obliged to quarter them more than "Six Days at a time; Be it Enacted, by the Authority "aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for his Ma- "jeſty, in Conſideration of the preſent Danger, which "required the Raiſing of additional Forces, to quarter "any of his Forces in ſuch Parts of this Kingdom, and "for ſuch Time, as his Majeſty ſhall think fit, during "the preſent Exigency of Affairs, and not exceeding the "Term of the Continuation of this Act."

Clauſe A, being thrice read, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe B being twice read;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto; *viz.* Line 20th, After "Kingdom," to inſert "in ſuch "Houſes only as are ſubject to the Quartering of Soldiers "by virtue of the afore-recited Act:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Clauſe was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment, ſo amended.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to their Lordſhips Amendments, with an Amendment: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Robert Cope* Eſquire to ſettle an additional Jointure, out of his Eſtate, on *Elizabeth* his now Wife; and alſo to raiſe Portions and Maintenances for his Daughters and younger Children by her; and to enable thoſe in Remainder to do the ſame: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this

this Houſe, to the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion, by enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Four publick, and Two private, Bills following; *viz.*

An Act for the better preventing Mutiny and Deſertion, by enforcing, and making more effectual, an Act, of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters:

An Act for making more effectual her late Majeſty's gracious Intentions for augmenting the Maintenance of the poor Clergy:

An Act to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length:

An Act for repairing the Highways through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *St. Michael*, *St. Alban's*, *Saint Peter*, *Shenly*, *Ridge*, and *South-Mims*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Middleſex*:

An Act for confirming the Sale of the Reverſion of the Manor of *Darrington*, by *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, to *Theophilus Shelton* Eſquire, and his Heirs:

An Act for veſting in Truſtees Part of the Eſtate of *Nicolas Fry* Eſquire, deceaſed, for Payment of his Debts.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 3° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courteney* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *London*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Mr. *Calmady*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *John Hobart*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Palmer*, Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Portman*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Pringle*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Willoughby*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*, Mr. *Anſtis*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for explaining, and better executing, the Intentions of a former Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Proteſtant Children of the Earl of *Clanricard* and Lord *Bophin*; and for Sale of further Part of the ſaid Earl's Eſtate, for Payment of the Debts and Portions remaining chargeable upon the ſame; be read a Second time upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the County of *Eſſex*, which was appointed to be heard before the Committee of Privileges and Elections this Afternoon, be heard before the ſaid Committee upon this Day Fortnight.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman, of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfield* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Ann* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other Means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfield*, and *Ann* his Wife, and their Iſſue; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Nevill*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Chandler*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Haldan*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Bacon*, Sir *John Ward*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Colonel *Stephens*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Cook*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Sir *John Brownlow*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Southampton* and *Wilts*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Militia for the Year 1715, although the Month's Pay, formerly advanced, be not repaid, be taken into Conſideration upon this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging the Fund for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of 120,000*l. per Annum* upon his Majeſty during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of 54,600*l. per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding 910,000*l.* for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for explaining the Act, which paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Queen *Ann*, of bleſſed Memory, for Payment of Debts and Arrears to her Servants, Tradeſmen, and others, ſo far as the ſaid Act did relate, or was intended to relate, to the Debt which was owing by her Majeſty for Works performed, and Materials delivered, for the Building at *Blenheim*, and was incurred within the Time, during which the ſaid Building was carried on at her Majeſty's Expence.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Sir *John Ward* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout:

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The ſaid Amendments were ſeverally read a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 4° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Robert Cope* Eſquire to ſettle an additional Jointure, out of his Eſtate, on *Elizabeth* his now Wife; and alſo to raiſe Portions and Maintenances for his Daughters, and younger Children, by her; and to enable thoſe in Remainder to do the ſame; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be read the Third time on *Monday* Morning next.

A Bill to naturalize *Robert de Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Owen*, Mr. *Strickland*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Wm. Lewin*, Sir *John Parſons*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Boteler*, Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Lord *Harvey*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Harnage*, Mr. *Colmore*, Mr. *Deſbovery*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the laſt Amendment, Clauſe D, to the Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned:

And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion ut thereupon, diſagreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That if any Bread, expoſed to Sale, ſhall want in its Weight Ounce or more, the Perſon expoſing the ſame to Sale ſhall forfeit the Sum of for every Ounce ſo wanting; and, for any Bread wanting any Weight leſs than an Ounce, the Sum of ſuch Bread being weighed within Hours after expoſed to Sale, within *London* and *Weſtminſter*; and within Days, in other Parts of *Great Britain:*

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for giving Power to the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Angleſea* to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for that County to any other Part of the ſame County, for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſhall be obliged to take the Oaths, appointed by Law to be taken, to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors; and for no other Purpoſe whatſoever:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Fund for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of 120,000 *l. per Annum*, upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of 54,600 *l. per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding 910,000 *l.* for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had, in Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe, prepared Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke:* And that the Committee had commanded him, at the ſame time, to acquaint the Houſe, That they ſhall, in a ſhort time, have further Articles to lay before the Houſe againſt the ſaid Viſcount: And that the Committee had directed him to report the Articles, already prepared, to the Houſe; and he read them in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke.*

WHereas a Treaty of Alliance was made and concluded on or about the Seventh Day of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred and One, between *Leopold* then Emperor of *Germany*, his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory, and their High Mightineſſes the States-General of the *United Provinces*, for repelling the Greatneſs of the common Danger, which threatened all *Europe*, from the Duke of *Anjou*'s having taken Poſſeſſion of the Monarchy of *Spain*; wherein it was, among other things, agreed, That, in caſe the ſaid Confederates ſhall be forced to enter into a War, they

ſhall communicate their Deſigns to one another, as well in relation to the Actions of the War, as all other things wherein the common Cauſe is concerned; and that it ſhall not be permitted to either Party, when the War is once begun, to treat of Peace with the Enemy, unleſs jointly, and by a Communication of Councils: And in and by a defenſive Treaty and Alliance, made and concluded in or about the Month of *November* One thouſand Seven hundred and One, between his ſaid late Majeſty King *William* the Third and the States-General, it was, among other things, expreſly agreed, That, when the War is begun, the ſaid Confederates ſhall act in Concert, according to the Seventh and Eighth Articles of the Treaty, of the Third of *March* $167\frac{7}{8}$, between *England* and *Holland*; and that no Peace, nor Truce or Suſpenſion of Arms, ſhall be negotiated or made, but according to the Ninth and Tenth Articles of that Treaty; by which it was agreed, That, when the Allies came once to open War, it ſhall be lawful for neither of them afterwards to come to any Ceſſation of Arms with him who ſhall be declared and proclaimed an Enemy, without it be done conjointly and with common Conſent; and that no Negotiation of Peace ſhall be ſet on foot by one of the Allies, without the Concurrence of the other; and that each Ally ſhall continually, and from time to time, impart to the other every thing that paſſes in the ſaid Negotiation: And in and by a Treaty, entered into and concluded on or about the Month of *June* 1703, between her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of ever-bleſſed Memory, and the States-General, it was, among other things, agreed, That all Treaties and Alliances, then ſubſiſting between them, ſhould be renewed and confirmed: And whereas a long, bloody, and expenſive, War had been carried on by her late Majeſty, in Conjunction with her ſaid Allies, and other confederate Princes, againſt *France* and *Spain*, as well in Reſentment of the Indignity offered to theſe Kingdoms, by their having acknowleged the Pretender King of theſe Realms, as for obtaining a juſt Satisfaction to his Imperial Majeſty, and for the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Balance and Liberties of *Europe*; and, from the great Succeſſes with which it had pleaſed Almighty God to bleſs the Confederate Arms, they had juſt Reaſon to hope for an honourable, good, ſafe, and laſting Peace; and although the *French* King was encouraged, in or about the Month of *April* 1711, to make Propoſitions of Peace to her late Majeſty, ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, his Secretary of State; which her ſaid Majeſty having pleaſed to communicate to the Miniſters of the States General, ſhe did, however, graciouſly declare, by *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then *Henry St. John* Eſquire, and One of her principal Secretaries of State, her Sentiments to them, That the ſaid Propoſitions were too general; and, at the ſame time, the ſaid Viſcount did, in her Majeſty's Name, and by her ſpecial Command, give them her utmoſt and moſt ſolemn Aſſurances, That, in making Peace, as in making War, ſhe would act in perfect Concert with them; in which Sentiments the States concurring with her Majeſty, reciprocal Aſſurances of mutual Confidence, ſo neceſſary to prevent the Deſigns of the Enemy, were returned by them to her Majeſty: Notwithſtanding which,

Article 1ſt.

He the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then being One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and of her moſt Honourable Privy-Council; but, having entered into a moſt treacherous Confederacy with the Miniſters and Emiſſaries of *France*, to fruſtrate the juſt Hopes and Expectations of her Majeſty and her People, by diſuniting the Confederacy at the moſt critical Juncture, when they were ready to reap the Fruits of ſo many Triumphs over the common Enemy; and moſt wickedly intending, as far as in him lay, to enable the *French* King, ſo exhauſted and vanquiſhed as he had been on all Occaſions, to carry his Deſigns, by a Peace glorious to him, and to the Ruin of the victorious Allies, and the Deſtruction of the Liberties of all *Europe*; and, having no Regard to the ſolemn Treaties her Majeſty then ſtood engaged in, nor to the Honour or Safety of theſe Kingdoms, did, in or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt* in the Year of our Lord 1711, maliciouſly and wickedly form a moſt treacherous and pernicious Contrivance and Confederacy, with other evil-diſpoſed Perſons, then alſo of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, to ſet on foot a private, ſeparate, diſhonourable, and deſtructive, Negotiation of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*, without any Communication thereof to her Majeſty's Allies, according to their ſaid ſeveral Treaties; and was not only wanting in his Duty and Truſt to her Majeſty, by not oppoſing, and as far as was in his Power, by not adviſing her Majeſty againſt going into any private, ſeparate, Negotiation with *France*; but, in Execution of his Purpoſes aforeſaid, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did adviſe her late Majeſty to ſend *Matthew Prior* Eſquire directly to the Court of *France*, to make Propoſitions of Peace, without communicating the ſame to her Majeſty's Allies; and, accordingly, the ſaid *Matthew Prior*, by the Advice and with the Privity of him the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and other falſe and evil Counſellors, in or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt* in the Year of our Lord 1711, was ſent, in a clandeſtine manner, from *England* to *France*, and did communicate the ſaid Propoſitions of Peace to the Miniſters of *France*; in which the particular Intereſts of *Great Britain*, as well as the common Intereſts of *Europe*, were ſhamefully betrayed; and, in Manifeſtation of his Deſign to exclude her Majeſty's Allies from their juſt Share in the ſaid Negotiation, an expreſs Article was inſerted in the ſaid Propoſitions, by the Privity and Advice of him the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, That the Secret ſhould be inviolably kept, till allowed to be divulged by the mutual Conſent of both Parties; although the *French* King had, in the Propoſitions ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, and tranſmitted in the Month of *April* preceding, offered to treat with the Plenipotentiaries of *England* and *Holland* alone, or jointly with thoſe of the Allies, at the Choice of *England*: By which treacherous and dangerous Advice, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did not only contrive and ſet on foot a Negotiation of Peace, more advantageous to *France* than ever *France* itſelf had aſked; but thereby did put it into the Power of the common Enemy to create incurable Jealouſies and Diſcords between her Majeſty and her faithful Allies, and to deſtroy that Confidence which had ſo long, and ſo ſucceſsfully, been cultivated between them, and which was ſo neceſſary for their common Safety.

Article 2d.

That the *French* King having, in or about the Months of *Auguſt* or *September* 1711, with the Privity and by the Contrivance of the ſaid Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and others, ſent over Monſieur *Meſnager* into *England*, to carry on a ſeparate and clandeſtine Negotiation of Peace, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did afterwards, in the ſaid Month of *September* 1711, or thereabouts, ſecretly and unlawfully, and without any Colour of Authority, meet, confer, and treat, with the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Negotiations of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*; and therein did adviſe and promote the making a private and ſeparate Treaty, or Convention, on the ſaid Subject of Peace between the ſaid Crowns, without any Communication thereof to her Majeſty's Allies: And the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did afterwards, in Violation of his Oath, and high Truſt, falſly and treacherouſly adviſe her late Majeſty to ſign Powers to ſeveral Perſons for concluding, on her behalf, a pernicious and deſtructive Treaty, or Convention, on the ſaid Subject of Peace, with *France*; and, on or about the ſaid 27th of *September* 1711, a diſhonourable, deſtructive, and fatal, Treaty, or Convention, was concluded and ſigned by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Part of *France*, and by the Earl of *Dartmouth* and the ſaid Viſcount, being then Two of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and of her Privy-Council, on the Part of her Majeſty, by virtue only of a Warrant under her Majeſty's Sign Manual, under the Signet, directed to themſelves, but not counterſigned, and without the leaſt Knowlege or Participation of the Allies; in which Treaty, the immediate Intereſts of *Great Britain* are given up

to *France*; and the Duke of *Anjou* being therein admitted to remain King of *Spain*, the Balance of Power, and the Liberties of *Europe*, were thrown into the Hands of the Houſe of *Bourbon*.

Article 3d.

That whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* did, in or about the Firſt of *October* 1711, O. S. give Inſtructions to *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, her Ambaſſador to the States-General of the *United Provinces*, to communicate to them certain Propoſitions of Peace, which had been contrived and concerted between the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager* and the ſaid Viſcount, and others, intituled, Preliminary Articles on the Part of *France* to come to a General Peace, together with her Majeſty's Sentiments and Reſolutions thereupon; and alſo her Majeſty's further and particular Reſolutions concerning the Proſecution and carrying on the War againſt *France* and *Spain*, in caſe the States were deſirous to carry on the ſaid War; and whereas, for ſeveral Years before, and till the ſaid Month of *October* 1711, there was open War between her late Majeſty and the *French* King; and the ſaid War continuing for all the ſaid time, and afterwards the *French* King and his Subjects were Enemies to her late Majeſty; he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, being then One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and One of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having altogether withdrawn the cordial Love, and true and due Obedience, which every true and faithful Subject owed to her ſaid Majeſty, and deſigning to give Aid and Succour, and to adhere to the ſaid *French* King againſt her ſaid Majeſty, did, on or about the Second of *October* 1711, during the ſaid War, falſly, wickedly, maliciouſly, and traiterouſly, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid *French* King, and his Subjects, Enemies to her ſaid late Majeſty, againſt her ſaid late Majeſty; and, in Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, and Aſſiſting, and Adhering, he did, on or about the 2d of *October* 1711, falſly, maliciouſly, and traiterouſly, diſcloſe and communicate her Majeſty's ſaid Inſtructions to her ſaid Ambaſſador, or was privy to, and did adviſe, conſent, or approve, that the ſame ſhould be, and accordingly the ſame were, communicated and diſcloſed to the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, a Subject of the ſaid *French* King, and an Enemy to her late Majeſty; and, in further Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did, in and by a Letter or Writing, by him wrote to Monſieur *de Torcy*, on or about the ſaid 2d Day of *October* 1711, diſcloſe, communicate, and notify, or did intend to notify, to Monſieur *de Torcy*, a Subject, Miniſter, and Secretary, to the *French* King, and an Enemy to her late Majeſty, That the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager* was fully informed of her Majeſty's ſaid Inſtructions to the Earl of *Strafford*; thereby falſly, maliciouſly, and traiterouſly, informing and adviſing the ſaid Monſieur *de Torcy* from what Perſon, and by what Means, he might come to the Knowlege of her Majeſty's ſaid Inſtructions, contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Article 4th.

That whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* did, in or about the Month of *December* 1711, in due Form of Law, under the Great Seal, conſtitute the Right Reverend *John* Lord Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, her Plenipotentiaries, with full Powers and Inſtructions to meet, treat, and conclude, with the Plenipotentiaries of her Allies, and thoſe whom the *French* King ſhould, on his Part, depute for that Purpoſe, the Conditions of a good and general Peace: And whereas his Imperial Majeſty, their High Mightineſſes the States-General of the *United Provinces*, and other her Majeſty's Allies, and the *French* King, having duly conſtituted and appointed their ſeveral and reſpective Plenipotentiaries for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Negotiations and Conferences for a General Peace were opened between them, at *Utrecht*, about the Months of *January* or *February* 1711; and the ſame continued till the 4th of *March* 1711, and afterwards: And whereas, on the ſaid 4th Day of *March* 1711, there was open War between her late Majeſty and the *French* King; and the ſame having continued for ſeveral Years before, and at the ſame time, and afterwards, the ſaid *French* King and his Subjects were, during all the ſaid time, Enemies to her ſaid Majeſty and her Subjects; he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then being One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and of her Privy-Council, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having withdrawn his Duty and Obedience from her ſaid Majeſty, and conſpiring and confederating with the Enemies of her ſaid Majeſty, and the Subjects of the ſaid *French* King, to give him Aid and Succour againſt her ſaid Majeſty, did, on or about the ſaid 4th Day of *March* 1711, falſly, wickedly, and traiterouſly, aid, comfort, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid *French* King againſt her ſaid Majeſty; and, in Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, he the ſaid Viſcount did, on or about the ſaid 4th of *March* 1711, falſly, maliciouſly, and traiterouſly, communicate and diſcloſe her ſaid Majeſty's then final Inſtructions to her ſaid Plenipotentiaries, relating to the ſaid Negotiations of Peace; or was privy to, and did adviſe, and conſent, and approve, that the ſame ſhould be, and accordingly the ſame were, communicated and diſcloſed to Abbot *Gaultier*, an Agent and Emiſſary of the ſaid *French* King, and an Enemy of her ſaid Majeſty; and, in further Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* did, by a Letter or Writing, wrote by himſelf, on or about the ſaid 4th of *March*, falſly, maliciouſly, and traiterouſly, diſcloſe, communicate, and notify, or did intend thereby to communicate and notify to Monſieur *de Torcy*, a Miniſter, Secretary of State, and Subject, of the ſaid *French* King, and an Enemy of her ſaid Majeſty, That the ſaid *Gaultier* was informed of her Majeſty's ſaid Inſtructions to her ſaid Plenipotentiaries; thereby falſly and traiterouſly informing and adviſing the ſaid Monſieur *de Torcy*, by what Means, and from what Perſons, he might have the Knowlege of her Majeſty's ſaid Inſtructions, contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Article 5th.

That whereas the States-General of the *United Provinces* were, in or about the Months of *September* or *October* in the Year of our Lord 1712, in Poſſeſſion of the ſtrong and important Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*; and whereas the *French* King had, during the Courſe of the ſaid private, ſeparate, and traiterous, Negotiation between him the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, and others, and the Miniſters of *France*, ſignified his Conſent to the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, that the ſaid Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay* ſhould remain to the ſaid States-General, as Part of their Barrier: And whereas her Majeſty, in her Inſtructions, of *December* the 23d 1711, to her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, had expreſly directed them to inſiſt with the Plenipotentiaries of *France*, in the General Congreſs, That, towards forming a ſufficient Barrier for the States-General, *Tournay* ſhould remain to their High Mightineſſes; and did afterwards declare herſelf conformably thereunto, in a Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, on the 6th of *June* 1712; in which ſhe communicated to them the Terms whereon a Peace might be made: And whereas, for ſeveral Years before, and till the ſaid Months of *September* and *October* in the Year of our Lord 1712, there was open War between her late Majeſty and the *French* King, and the ſaid War continuing for all the ſaid time, and afterwards, the ſaid *French* King and his Subjects were Enemies to her Majeſty, he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then being One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and of her Privy-Council, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having altogether withdrawn the cordial Love, and true and due Obedience, which every true and faithful Subject owed to her ſaid Majeſty, and deſigning to give Aid and Succour, and to adhere, to the ſaid *French* King againſt her ſaid Majeſty, did, in or about the Months of *September* or *October* 1712, during the ſaid War, falſly, mali-

maliciouſly, wickedly, and traiterouſly, aid, help, and aſſiſt, and adhere to, the *French* King, then an Enemy to her late Majeſty, againſt her ſaid Majeſty; and, in Execution and Performance of the ſaid Aiding, Aſſiſting, and Adhering, maliciouſly, falſly, and traiterouſly, did counſel and adviſe the ſaid Enemy, in what Manner, and by what Methods, the ſaid important Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*, then in Poſſeſſion of the States-General, might be gained from them to the *French* King, contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Article 6th.

That whereas her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, not only in purſuance of the Treaties ſhe ſtood engaged in to her good Allies, and, in particular, to his Imperial Majeſty, for the Recovery of the Monarchy of *Spain* to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, thereby to preſerve a due Balance of Power in *Europe*; but alſo, from her juſt Reſentment againſt the Duke of *Anjou*, who then ſtiled himſelf King of *Spain*, and who, in Defiance of her Majeſty's Title to the Crown, had acknowleged the Pretender as King of *Great Britain*; and, on theſe juſt Foundations, her Majeſty had, in Vindication of the Honour of the Crown, and in Juſtice to her People, at a vaſt Expence of Blood and Treaſure, and on the earneſt and repeated Advices of her Parliament, proſecuted a vigorous War againſt the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*; and whereas, in the Years of our Lord 1710, 1711, and 1712, the ſaid open, bloody, and expenſive, War was carried on between her ſaid late Majeſty Queen *Anne* and the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, and, during all the time aforeſaid, the ſaid War did continue, and for all that time, the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, and the Subjects of *Spain* adhereing to him, were Enemies of her late Majeſty; he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then being One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and of her Privy-Council, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having withdrawn his true Obedience from her ſaid late Majeſty, did, at ſeveral times, in the ſaid Years of our Lord 1710, 1711, and 1712, falſly, maliciouſly, wickedly, and traiterouſly, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, then an Enemy to her ſaid late Majeſty, againſt her ſaid Majeſty; and, in Execution and Performance of his ſaid Aiding, Helping, and Aſſiſting, and Adhering, and in Confederacy and Combination with the then Enemies of her late Majeſty, and with divers other wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons, did, at ſeveral times, in the Years aforeſaid, adviſe and counſel the Enemies of her late Majeſty, againſt her ſaid Majeſty; and, in ſuch Counſelling and Adviſing, did concert with them, and did promote, the yielding and giving up *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, or ſome Part thereof, to the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, then in Enmity with her Majeſty, againſt the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

All which Crimes and Miſdemeanors were committed and done by him the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, againſt our late Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity, the Peace and Intereſt of this Kingdom, and in Breach of the ſeveral Truſts repoſed in him the ſaid Viſcount: And he the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* was One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and One of ... Privy-Council, during the time that all and every the Crimes before ſet forth were done and committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be read, Article by Article.

The Preamble to the ſaid Articles was read:

And an Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by inſerting, after "Majeſty," theſe Words, "of ever-"bleſſed Memory:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid Articles were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be Articles of Impeachment againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Ker:* } 145.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Packington*, Mr. *Shippen:* } 41.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be prepared, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke:* And that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

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Veneris, 5° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of the Seventeenth of *June* laſt, relating to the Coining of Halfpence and Farthings, having been preſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty was pleaſed graciouſly to anſwer, That when his Majeſty ſhall think proper to give Orders for coining new Halfpence and Farthings, he will take care that it be done in the moſt advantageous manner for the Publick.

Sir *Thomas Johnſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then read a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe A; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A being read a Second time, to explain the Act, made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act to enable the Town of *Liverpool*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, to build a Church, and endow the ſame; and for making the ſaid Town, and Liberties thereof, a Pariſh of itſelf, diſtinct from *Walton*;

And a Debate ariſing upon the ſaid Clauſe;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Petition of *Conway Ormſby*, in behalf of his Brother *Arthur Ormſby* Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his Brother, being in *Ireland*, was informed, That a Bill was paſſing, for explaining and better executing the Intentions of a former Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Proteſtant Children of the Earl of *Clanricarde* and Lord *Bophin*, and the Powers and Authorities in Two ſeveral Indentures Quadrupartite and Tripartite, are confirmed, and otherwiſe altered; and ſeveral Perſons, in the ſaid Bill mentioned, are directed and impowered to ſell or mortgage ſuch Part of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the ſaid Indentures mentioned, as they ſhall think fit: That his ſaid Brother, and his Anceſtors, have been ſome conſiderable time in Poſſeſſion of the Town and Lands of *Shrewell*, in the County of *Mayo*, in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; which ſaid Town and Lands are contained in the ſaid Indentures, or One of them; and, if the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs into a Law, his Brother's Title to the ſaid Town and Lands would be defeated: And praying, That the ſaid Town and Lands may be particularly excepted in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until

until the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for explaining, and better executing, the Intentions of a former Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Proteſtant Children of the Earl of *Clanricard* and Lord *Bophin*; and for Sale of further Part of the ſaid Earl's Eſtate, for Payment of the Debts and Portions remaining chargeable upon the ſame; be read a Second time.

The Order for reading the ſaid Bill the Second time was read.

The Bill was read a Second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Finch*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*: } 94.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Harvey*, Sir *Richard Sandford*: } 141.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainting the Houſe, That the Committee had, in Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe, prepared Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *James* Duke of *Ormond*; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and are as follows; *viz.*

Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *James* Duke of *Ormonde*.

Article 1.

THAT whereas *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, in or about the Month of *April* 1712, being appointed General of the Forces in the *Netherlands* of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, with Orders to proſecute the War againſt *France* with all poſſible Vigour, in Conjunction with her ſaid Majeſty's Allies; and having, by her ſaid Majeſty's Directions, and in her Name, given her ſaid Allies the moſt ſolemn Aſſurances to that Purpoſe; was thereupon admitted into the Counſels, and made privy to the moſt ſecret Deſigns, of the Generals of the Confederate Army againſt the common Enemy, and of the Meaſures they thought the moſt proper to carry on the War with Succeſs: And whereas, in the ſaid Year 1712, the ſaid War was carried on between her ſaid late Majeſty Queen *Anne* and the ſaid *French* King; and, during all the ſaid Year, the War did continue, and, for all that time, the ſaid *French* King, and his Subjects, were Enemies of her late Majeſty; he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, then General of her Majeſty's Army, and a Subject of her Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having withdrawn his true and due Obedience from her ſaid late Majeſty, and Affection from his Country, did, during the ſaid War, falſly, maliciouſly, wickedly, and traiterouſly, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid *French* King, againſt her ſaid late Majeſty; and in Execution of his ſaid aiding, helping, aſſiſting, and adhering, maliciouſly, falſly, and traiterouſly, contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, did, on or about the 26th Day of *May* 1712, ſend private Intelligence and Information to Marechal *Villars*, then an Enemy to her ſaid late Majeſty, and General of the *French* King's Army againſt her Majeſty and her Allies, of a March the Army of her ſaid Majeſty, and of her Allies, was then going to make, and of the Deſign of the ſaid Army in making that March.

Article the Second.

That whereas, in or about the Month of *May* 1712, a traiterous Deſign was carried on between *Henry St. John* Eſquire, then One of her ſaid late Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and other evil-diſpoſed Perſons, and the Miniſters of *France*, to defeat the juſt Expectations of the great Advantages over the common Enemy her Majeſty and the Nation had then Reaſon to hope for from the great Superiority of the Confederate Forces in the *Netherlands*; to obtain which, very large Sums of Money had been chearfully contributed by Parliament; and, to that End, the ſaid *Henry St. John* had given ſecret Aſſurances to the *French* Miniſters, that her Majeſty's General in the *Netherlands*, though under the moſt ſolemn Engagements to act vigorouſly in Concert with the Allies, ſhould not act againſt *France*; and had alſo engaged the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* to concur in the ſaid wicked Purpoſe: Which evil Practices of the ſaid *Henry St. John* and others, when they were firſt ſuſpected, giving the greateſt Alarm to the Miniſters of the Allies, the Parliament, and to the whole Kingdom; and being thereupon openly diſavowed and denied by all the Conſpirators in the moſt publick manner; he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, in order to diſguiſe and conceal from her ſaid late Majeſty, and the whole Kingdom, the ſaid traiterous Deſigns then carrying on by the ſaid *Henry St. John*, and other falſe Traitors to her Majeſty and (*a*) [their] Country, in Aid and Comfort of the *French* King, then in open War with, and an Enemy of, her ſaid Majeſty, did, by his Letter of the 25th of *May* 1712, to the ſaid *Henry St. John*, then her Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State, called his publick Letter, becauſe prepared, and intended to be read, before her ſaid Majeſty and her Council, wickedly, falſly, and treacherouſly, abuſe and impoſe upon her ſaid late Majeſty and her Council, by affirming and declaring therein, That, if he found an Opportunity to bring the Enemy to a Battle, he ſhould not decline it; although, by a private Letter, writ by the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, of the ſame Date, and to the ſaid *Henry St. John*, deſigned to be read by the ſaid *Henry St. John* and the ſaid Conſpirators only, he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* did, on the contrary, wickedly promiſe and engage, that he would not attack or moleſt the *French* Army, or engage in any Siege againſt *France*.

Article the Third.

That he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, in or about the Month of *June* 1712, being at that time General of her Majeſty's Forces againſt *France*, and a Subject of her ſaid Majeſty, not conſidering the Duty of his Allegiance, but having altogether withdrawn the cordial Love and due Obedience which every faithful Subject owed to her ſaid Majeſty, and devoting himſelf to the Service of *France*, and deſigning to give Aid and Comfort to the *French* King and his Subjects, then in open War with, and Enemies to, her ſaid late Majeſty; in Violation of the many Treaties of Alliance between *Great Britain* and ſeveral other Princes and States for carrying on the War againſt *France*, and of the ſaid late Queen's Inſtructions to him, on or about the 7th of *April* 1712, under the Sign Manual in purſuance thereof, and of the ſolemn Declarations he had but lately before, by her ſaid Majeſty's Command, and in her Name, made to the Penſionary of *Holland*, and the Generals of the Confederate Army, to puſh on the War with all poſſible Vigour; and alſo in open and manifeſt Violation of the laſt Orders ſent to him in a Letter from the ſaid *Henry St. John*, on or about the 7th of *June* 1712, whereby he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* was directed to make no Ceſſation (*b*) [of Arms with the *French*, unleſs the Articles demanded by her Majeſty, and expreſly mentioned and ſet down in the ſaid Letter, as the Conditions for the ſaid Ceſſation,] ſhould be complied with by *France*; and whereby he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* was likewiſe further expreſly directed and told, That in caſe the Conditions therein mentioned were not complied with by *France*, that then he was intirely free from Reſtraint, and at Liberty to take all reaſonable Meaſures in his Power for annoying the Enemy, and at full Liberty

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(*b*) Supplied alſo from the original Report.

of acting againſt *France*; did, on or about the 25th of *June* aforeſaid, falſly, maliciouſly, wickedly, and traiterouſly, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the *French* King againſt her ſaid late Majeſty, and then in open War with her Majeſty; and, in Execution of his ſaid aiding, helping, aſſiſting, and adhering, and in purſuance of a wicked Promiſe he had ſecretly made the ſame Day to Marechal *Villars*, General of the *French* Army, to that Purpoſe, maliciouſly, falſly, and traiterouſly, contrary to the Duty of his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, did adviſe, and endeavour to perſuade, the Generals of the Confederate Army againſt *France*, and the Deputies of the States General, to raiſe the Siege of *Queſnoy*, a a *French* Town, then beſieged by them; and did then further traiterouſly and wickedly refuſe to act any longer againſt *France*; and then alſo traiterouſly and wickedly told the ſaid Generals of the ſaid Confederate Forces, and the ſaid States Deputies, That he could no longer cover the Siege of *Queſnoy*; but was obliged, by his Inſtructions, to march off with the Queen's Troops, and thoſe in her Majeſty's Pay: Whereas in Truth, *(a)* [and] the Commons expreſly charge, that he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* did traiterouſly and wickedly make the ſaid Declaration, and refuſed to act againſt *France*, in manifeſt Contradiction, not only to his ſaid original Orders, but alſo of the ſaid Letter to him, of the 7th of *June*, from the ſaid *Henry St. John*; ſince none of the Articles, demanded by her Majeſty for a Ceſſation of Arms, and expreſſed in the ſaid Letter to be the Conditions, without which no Ceſſation of Arms was to be made, had been complied with by *France*: And, in further Execution of his ſaid traiterous Deſigns, he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, by a Letter to the ſaid Marechal *Villars*, on the 25th of *June* aforeſaid, did traiterouſly and wickedly ſend Intelligence to the ſaid Marechal *Villars* of the before-mentioned Paſſages between him the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* and the Generals of the Confederate Army and the States Deputies; and how his Propoſitions were received by them; and alſo the Diſpoſition he obſerved in the foreign Troops to adhere to the ſaid Confederates, in caſe of a Separation by the Troops of *Great Britain*.

Article the Fourth.

That he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* did not only wickedly and falſly affirm to the Generals of the Confederate Army, and the States Deputies, That his ſaid Refuſal to act any longer againſt *France*, and to cover the Siege of *Queſnoy*, was in purſuance of Inſtructions he had received for that Purpoſe; but alſo, to induce the ſaid Generals of the Confederate Army, and the States Deputies, to comply with his Propoſal to them to abandon the ſaid Siege, he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* did wickedly repreſent their Compliance therein as the moſt effectual Way to induce her ſaid late Majeſty to take care of the ſaid Confederates Intereſt at the Peace; whereby he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* did, in effect, threaten her ſaid Majeſty's good Friends and Allies, that, unleſs they would diſhonourably abandon an Enterprize undertaken by common Conſent, and thereby ſave a ſtrong Fortreſs, and a numerous Gariſon, of the Enemy, they were not to expect, that her Majeſty would take care of their Intereſts at the general Peace.

Article the Fifth.

That he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* having received a Letter, dated on or about the 14th of *July* 1712, from the ſaid Marechal *Villars*, the *French* General, deſiring to be informed what Troops remained with the Confederate Army, or what Troops and Generals marched off from them with him the ſaid Duke; and declaring at the ſame time, that the Reaſon of that Inquiry was, in order to fall upon and attack the ſaid Confederate Army; he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, on or about the 16th Day of *July* 1712, did traiterouſly and wickedly, contrary to the Duty of a true and faithful Subject, and contrary to his Allegiance, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, aid, help, aſſiſt, and adhere to, the ſaid *French* King, and his Subjects, againſt her ſaid late Majeſty, and then in open War with, and Enemies to, her ſaid late Majeſty; and, in Execution of his ſaid aiding, helping, aſſiſting, and adhering, he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, on or about the ſaid 16th Day of *July* 1712, did traiterouſly ſend ſecret Intelligence to the ſaid Marechal *Villars*, the General of the *French* Army, of the Number of the Troops that had left the ſaid Confederate Army, and alſo of the March the ſaid Confederate Army had that Morning made.

Article the Sixth.

And whereas he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* had received Advice, that the States-General, in or about the Month of *October* 1712, had formed a Deſign to ſurpriſe and take the Towns of *Newport* and *Furnes*, or one of them, then in the Poſſeſſion of the *French* King; that he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, intending to ſtrengthen the Hands of the common Enemy, by defeating the ſaid Enterprize, did, on or about the 21th Day of *October* 1712, in a Letter to the ſaid *Henry St. John*, then Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, wickedly and baſely ſuggeſt to and adviſe her ſaid late Majeſty to ſend ſecret Intelligence of, and to betray, the ſaid Counſels and Deſigns of her good and faithful Allies the States-General to the *French* King, then in War with, and an Enemy to, her Majeſty; and did further, wickedly and ſhamefully, ſuggeſt the Means of putting the ſaid Treachery in Execution, by giving private Intelligence of the Deſign to the ſaid Marechal *Villars*.

All which Crimes and Miſdemeanors were committed and done by him the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* againſt our late Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity, the Peace and Intereſt of this Kingdom, and in Breach of the ſeveral Truſts repoſed in him the ſaid Duke: And he the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* was General of her Majeſty's Forces in the *Netherlands*, and One of her Privy-Council, during the time that all and every the Crimes before ſet forth were done and committed.

The Firſt Article being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Article be one of the Articles of Impeachment againſt *James* Duke of *Ormonde*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Onſlow*:	177.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Barrymore*, Sir *John Hynde Cotton*:	78.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The reſt of the Articles, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be Articles of Impeachment againſt *James* Duke of *Ormonde*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be prepared, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*; and that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 6° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Clauſe being offered to the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of the Fourth Inſtant, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*; and that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody;

And the ſame was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

FOR which Matters and Things, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, of the Houſe of Commons in Parliament aſſembled, do, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes

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Crimes and Miſdemeanors in the ſaid Articles contained: And the ſaid Commons, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſations or Impeachments againſt the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*; and alſo of replying to the Anſwers which the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* ſhall make to the Premiſes, or any of them, or to any Impeachment or Accuſation that ſhall be by them exhibited, according to the Courſe and Proceedings of Parliament; do pray, That the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* be put to anſwer all and every the Premiſes; and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be, upon them, and every of them, had and uſed, as ſhall be agreeable to Law and Juſtice: And they do further pray and demand, That the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed, with the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*.

A Clauſe being offered to the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt *James* Duke of *Ormonde*; and that he may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and committed to ſafe Cuſtody,

The ſame was twice read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

FOR which Matters and Things, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, of the Houſe of Commons, in Parliament aſſembled, do, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors in the ſaid Articles contained: And the ſaid Commons, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſations or Impeachments againſt the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*; and alſo of replying to the Anſwers which the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* ſhall make to the Premiſes, or any of them, or to any Impeachment or Accuſation that ſhall be by them exhibited, according to the Courſe and Proceedings of Parliament; do pray, That the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* be put to anſwer all and every the Premiſes; and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be, upon them, and every of them, had and uſed, as ſhall be agreeable to Law and Juſtice: And they do further pray and demand, That the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed, with the Articles of Impeachment againſt *James* Duke of *Ormonde*.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Farrer*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Monroe*, Sir *Mountague Blundle*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon*, *Dorſet*, and *Somerſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Bay and Say-weavers in *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds of the ſame Trade, is referred, have Power to report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to naturalize *Robert de Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others, was committed, That they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, and Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scots* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſea*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs L. To leave out "an," and inſert "ſo "much of the:"

L. To leave out "Eleven Years," and inſert "One Year:"

Preſs 4. L. 21. After "ſet," inſert "the ſaid Prizes to "be aſcertained according to the *Wincheſter* Meaſure:"

L. 36. After "thereof," to leave out "only," and to inſert "the Borough of *Southwark*, and Weekly "Bills of Mortality, in the County of *Surry*:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, and Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scotch* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſea*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, were read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walpole* do carry the ſaid Articles to the Lords.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walpole* be directed, before he exhibits the ſaid Articles to the Lords, to impeach *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons aſſembled in Parliament, having received Information of divers traiterous Practices and Deſigns of a great Peer of this Houſe, *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſons, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to pray and demand of your Lordſhips, That the ſaid *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes: And that Mr. Comptroller and Mr. *Cholmly* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Walpole* reported, That he had, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; and delivered in the Articles of Impeachment againſt him; and did pray and demand, That the ſaid Viſcount might be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to prove that ſeveral Perſons, who voted for the Sitting Members lived out of the Borough, or

were under Age, or were Apprentices, or received Alms.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That they have ordered *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to be forthwith attached by the Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod attending the Houſe of Lords; and brought to their Lordſhips Bar, to anſwer the Articles exhibited againſt him by this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining an Act, made in the Ninth Year of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; without Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 8° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Lowther* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Fund of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 16. L. 1. To leave out "*Ireland*," and inſert "*Dublyn*:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Fund of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and for ſatisfying an Arrear for Works and Materials at *Blanheim* incurred, whilſt that Building was carried on at the Expence of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *James* Duke of *Ormond*, were read.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the ſaid Articles to the Lords.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* be directed, before he exhibits the ſaid Articles to the Lords, to impeach *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons aſſembled in Parliament, having received Information of divers traiterous Practices and Deſigns of a great Peer of this Houſe, *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons, to pray and demand of your Lordſhips, That the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde* may be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

The Houſe was called over, according to Order:

And the Name of ſuch as made Default to appear were taken down.

Ordered, That the Names of ſuch as made Default be now called over.

And they were called over accordingly:

And ſeveral of them appeared; and others were excuſed, upon account of their being ill, ſome in the Country, ſome in Town; and others, upon account of their being in the Country, upon extraordinary Occaſions; and ſome, as being upon the Road.

Upon calling over the Names of Sir *Michael Warton*, *John Snell* Eſquire, *Thomas Maſter* Eſquire, *Richard Shuttleworth* Eſquire, *Charles Parker* Eſquire, Sir *William Blackett* Baronet, *Corbett Kynaſton* Eſquire, *Dodington Grevile* Eſquire, Sir *Robert Furneſſe* Baronet, *Lewis Price* Eſquire, and *John Carnegy* Eſquire; they were not excuſed.

Ordered, That Sir *Michael Warton* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Snell* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſter* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *Richard Shuttleworth* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *Charles Parker* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That Sir *William Blackett* Baronet do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *Corbett Kynaſton* Eſquire be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Dodington Grevile* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That Sir *Robert Furneſs* Baronet do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *Lewis Price* Eſquire be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *John Carnegy* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon this Day Month.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported, That he had, according to Order, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *James* Duke of *Ormonde* of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanours; and delivered in the Articles of Impeachment againſt him; and did pray and demand, That the ſaid Duke might be ſequeſtred from Parliament, and forthwith committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That they have ordered *James* Duke of *Ormonde* to be forthwith attached by the Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod attending the Houſe of Lords, and brought to their Lordſhips Bar, to anſwer the Articles exhibited againſt him by this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *George Heneage* Eſquire to ſell the Rectory of *North Willingham*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and ſome Lands there; and for ſettling a Rent-charge, of greater Value, in lieu thereof; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be read the Third time upon *Wedneſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 9° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *George Heneage* Eſquire to ſell the Rectory of *North Willingham*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and ſome Lands there; and for ſettling Rent-charges, of greater Value, in lieu thereof; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Right Honourable *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Letters Patents have paſſed the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to conſtitute and appoint him to execute the Office and Place of Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the ſaid Kingdom; and that, by reaſon of his preſent Service, and Attendance on his Majeſty, cannot go into the ſaid Kingdom, to qualify himſelf there, as the Law directs: And praying, That a Bill may be brought into this Honourable Houſe, to enable him to qualify himſelf in *England* for the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Moleſworth*, and Mr. *Lowther*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the laſt Amendment to the Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*:

And a Clauſe in the Act, of the 10th Year of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act to enable the Town of *Leverpole*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, to build a Church, and endow the ſame; and for making the ſaid Town, and Liberties thereof, a Pariſh-Church of itſelf, diſtinct from *Walton*; being read;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Amendments;

Ordered, That the ſaid Debate be further adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

The Houſe being informed, That Sir *Michael Wharton* and *Corbet Kynaſton* Eſquire are, purſuant to the Orders of Yeſterday, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe;

Ordered, That Sir *Michael Wharton* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Ordered, That *Corbet Kynaſton* Eſquire be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellowes*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That the Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod hath this Day returned to their Lordſhips, That, in Obedience to their Lordſhips Order, of the Sixth of *Auguſt* inſtant, to attach *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, he had made diligent Search and Inquiry after the ſaid Viſcount, as well at the laſt and uſual Places of Abode of the ſaid Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, as elſewhere; but the ſaid Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke* is not to be found, ſo as that he may be attached, as is commanded by the ſaid Order.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to ſummon *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day therein to be limited; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon: And that Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe proceeded in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to prove, that ſeveral Perſons, who voted for the Sitting-Members, received Alms, or were not Pot-wallers, or came into the Borough by Certificate.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 10° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe a Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament: And the ſame was received.

A Bill for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Walpole* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to ſummon *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Moleſworth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable the Right Honourable *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oath of Office, as he is Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify himſelf, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour: And the ſame was received.

An ingroſſed Bill for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame.

Ordered, That Sir *John Ward* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Liddall* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Agent of *Carolina*, in *America*, and ſeveral Merchants trading thither, for and on behalf of themſelves, and the miſerable Inhabitants of that diſtreſſed Province, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the ſaid Committee have, in purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, met ſeveral times: And, upon Examination of the Matter of the ſaid Petition, do find;

That the Dangers to which the Province of *South Carolina* is expoſed, by the late Invaſion of the *Indians*, are ſuch as require a ſpeedy and effectual Relief; the Inhabitants fit to bear Arms not being Fifteen hundred or Two thouſand Men; and the *Indians* are ſaid to be upwards of Twelve thouſand: That, the Proprietors not being able, at their own Charges, either to ſend the neceſſary Supplies for the preſent Relief of the ſaid Province, or to ſupport it under the like for the future, your Committee ſubmit, in what manner it may be moſt proper to preſerve and maintain this ſo valuable a Province, which is a Frontier of the *Britiſh* Plantations on the Continent:

But, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Supply of Men, Arms, and Ammunition, be ſent for their Relief, the whole Province muſt inevitably be ruined; to the great Prejudice of his Majeſty's Subjects, and the Trade of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That ſuch Relief may be ſent to *Carolina*, as his Majeſty ſhall judge neceſſary for the Preſervation of that Colony.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That the Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod hath this Day returned to their Lordſhips, That, in Obedience to their Lordſhips Order, on the Eighth of *Auguſt* inſtant, to attach his Grace *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, he had made diligent Search and Inquiry after the ſaid Duke, as well at the laſt and uſual Places of Abode of the ſaid *James* Duke of *Ormonde*, as elſewhere; but the ſaid Duke of *Ormonde* is not to be found, ſo that he may be attached, as is commanded by the ſaid Order.

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Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormonde* to render himſelf to Juſtice, by a Day therein to be limited; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, and Mr. Sollicitor-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*; and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majeſty's Plantations; and for the Security of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *John Chetwind*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Cockburn*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

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The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be read the Third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Colonel *Bladen* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to make the Militia of this Kingdom more uſeful was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to oblige the Clerks formerly employed under the Lieutenants, or their Deputy-Lieutenants, in Affairs relating to the Militia, to deliver ſuch Books, and other Papers, as they have, to ſuch Perſons as the Lieutenants, or their Deputy-Lieutenants, ſhall appoint:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was amended; and afterwards, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to oblige Receivers of Trophy-money to account for the ſame:

The ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Sir *Wm. Hickman*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaw*, Mr. *Jennins*, Mr. *Coſin*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Cartwright*, be added to the Committee, to whom an ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands, in the County of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *Wm. Courtenay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands, in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; were committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 11° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred thereon any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an additional Number of Six thouſand Men be allowed for Sea-Service, for the Half-year from the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1715.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That an additional Number of Six thouſand Men be allowed for Sea-Service, for the Half-year from the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1715.

An ingroſſed Bill to naturalize *Robert de Vlieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to naturalize *Robert de Vlieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Colonel *Bladen* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of *James Campbell* Eſquire, and of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, were referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Committee having taken into Conſideration the Matters of the ſaid Petition of *James Campbell*, of *London*, Merchant, Agent for the publick Creditors of *Scotland*;

It appeared, That, by the Fifteenth Article of the Treaty of Union between *England* and *Scotland*, it is agreed, That all the publick Debts of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, as ſhould be adjuſted by that preſent Parliament, ſhould be paid out of the ſeveral Sums by the ſaid Treaty payable to *Scotland*, by way of Increaſe and Equivalents:

That, by an Act, of the laſt Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, An Act concerning the publick Debts, the publick Debts of *Scotland* were adjuſted:

That, by an Act, of the Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, An Act for further directing the Payment of the Equivalent money, the Commiſſioners of Equivalent were impowered and directed to grant transferrable Debentures for the publick Debts, ſo adjuſted, to the ſeveral Perſons intitled thereto, with Intereſt at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the 24th of *June* 1708.

Sir *Patrick Johnſton*, One of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, attended the Committee; and, being examined, declared, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Equivalent had iſſued out transferrable Debentures, bearing Intereſt

tereſt at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum* from the 24th of *June* 1708, purſuant to the aforeſaid Act:

That, by an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to acquit and diſcharge the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, *&c.* the publick Debts of *Scotland*, which, on the 24th of *June* 1714, remained unſatisfied, and which were adjuſted and certified, purſuant to the Direction of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament therein recited, are declared to amount to the Sum of 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.*; and the Commiſſioners of Equivalent are thereby directed and required to iſſue out new Debentures for the ſaid Sum to the ſeveral Perſons proportionally and reſpectively intitled thereto, with Intereſt at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum* from the ſaid 24th of *June* 1714, payable out of the firſt and readieſt of the Monies which either are, or ſhall become, due to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, according to the Agreements in the Treaty of Union.

The ſaid Sir *Patrick Johnſton* acquainted the Committee, That the Commiſſioners of Equivalent have proceeded to iſſue out new Debentures, purſuant to the Direction of the ſaid Act of Parliament, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty: And the Petitioner, *James Campbell*, alſo produced to the Committee ſeveral new Debentures, which have been iſſued by the Commiſſioners of Equivalent accordingly.

That, from the ſaid Act of Parliament, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, and from the Acknowlegement of the ſaid Sir *Patrick Johnſton*, who was examined to that Effect, it appeared to the Committee, That the publick Creditors of *Scotland* have not received any Part of the ſaid principal Sum of 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.* nor of the Intereſt due thereupon.

That, by the 15th Article of the Treaty of Union, it is provided, That the Commiſſioners of Equivalent ſhall keep Books, containing Accounts of the Amount of the Equivalents; and how the ſame ſhall have been diſpoſed of from time to time; which may be inſpected by any of the Subjects who ſhall deſire the ſame.

The ſaid Sir *Patrick Johnſton*, and *Patrick Campbell* Eſquire, Treaſurer to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, being examined, acknowleged, That the ſaid Commiſſioners had not kept ſuch Books, with the Amounts of the Equivalents, to be inſpected by the Creditors, or other Subjects of *Scotland*, as the Treaty of Union requires; becauſe the ſaid Commiſſioners themſelves had not received the Accounts from the Officers of the Revenue, certifying the Equivalents growing due, as the ſaid Act for further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money appoints; whereby, only, proper Books might have been kept for that Purpoſe: And that,

Upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioner, *James Campbell* Eſquire, has fully proved the Allegations of his Petition, in behalf of the publick Creditors of *Scotland*.

After which, the Committee proceeded upon the Petition of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, which was alſo referred to them: And,

It appeared to the Committee, upon reading the 15th Article of Union, with the Minutes of the Treaty, and other Accounts thereto annexed, publiſhed by Authority;

That *Scotland* ſhould have an Equivalent for what the Subjects thereof ſhould be charged towards Payment of the Debts of *England*, in all Particulars whatſoever; *viz.* 398,085 *l.* 10 *s.* for ſuch Parts of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, with which that Kingdom was to be charged upon the Union, as would be applicable to the Payment of the ſaid Debts of *England*, according to the Proportions which the then preſent Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, being 30,000 *l. per Annum*, did bear to the Cuſtoms in *England*, computed at 1,341,559 *l. per Annum*; and the then preſent Exciſes in *Scotland*, being 33,500 *l. per Annum*, did bear to the Exciſe in *England*, computed at 947,602 *l. per Annum*:

And, in regard the ſaid Revenues would improve beyond the before-mentioned annual Values thereof, of which no Eſtimate could then be made, and for which a proportionable Equivalent ought to be anſwered to *Scotland*; therefore, after the Union, there ſhould be an Account kept of the ſaid Duties ariſing in *Scotland*, to the end it might appear what ought to be anſwered to *Scotland* as an Equivalent for ſuch Proportion of the ſaid Increaſe, as ſhould be applicable to the Payment of the Debts of *England*:

That, for the more effectual anſwering the ſeveral Ends mentioned in this Article, after the Union, the whole Increaſe of the Revenues of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, over and above the annual Produce of the ſaid reſpective Duties, as above ſtated, ſhould go, and be applied, for the Term of Seven Years, to the Uſes hereafter mentioned; *viz.* for Payment of the publick Debts of *Scotland*; and towards encouraging and promoting the Fiſheries, and ſuch other Manufactories and Improvements, in *Scotland*, as might moſt conduce to the general Good of the United Kingdom; and that, upon the ſaid Account, there ſhould be anſwered to *Scotland* annually, from the End of Seven Years after the Union, an Equivalent in proportion to ſuch Part of the ſaid Increaſe, as ſhould be applicable to the Debts of *England*: And generally,

That an Equivalent ſhould be anſwered to *Scotland* for ſuch Parts of the *Engliſh* Debts as *Scotland* might thereafter become liable to pay, by reaſon of the Union, other than ſuch, for which Appropriations had then been made by Parliament in *England*, of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe; in reſpect of which Debts, Equivalents are herein before provided:

That, at the time of the Treaty, certain Branches of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe of *England* were applicable for the Civil Liſt; others appropriated to Perpetuity, or for a long Term of Years, for Payment of Debts; others were to continue for a ſhort Period of Time, for the ſame Purpoſe; and others were unappropriated, and applicable to the publick Service; the Value of all which reſpective Branches was taken from a Medium of the Produce in the Three Years immediately preceding the Treaty; and the Parts of the *Scots* Cuſtoms and Exciſe, applicable to the ſeveral Purpoſes aforeſaid, were regulated by the Proportions above-mentioned, as may appear by the aforeſaid Minutes and Accounts of the Commiſſioners for the Treaty of Union.

It appeared further to the Committee, upon reading the aforeſaid 15th Article of Union, and a Clauſe in an Act, of the Sixth of Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for the further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money, That her late Majeſty was impowered to appoint Commiſſioners, who ſhould be accountable to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, for diſpoſing the ſaid Sum of 398,085 *l.* 10 *s.* and all other Monies which ſhould ariſe to *Scotland* upon the Agreements aforeſaid; which Commiſſioners ſhould be impowered to call for, receive, and diſpoſe of, the ſaid Monies in manner aforeſaid; and to inſpect the Books of the ſeveral Collectors of the ſaid Revenues, and other Duties from whence an Equivalent might ariſe; and that the Collectors and Managers of the ſaid Revenues ſhould be obliged to give to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſubſcribed authentick Abbreviates of the Produce of ſuch Revenues and Duties ariſing in their reſpective Diſtricts; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhould have their Office within the Limits of *Scotland*, and, in ſuch Office, keep Books, containing Accounts of the Amount of the Equivalents, and how the ſame ſhould have been diſpoſed of from time to time; which might be inſpected by any of the Subjects who ſhould deſire the ſame.

That, by the ſaid Act, of the Sixth of Queen *Anne*, it appeared, That the Commiſſioners, Managers, Collectors, and other proper Officers, of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and of all other Revenues and Duties from whence an Equivalent might ariſe, according to the Agreements aforeſaid, were obliged to make and ſubſcribe Two authentick Abbreviates of the Produce of ſuch Revenues, with the Amount of the ſeveral Sums which ſhould be due by way of Equivalent, according to the ſaid Agreements, from the Commencement of the Union to the 25th *March* 1708, for

for the Firſt time, and ſo from thenceforward half-yearly; one of the ſaid Abbreviates to be tranſmitted to the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being; and the other to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent in *Scotland* for the Time being; and that the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, upon Receipt of ſuch Abbreviates, ſhould and might grant his or their Warrant for the Payment of ſuch Sums, as ſhould be found due, to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent for the Time being:

That, by the ſame Act of the Sixth of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, each Commiſſioner of the Equivalent ſhould have an Allowance of 300 *l.* yearly, during his Continuance in the Adminiſtration thereof, in Conſideration of their great Pains and Expence, and their being liable, in their Perſons and Eſtates, to the Parties having Intereſt, and to account to the Parliament of *Great Britain* for their Adminiſtration: But, by an Act of the Twelfth of her ſaid Majeſty, and by an Account, wherein the publick Debts of *Scotland*, mentioned in that Act, are particularly ſet forth, it appears, That theſe Commiſſioners have got no Payment of their Salaries; and the Sum, ſtated due to them on the 24th *June* 1714, is 15,129 *l.* 11 *s.* 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* over and above a Balance of 16,450 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* then remaining in their Hands: And, by the ſame Act of the Twelfth of her ſaid Majeſty, they are made accountable for the ſaid Balance, as being applicable to other Purpoſes preferable to their Salaries: And, ſince the time of makeing up their Accounts with the Parliament, they have been obliged to lay out of the ſaid Balance, for Payment of the neceſſary Charges of the Commiſſion, the Fees and Salaries of their Servants, preceding the 24th *June* 1715, the Sum of 1,568 7 6, which, by the ſaid Act of the Sixth of her ſaid Majeſty, was payable out of the firſt and readieſt of the Money in the Hands of the ſaid Commiſſioners, from time to time; whereby the Balance, formerly remaining in their Hands, is reduced to the Sum of 14,882 *l.* 6 *s.* 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; and the Debt due to them for their Salaries is augmented to the Sum of 16,697 *l.* 18 *s.* 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* over and above what remains of the ſaid Balance; and the Salaries due to the ſaid Commiſſioners, from 24th *June* 1714 to the 24th *June* 1715, amount to 2,738 *l.* 12 *s.* 8 *d.* which appears by Accounts ſigned by the preſent Commiſſioners of Equivalent:

That there appears to be no Fund for ſupporting the preſent Commiſſion, until Payment or Proviſion is made for the Equivalents due, and growing due.

The Committee examined Mr. *Campbell* concerning the Accounts of the growing Equivalent, which were to have been made up and kept by the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, and other Matters relating to the Execution of the Truſt to them committed: Who ſaid, That he had been Treaſurer to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent ſince *July* 1707; and had, by their Allowance and Direction, demanded from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and from the other publick Offices, ſuch Accounts of the Produce of the Revenue under their reſpective Managements, as appeared to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent to have been neceſſary towards making up Accounts of the growing Equivalents: That no Accounts were delivered to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, other than Abbreviates of the Cuſtoms, and half-yearly Abbreviates of the Exciſe: That in neither one or other the Sums due by way of Equivalent were certified, ſave in One Abbreviate of Exciſe from the 25th *March* 1708 to the 29th *September* following: The Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſay, The Sum due, by way of Equivalent, is 1,927 *l.* 10 *s.*; which Abbreviates Mr. *Campbell* laid before the Committee: And further ſaid, That, the Commiſſioners of Equivalent perceiving an Unwillingneſs in the ſeveral Officers of the Revenue to give ſuch Accounts as were thought neceſſary, they, in ſeveral Memorials laid before the Treaſury, repreſented the Difficulties they were under with regard to the Accounts of the growing Equivalent, and the Hardſhips done them; who, notwithſtanding their being authorized by Parliament, veſted with Commiſſions from the Crown, and entruſted with the Execution of ſuch ſolemn Agreements between the Two Nations, have not, for theſe Eight Years paſt, got ſo much as their neceſſary Charges in attending that Office; and, on many Occaſions, demanded both the Increaſe and Equivalents, which they thought due:

But, by the general Abbreviates of the Revenues of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe of *Scotland*, which were referred to the Committee, it appears to what Purpoſes theſe Revenues were employed; and that the Commiſſioners of Equivalent have had no Part of either of them.

That the Committee, having looked into the Abbreviates of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, which were laid before them, did examine *John Crookſhanks* Eſquire, Comptroller-General of the Cuſtoms of *Scotland*, concerning the Abbreviates of the Cuſtoms: Who ſaid, That the Abbreviates then before the Committee were the ſame which were delivered by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent:

That what each Branch of that Revenue did produce, and what the Whole produced each Half-year, did appear by theſe Abbreviates: That the great Inequality of the half-yearly Produces, one being below what the Cuſtoms of *Scotland* yielded before the Union, and another above it, was the Cauſe, as he apprehended, why the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms never certified any Increaſe due to the Equivalent: That ſeveral Branches of the Cuſtoms were to have determined in *June*, *Auguſt*, and *September*, 1710; and, by ſeveral ſubſequent Laws, are continued, and made perpetual: But the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms were not able exactly to diſtinguiſh the Uſes, to which the Monies, levied upon theſe Branches, were applied; and therefore could never certify what was due, by way of Equivalent, upon the Continuation of theſe Branches.

That the Committee, having looked into the Abbreviates of the Exciſe, did obſerve, That nothing was certified due to the Equivalent upon any of thoſe half-yearly Abbreviates, except for the Half-year ending 29th *September* 1708; and that, by the general Accounts for the whole Seven Years, which was referred by the Houſe to the Committee, it appears, That, in each Year, there was a net Increaſe; ſave only in the laſt Year, which is charged with the whole Arrears from the Commencement of the Union.

It likewiſe appeared to the Committee, That, ſince the Union, the Branches of the Revenue, which were unappropriated at the time of the Treaty, have been ſince appropriated, ſome for Payment of Debts due before the Union, and others for promiſcuous Services: That all the Branches, which were to have determined in *June*, *Auguſt*, and *September*, 1710, are further continued, by ſubſequent Acts of Parliament; thoſe of the Cuſtoms to Perpetuity; and that of the Exciſe for Ninety-eight Years: And that ſeveral new Duties have been impoſed, ſince the Union, for current Services, and for Payment of old Debts.

That, by the aforeſaid Act, of the Twelfth of Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to acquit and diſcharge the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, *&c.* it appeared to the Committee, That the Sum due to the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, over and above the Balance of 16,450 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* remaining in the Hands of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent on the 24th *June* 1714, did amount to 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.*; and that the Intereſt due thereupon ſince, together with the Charges formerly mentioned to have been paid out of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, and the Salaries due to the Commiſſioners ſince that time, makes up the publick Debt to 246,130 *l.* 18 *s.* 6 *d.* on the 24th *June* 1715. And that,

Upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Commiſſioners of Equivalent have fully proved the Allegations and Facts contained in their Petition.

Reſolved, That the Accounts, which have hitherto been delivered by the Officers of the Revenue to the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, do not diſtinguiſh the particular

Applications of Money, in ſuch manner as may enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to make up the Accounts of the Equivalent:

And, therefore, it is their Opinion, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual Settling of ſuch Debts as are due, and growing due, by way of Equivalent, to *Scotland*; and to make a Proviſion for Payment of the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual ſtating and ſettling the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, that Payment may be made thereof, in Terms of Union; and of an Act, of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money: And that Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bayly*, and Mr. *Lownds*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormond* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be read the Third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

A Bill to ſummon *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton:*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel inſiſted upon the diſqualifying ſeveral Perſons, who voted for the Sitting-Members, on account of their having received the Charities called the Town-Charity (which is veſted in Feoffees), and *Meredith*'s Charity:

And a Book being produced, wherein is entered the Account of the Diſpoſition of the Town-Charity;

The Sitting-Members Counſel objected to the ſaid Book's being read as Evidence.

The Counſel on both Sides were heard thereunto.

And then withdrew,

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Account of *Jeffery Pyſing*, Steward and Bailiff of the Lands and Tenements belonging to the Town of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, from the Twenty-firſt Day of *December* 1713 to the Twenty-firſt of *December* 1714 (inſerted in a Book, intituled, "*Taunton*, An Account-"Book of the Profit of the Town-Lands, 1683)," although not allowed and ſigned by the Feoffees, be admitted to be read as Evidence;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *London:*	50.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Calmady:*	30.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

Then the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons named in the ſaid Account, as having received the ſaid Charity-money: And alſo examined Witneſſes, to prove Perſons having worn the Cloaths given by *Meredith*'s Charity; and alſo to ſome Perſons coming into the Borough by Certificate: And alſo examined Witneſſes, to prove that ſeveral Perſons who lived in the Borough, and were Houſekeepers and Pot-wallers, offered to poll for the Petitioners, but were refuſed; and alſo, to ſome partial Proceedings, as was inſiſted, of the Mayor, and Mr. *Yard*, who was a Juſtice of Peace in the ſaid Borough:

After which, the Petitioners Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Hiccoks:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Fund of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and for ſatisfying an Arrear for Work and Materials at *Blenheim*, incurred whilſt that Building was carried on at the Expence of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; without Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate late of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 12° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate late of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphrey Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphrey Wynche* ſhall marry, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Bruere*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Smith*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *John Tyrwhit*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Orld. Bridgman*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Baker*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Lincoln*, *Bed-*

Bedford, *Stafford*, and *Nottingham*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Cater* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courtnay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Monies ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Encouragement of the Linen Manufacture in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: And that Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, and Mr. *Smith*, of *Glaſcow*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock as the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to ſummon *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Walpole* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be read the Third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

A Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormonde* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning at Eleven of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in the Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

The Lord *Coningſby* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for allowing a Time for Two hundred Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants: And the ſame was received.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 13° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to enable the Right Honourable *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oath of Office, as he is Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify himſelf, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Wilkinſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Rich. Onſlow*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Mr. *Barlow*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Wm. Danes*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Dawney*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Wyld*, Colonel *Cornwall*, Sir *Wm. Whitlocke*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *Plumtre*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Hide*, Sir *Rich. Farington*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Gregory*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Letters having paſſed the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to conſtitute the Right Honourable *Arthur* Earl of *Angleſea*, and the Petitioner, to be his Majeſty's Vice-Treaſurer and Receiver-General, Paymaſter-General of all his Revenues and Profits whatſoever, and to be Treaſurer at War, in his Kingdom of *Ireland*; and that, by reaſon of his preſent Service and Attendance in Parliament, cannot go into the ſaid Kingdom, to qualify himſelf for the ſaid Offices, as the Law directs: And praying, That a Bill may be brought to enable him to qualify himſelf here in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable the Right Honourable *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oath of Office, as he is Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify himſelf, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, to enable the ſaid Earl of *Rocheſter* to qualify himſelf, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *George Henneage* Eſquire to ſell the Rectory of *North Willingham*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and ſome Lands

Lands there; and for ſettling Rent-charges, of greater Value, in lieu thereof; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to * * * *

Mr. *Younge* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment made by the Committee, to whom the Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Liverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, was committed:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment, Clauſe A;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That, *&c. (Beaumaris)*:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Walpole*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to ſummon *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon; was committed; and the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Chetwynd* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormonde* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning.

An ingroſſed Bill to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill; That the Commiſſioners appointed to put this Act in Execution, or any of them, upon the Complaint of *George Blagrave* Eſquire, his Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, to inquire, by a Jury, what Damages he ſhall ſuſtain in his Mills, by reaſon of making the ſaid River navigable; and to cauſe the Undertakers to make good ſuch Damages:

The ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then the Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

P. 1. L. * To leave out "and:"

P. 3. L. * To inſert "the Honourable *John Smith* "Eſquire:"

P. 5. L. * To inſert "*Richard Cooper:*"

P. 17. L. 7. After "aforeſaid," to inſert "full Coſts of "Suit:"

L. 13. After "Damages," inſert "and Coſts:"

L. 19. The ſame Amendment:

P. 18. L. 15. After "Miles," inſert "next:"

L. 24. Inſtead of "Tenants, inſert "Under-"takers:"

And the Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; be read a Second time upon *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

The Houſe proceeded in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel opened their Evidence; and examined Witneſſes, to juſtify ſome of the Sitting-Members Voters, which the Petitioners Counſel had objected to, and examined Witneſſes againſt.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 15° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock as the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage, relating to the Proviſion to be made for the Miniſters who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches.

A Bill for allowing a Time for Two hundred Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Cater*, Colonel *Morton*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Cockburn*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Bayly*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Onſlow:* And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Francis* Lord *Guilford*, Guardian to *Charles* Lord *Baltemore*, a Minor, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there being a Bill depending in this Honourable Houſe, intituled, A Bill for the better Regulation of the Charters and Proprietary Governments in *America*; and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majeſty's Plantations; whereby the ſaid Minor's Right and Property may be highly infringed: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will take the Right of the ſaid Lord *Baltemore* into Conſideration, and receive a Clauſe for the Saving thereof; or, otherwiſe, admit the Petitioner to be heard, by his Counſel, againſt ſo much of the ſaid Bill as affects the Right of the ſaid Lord *Baltemore*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America* . . . of his Majeſty's Plantations; is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, by his Counſel, before the ſaid Committee, thereupon, if he ſhall think fit.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Attainder of *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned, was read the Third time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Offley*, Colonel *Morton:*	98.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter:*	23.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative:

And that the Title be, An Act for the Attainder of *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walpole* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormond* to render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for making the Militia of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* more uſeful was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Pr. 5. L. 10. To inſert "of Parliament:"

Pr. 7. L. * To leave out "ſaid," and inſert "reſpective;" and, after "County," inſert "Riding, Diviſion, City, or Place:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for making the Militia of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* more uſeful; and for obliging an annual Account to be made of Trophy-money.

Ordered, That Colonel *Bladen* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

A Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Tho. Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Lowther* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lowther* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund, therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 16° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Moleſworth* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable the Right Honourable *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oath of Office, as he is Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify himſelf, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate late of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Lowther*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Jenkins*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Strickland*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Cornwall*, *Devon*, *Dorſet*, and *Somerſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; be taken into Conſideration upon *Friday* Morning next.

A Petition of *Henry Gouldnay*, *Joſhua Gee*, *Silvanus Grove*, and *John Woods*, in behalf of themſelves, and of *John Field* and *Thomas Oade*, to whom, and to the Petitioners, the Province of *Penſilvania* is mortgaged for a conſiderable Sum of Money; and in behalf of *William Penn*, Proprietary Governor of the ſaid Province; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there being a Bill depending in this Honourable Houſe, intituled, A Bill for the better Regulation of the Charters and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majeſty's Plantations; whereby the Right and Property of the ſaid Proprietary, and ſaid Mortgagees, will be much infringed: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will take the Right of the ſaid Proprietary, and ſaid Mortgagees, into Conſideration, and receive a Clauſe for the Saving thereof; or, otherwiſe, admit the Petitioners to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt ſo much of the ſaid Bill as affects the Right of the ſaid Proprietary, and ſaid Mortgagees.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of *Jeremiah Dummer*, Agent for his Majeſty's Provinces of the *Maſſachuſets Bay*, and *Connecticut*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there being a Bill depending for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations: That the Governments of the ſaid Provinces of *Maſſachuſets Bay* and *Connecticut* exerciſe their ſeveral Powers by Charter from the Crown; and that the ſaid Governments have done nothing, whereby to forfeit the ſame; nor is there any thing alleged againſt them: That, in particular, the Government of *Maſſachuſets Bay* is ſo far already under the Diſcretion of the Crown, that the Crown doth appoint a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Attorney-General, and a Judge of the Court of Admiralty: And praying, That a Clauſe may be admitted, to ſave the Rights of the ſaid Governments; or, otherwiſe, to hear the Petitioner, by Counſel, in behalf of the ſaid Governments Right; or, otherwiſe, to relieve them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of *Stephen Locke*, *William Smith*, *John Peachy*, *James Bodford*, *Edward Keddon*, *Philip Titcher*, *Benjamin Maynard*, *John Marſh*, *Samuel Rout*, *Elias Arnaud*, *Triſtram Roberts*, *Stephen Fulford* ſenior, *Robert Creichton*, *John May*, *Stephen Fulford* junior, *John Fulford*, *Alexander Calder*, *John Hamond* ſenior, *John Hamond* junior, *John Atwick*, *Joſeph Fox*, *Benjamin Wiſe*, and *Ralph Longland*, Tradeſmen and Inhabitants of and in the Borough of *Goſport*, in the County of *Southampton*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds of other trading Perſons and Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for many Years paſt, very large Credit has been given by the trading Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough to great Numbers of Seamen, as well Inhabitants as others, that have, from time to time, been employed in the Royal Navy, when they, the ſaid Seamen, have been without Payment of their Wages for ſundry Years; without which Credit, neither they themſelves, nor their Families, could have ſubſiſted; and, by reaſon whereof, there is actually due, at this time, to the Petitioners, from Seamen, divers and ſundry Sums of Money, amounting to ſeveral Thouſand Pounds: That ſuch Credit has been uſually advanced by the Petitioners to Seamen, upon the Security of Aſſignments on their Pay and Wages due for their Service performed on board ſuch Ships to which they did or do belong; that being the only Means and Power they have, of ſecuring and diſcharging the Debts by them ſo contracted: That, even at this very time, the Families of ſeveral Hundred Seamen, now in his Majeſty's Ships abroad, are actually ſupported by the Petitioners, upon the bare Expectation of having Securities, in the manner beforementioned, from the ſaid Seamen, at their Return: That if the Wages, *&c.* of ſuch Seamen, who are indebted to the Petitioners, ſhould be exempted from Payment of their Debts, by any Law to be made and enacted for that Purpoſe, it will not only deſtroy the Property, and utterly ruin the Petitioners, and many other Traders in theſe Parts; the major Part of whoſe Subſtance has been applied to thoſe Uſes; but will alſo very highly affect ſundry Tradeſmen

Tradeſmen in *London*, and other Parts, who have given Credit to the Petitioners on that very Head; and effectually deſtroy all future Credit to Seamen: And praying they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, before the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

Mr. *Lowther*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Tho. Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill to ſummon *James* Duke of *Ormond* to render himſelf to Juſtice, by a Day certain; or, in Default thereof, to attaint him of High Treaſon; was read the Third time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Shelborn*, Mr. *White:*	94.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Bruere:*	22.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative:

And that the Title be, An Act for the Attainder of *James* Duke of *Ormond* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage, relating to the Proviſion to be made for the Miniſters, who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches:

And his Majeſty's ſaid Meſſage was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And a Motion being made, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty for the Miniſters, who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton:*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes to juſtify ſeveral other of the Voters, which the Petitioners Counſel had objected againſt.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 17° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for allowing a Time for Two hundred and Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Lowther*, General *Wade*, Sir *Thomas Croſs*, Mr. *D'Gray*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Lord *Stanhope*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Colonel *Morgan*, Mr. *Bruere*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *London:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable the Right Honourable *Wm.* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oath of Office, as Maſter of his Majeſty's Ordnance in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify himſelf, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Right Honourable *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, and *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oaths of Office for their reſpective Offices in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify themſelves, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of their ſaid Offices.

Ordered, That Mr. *Moleſworth* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from hearing the Matter of the Petition of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Eſſex*, during this Seſſion of Parliament.

The Lord *Wm. Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for makeing thereby, and by other Means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 7. L. 36. After "Sons," add "and One Daughter:"

L. 38. Leave out the Word "and:"

L. 39. After "*Bromfeild*," add "and *Johanna Bromfeild:*"

Pr. 12. L. 22. After "agreed," add "to be:"

Pr. 15. L. 9. After "Thirteen," add "and the Conveyances reſpectively made of the ſaid Lands and Premiſes unto, or in Truſt for, the ſaid *Edmund Dummer:*"

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L. 27. After "ſaid," add "*Mary Bromfeild:*"
L. 28. After "their," add "reſpective:"
L. 29. After "and," add "alſo:"
L. 31. Leave out "only:"

Pr. 24. L. 7. After "Children," add "equally, Share "and Share alike":

L. 13, 14. Leave out "equally, Share and "Share alike:"

Pr. 27. L. 26. After "aforeſaid, add Clauſe marked A; which is as followeth;

"And whereas the Sum of Fifty Pounds principal Mo- "ney, with Intereſt for the ſame at the Rate of Six "Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, is due and owing from "the ſaid *John Bromfeild* to the Overſeers of the Poor of "the ſaid Pariſh of *Bolder*, for the Uſe, Benefit, and Be- "hoof, of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; It is hereby further "Enacted and Declared, That, from and after the Pay- "ment of the ſeveral Mortgages, Debts, and Charges, "afore-mentioned, the ſaid principal Sum of Fifty "Pounds, together with all Intereſt which is and ſhall "grow due for the ſame, ſhall be paid to the Overſeers of "the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, in full Diſcharge of the ſaid "Debt, out of the Monies which ſhall ariſe, and remain "in the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, by Sale of the Pre- "miſes to be made by virtue of this Act; the ſaid princi- "pal Sum and Intereſt to be applied to the Uſe and Bene- "fit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh:"

L. 42. After "Truſt," add "and the ſaid Fifty "Pounds, with Intereſt:"

Pr. 30. L. 17. Leave out "ſaid."

An ingroſſed Bill for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Pr. 1. L. 2. To inſert "Eleventh Years:"

Pr. 5. L. * To leave out "an," and inſert "the "ſaid:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*; and for explaining a former Act for the building another Church there.

Ordered, That Sir *Thomas Johnſon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Tho. Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowther* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That the Committee may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion, made Yeſterday, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for making Proviſion for the Miniſters, who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Seven-night, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock, as the yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen.

Ordered, That Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Weſtern*, be added to the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynch* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynch* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynch*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 18° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cater* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Petition of Sir *Alexander Rigby* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner having ſuffered many Loſſes, and laboured ſeveral Years under many Oppreſſions, from the Grand Duke of *Tuſcany*, by his ſeizing at *Rome*, aſſiſted by the Pope, *William Plowman*, One of the Petitioner's Partners in a Copartnerſhip at *Leghorne*, begun in 1690, to gratify the *French* King; and afterwards by keeping the ſaid *William Plow-*

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man in a Dungeon, at *Florence*, 32 Months, and arreſting, in his Name, the Effects of the Copartnerſhip, and others, not only at *Leghorne*, but elſewhere: That the Petitioner, in the Life-time of King *William*, and the late Queen, found many favourable Reſolves againſt the ſaid Grand Duke; but all having proved ineffectual, the Petitioner, having attended above 17 Years, is reduced to the laſt Extremity, and hath a long time been confined to his Majeſty's Priſon of the *Fleet:* And praying to give Leave for a Clauſe to be brought in, on his behalf, into the Bill for the Relief of Sea and Land Officers, *&c.* being Debitors.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Relief of the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*, according to the Prayer of his Petition.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to make an Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufactures of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and alſo, to render more effectual an Act, of the Eleventh Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better aſcertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloth made in the County of *York*; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of *Francis Molineux*, *Benjamin Tomlinſon*, *Orlebar Fletcher*, *Joſhua Green*, and *Samuel Green*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners having given large Credit to Officers in the Army, to ſupply them with Neceſſaries, until ſuch time as their Pay became due; otherwiſe great Numbers of them could not in any manner have ſubſiſted, who were to be paid as their Pay became due; ſeveral of the ſaid Officers agreed with their Creditors to pay them by certain Sums each Muſter-day; when they have been abroad, they have revoked that Agreement, and would allow nothing towards their Debts; ſhould the Officers be relieved by the Bill now depending, from paying their juſt Debts, it would be a very great Hardſhip upon Perſons that have credited them, to be ſufferers, whilſt many of the ſaid Officers are ſpending their Creditors Monies in a very profligate manner: The many Difficulties and Hardſhips the trading Part of this Nation hath lain under, by bad Debts and large Taxes, during the late Wars: It is hoped they may not be Sufferers by the Perſons they have helped to ſupport, when there was never any Probability of their ever being paid, but out of their Pay; which they are as well able to comply with now, as when they came to be credited: And praying to take their Caſe into Conſideration, to prevent their being deprived of their juſt Debts; and that they may be heard againſt the ſaid Bill, by themſelves, or Counſel, before it paſſeth into a Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of Sir *Fulwar Skipwith* Baronet, Guardian of *William* Lord *Craven*, an Infant, of about the Age of Sixteen Years, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid *William* Lord *Craven* is, by virtue of ſeveral Grants and Charters, under the Great Seal of *England*, intitled to a conſiderable Part or Share of the Territories and Tracts of Ground in *Carolina* and the *Bahama* Iſlands, in *America:* That a Bill is now paſſing, for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*; and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majeſty's Plantations: That the Petitioner is adviſed, the Right and Intereſt of the ſaid Lord *Craven* will be conſiderably prejudiced, in caſe the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs into a Law: And praying, That he may be heard, by his Counſel, touching the Right of the ſaid Lord *Craven*, that ſome proper Clauſe may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, for preſerving the ſame; and that ſuch Care may be taken of the ſaid Lord *Craven*'s Eſtate therein.....

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, by his Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Petition of *James Bertie* and *Doddington Grevile* Eſquires, Guardians of *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort* is, by virtue of ſeveral Grants and Charters, under the Great Seal of *England*, intitled to a conſiderable Part or Share of the Territories and Tracts of Ground in *Carolina* and the *Bahama* Iſlands, in *America:* That a Bill is now paſſing, for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*; and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and of his Majeſty's Plantations: That the Petitioners are adviſed, the Right and Intereſt of the ſaid Duke of *Beaufort* will be conſiderably prejudiced, in caſe the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs into a Law: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, touching the Right of the ſaid Duke, that ſome proper Clauſe may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, for preſerving the ſame; and that ſuch Care may be taken of the ſaid Duke's Eſtate therein...

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the ſaid Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton:*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, to juſtify ſeveral other of the Voters, which the Petitioners Counſel had objected againſt; and alſo inſiſted, That all ſuch Perſons as were of that Part of the Pariſh of *St. Mary Magdalen*, in *Taunton*, which lies without the Borough, and come into the Borough, and boil a Pot, before the *Teſte* of the Writ for electing Members to ſerve in Parliament, have a Right to vote at ſuch Elections; and examined ſeveral Witneſſes touching the ſame:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined Witneſſes, in Contradiction thereof:

And the Counſel on both Sides were heard thereto.

And then they withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Perſons living in that Part of the Pariſh of *St. Mary Magdalen*, in the Town of *Taunton*, which lies out of the Limits of the Borough of *Taunton*, who, at any time before the iſſuing Writs for calling a new Parliament, take a Room, and boil a Pot, within the ſaid Borough of *Taunton*, do thereby acquire a Right of voting in the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes, to juſtify other Voters which the Petitioners Counſel had objected againſt.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Attainder of *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned, without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Attainder of *James* Duke of *Ormond* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 19° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Richard Partridge*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Colony of *Rhode-Iſland*, and *Providence* Plantation, in *America*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas there is a Bill for the Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, which, the Petitioner is informed, will affect the ſaid Colony of *Rhode-Iſland* (for which your Petitioner is concerned): That thereby their Charter may become void: That the ſaid Inhabitants having their Charter granted them by King *Charles* the Second, whereby they have the Privilege of chooſing their Governor, Council, *&c.* and have defended the Colony ever ſince, at their own Expence, from the *French* and *Indian* Enemy, and always behaved themſelves with great Submiſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain*, and never in the leaſt (that the Petitioner hath heard of) given any Suſpicion of their abuſing thoſe Privileges they have been favoured with from their Sovereign: And praying, That a Clauſe may be admitted, to ſave the Rights of the ſaid Government; or to hear the Petitioner, by Counſel, in their behalf.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, by his Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if he think fit.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman, of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other Means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

Sir *John Brownlow* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee: And that the Committee had made an Amendment to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as followeth;

Preſs 6. L. 38. After the Word "to," add "the King's "moſt Excellent Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and."

Mr. *Cholmly* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Committee of Secrecy, That the ſaid Committee having, purſuant to the Orders and Powers given to them by this Houſe, proceeded to examine *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, who was ſworn by ſuch Members of the ſaid Committee as are Juſtices of Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, and City of *Weſtminſter*; and the Committee conceiving, that the ſaid Mr. *Harley* had very much prevaricated in his Examination, the ſaid Committee had directed, That ſome Extracts of Letters, relating to the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, which gave Occaſion to the ſaid Examination; and likewiſe a Copy of the Depoſition of Mr. *Harley*; ſhould be laid before the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read: And the ſaid Extracts of Letters, and Depoſition, are as follows; *viz.*

Extract of a Letter from Mr. *St. John* to the Lords Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, 16° *Februarii* 17½.

THO' I have a great deal more to ſay, in order to explain clearly to your Lordſhips the preſent Situation of the Queen's domeſtick Affairs, and the Meaſures which ſhe propoſes your Lordſhips ſhould purſue towards effecting your great Work, under all the Difficulties which are thrown in the Way, than can be contained in the Compaſs of a reaſonable Letter; yet I ſhould, by this Meſſenger, have entered into all that Detail, had not the Reſolution been taken, of finally inſtructing Mr. *Harley* on *Monday*, in the View of diſpatching him on *Tueſday*.

It were to be wiſhed, that this Gentleman could have been ſooner ſent both to *Utrecht* and to *Hanover*; but the Hurry which we have been for ſome time in is inexpreſſible; and he was too uſeful to be ſpared, till the Houſe of Commons was perfectly ſecured to the Queen's Intereſt, and to the Meaſures of Peace: I think, I may ſay, that they are abſolutely ſo now.

Your Lordſhips will have this Matter fully opened to you by Mr. *Harley*.

Extract of a Letter from the Lords Plenipotentiaries to Mr. Secretary *St. John*, 5° *March* 1712, N. S.

YOUR Favour, of the 16th paſt, under your own Hand, gives us Hopes of ſeeing Mr. *Harley* here very ſoon; and of receiving by him ſuch Orders as may enable us to fix on ſomething more certain than hitherto we could do.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary *St. John* to the Lords Plenipotentiaries, 4° *March* 17½.

I Find your Lordſhips, in the private Letter of the 5th of this Month, which you honoured me by *Couchman*, under ſome Impatience for the Arrival of Mr. *Harley*; and I am very far from wondering at you for it; ſince, in your preſent Situation, you run the Riſque of having the Game taken out of your Hands by others, and are in no ſort able to play it on, yourſelves: This evil Circumſtance will now

now be very ſoon cured; Mr. *Harley* goes away To-morrow; and your Lordſhips will be much better informed of the Queen's Intentions by what he will have the Honour to ſay to you, than you could poſſibly have been by Ten Reams of written Inſtructions.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. *St. John* to Monſieur *de Torcy* Secretary of State to the *French* King, the 4th of *March* $17\frac{1}{2}$, O. S.

I Should be aſhamed, Sir, to have ſo long deferred anſwering your Letters, if I did not believe I was able to allege, in my Juſtification, a good Reaſon; and which you will not diſapprove: In a word, I was willing to write to you with Certainty; and, for that End, I was obliged to ſtay till the Miniſters of the Emperor, and of the Republick of *Holland*, had more openly ſhewn their Game; till the neceſſary Diſpoſitions were made among our People at home; and, in ſhort, till the Queen had taken the only Reſolution, which could bring us, in a little time, to a good and ſolid Peace.

I have now the Satisfaction to tell you, that this Reſolution is taken; and that Mr. *Harley* will ſet out this Evening, or To-morrow Morning, with the final Inſtructions of the Queen to her Plenipotentiaries.

You will give me Leave to refer myſelf to the Sieur *Gaultier*, to explain to you more at large the Subject of this Gentleman's Commiſſion; and what the Queen hopes his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty will do, to co-operate with her.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. *St. John* to the Lords Plenipotentiaries, 26° *March* 1712.

MR. *Harley* is, I make no doubt, long before this, with your Lordſhips; and I hope he has fully explained the Queen's Deſires and Views to you; at leaſt, he is as amply inſtructed in them, as I am able to inform him: The Conduct of this Matter is in ſo good Hands, that I am hopeful an anſwerable Event may be expected.

Extract of a Letter from the Lords Plenipotentiaries to Mr. *St. John*, 6° *April* 1712.

MR. *Harley* has been here theſe Three Days; and Yeſterday Mr. *G.....r* came to ſee us, having arrived the Night before.

Extract of a Letter from the Lords Plenipotentiaries to Mr. *St. John*, 8° *April* 1712.

OUR laſt, of the 6th, acquainted you, that ſome People had been diſappointed, that Day, in their Expectations of breaking this Congreſs; which we hope may be carried on, and produce the good Effects intended.

That Evening, after we had received ample Informations from Mr. *Harley*, and alſo ſpoken with Mr. *Gaultier*, we had a long Conference with the *French* Plenipotentiaries, upon the Project that was ſent you the 22d; whereof we again incloſe a Copy, with ſuch Remarks, as, after all we could urge, the *French* Miniſters inſiſted on.

The Fifteen *per Cent.* they will by no means allow to extend to other Goods than ſuch as come into *Spain*, in order to be tranſported into *America*.

Mr. *Harley* thinks it may be requiſite to let fall that whole Pretenſion, and ſettle Commerce on the Foot it ſtood in the Time of King *Charles* the IId of *Spain*; and that the only Uſe we need make of the Fifteen *per Cent.* is to get ſomething for it another Way; which we ſhall be glad to hear from you; for, in that Caſe, our Work with the *Dutch* will become a good deal eaſier.

Copy of the Examination of *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, taken before the Right Honourable *Hugh Boſcawen* Eſquire, Comptroller of his Majeſty's Houſhold, and One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, at the Committee of Secrecy.

THE Examinant ſaith, That when he was firſt ſent abroad, in or about *March* $17\frac{1}{2}$, he was ſent by the Queen's expreſs Commands, who was pleaſed to ſpeak, herſelf, very particularly to him: That her Majeſty ordered the Secretary of State to make ſuch Powers as were neceſſary to be given to him, but would make it eaſy to him, and without any Formality: That Directions were given for full Powers, which this Examinant left in the Office, where he thought they would be moſt ſafe: That he never received any Powers, nor ever ſaw them; but, at his own Choice, went abroad without Powers: That the Queen ordered, That this Examinant ſhould have an Account of the State of Affairs, to be communicated by him to ſuch Perſons as he was to diſcourſe with abroad: That he received, from ſeveral Offices, ſeveral Papers, relating to the Revenue, and other Matters, touching the then Situation of Affairs; from which the Queen was pleaſed to order him to inform himſelf as well as he could, that he might be able to explain himſelf when he went; and, in particular, when he came to the *Hague*, he was to give the Penſionary an Account of the State of Affairs, and to uſe the beſt Arguments he could, to haſten the Peace: But he does not know whether he has any of thoſe Papers now by him; and does not remember, that he had any particular Inſtructions for himſelf, except from thoſe Papers, but what he received from the Queen's own Mouth; the Particulars whereof he cannot at preſent charge his Memory with, except as above-mentioned: That he did not produce, at the *Hague*, or at *Utrecht*, any credential Letters from the Queen, or any of her Miniſters: That he had no Orders to tranſact or negotiate any thing relating to the Peace, with any foreign Miniſter; and that he did not tranſact, in any manner, with any foreign Miniſter: That he did not, to his Knowlege, carry over any Plan, Project, or Scheme, of a Peace; and that he did not tranſact any thing at *Utrecht* with Abbot *Gaultier*, nor confer with him either there, or before he went from *England*: That he does not remember he had any Orders from the Queen, or any of her Miniſters, relating to the Fifteen Pounds *per Cent.*; and that he doth not remember, that he did ſignify any Orders to the Queen's Plenipotentiaries concerning it; and that he does not remember any thing at all about the Fifteen Pounds *per Cent.*: That he ſtaid in *Holland* till he had the Queen's Order to go forward, ſignified by the Secretary of State: That he received ſeveral Letters whilſt he was abroad; but from whom, in particular, he cannot remember; and that he wrote ſeveral Letters; but to whom he cannot remember; and that he doth not know, that he has either Copies, or Originals, of any Letters that he either wrote or received: That he had no ſettled Allowance or Appointment; but, at his firſt going over the firſt time, he ſpent his own Money, which the Queen was afterward pleaſed to order ſhould be allowed him: That, the firſt time he went abroad, he received under Three thouſand Pounds; and, in both Journies together, he received, in all, about Five thouſand Five hundred Pounds; and that what he received, the Queen ordered for his Expences, and the Trouble he had been at: That nobody negotiated any Money for him upon the publick Account, but Mr. *Decker*; and that he does not remember, that he had any publick Money, but for his own Expence; which did not, in the Whole, exceed the Sum of Five thouſand Five hundred Pounds.

T. Harley.

Jurat. 21° *Junii* 1715°, *coram me*,
Hugh Boſcawen.

Ordered, That *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, having prevaricated when he was examined at the Committee of Secrecy, purſuant to the Order of the Fifteenth of *June* laſt, be committed Priſoner to the Priſon of the *Gatehouſe*: And that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrants accordingly.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Secrecy, relating to the Examination of *Thomas Harley* Eſquire, be printed: And that Mr. Speaker do appoint the Printer thereof: And that no other Perſon preſume to print the ſame.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals,

Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; be taken into Conſideration To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock as the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the Militia of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* more uſeful; and for obliging an annual Account to be made of Trophy-money; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Walpole* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And the ſame was received.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 20° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *John Brownlow* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with an Amendment: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors: And the ſame were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 1ſt. L. 28. After "and," inſert "the:"

L. 30. After "and," inſert "for:"

L. 35. Leave out "Oaths," and inſert "Oath:"

Pr. 2. L. 1. Leave out "aforeſaid:"

L. 4. After "and," inſert "for:"

L. 12. After the 2d "and," inſert "of:"

Pr. 4. L. 6. After "Perſons," inſert "Heads or Governors, of what Denomination ſoever, and;" and, after "all," inſert "other:"

L. 7. Leave out "or Maſters;" and, after "Halls," leave out "or Claſſis:"

L. 9. After "Foundation," inſert "or that do or ſhall enjoy any Exhibition:"

L. 16. After "Sollicitor," inſert "Writer in *Scotland*:"

Pr. 5. L. 11. After "Third," inſert "or of *Scotland*, by the Name of *James* the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of *Great Britain*:"

L. 29. After "which," inſert "Succeſſion:"

L. 36. Leave out "the," and inſert "theſe:"

Pr. 6. L. 2. Leave out "or make:"

L. 3. After "or," inſert "if he cannot write, ſhall make his:"

L. 16. Before "make," inſert "if he cannot write:"

L. 26. After "within," inſert "that Part of;" and, after "*Britain*," inſert "called *England*:"

L. 33. After "Perſons," inſert "Heads or Governors, of what Denomination ſoever, and;" and, after "all," inſert "other," and leave out "or Maſters:"

L. 34. Leave out "or Claſſis:"

L. 35. After "Foundation," inſert "or that do or ſhall enjoy any Exhibition:"

Pr. 7. L. 1. After "whatſoever," inſert "within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*:"

L. * After "the," inſert "Perſon;" and, after "pretended," inſert "to be;" and, after "*Wales*," inſert "during the Life of the late King *James*, and, ſince his Deceaſe, pretending to be, and taking upon himſelf the Stile and Title of, King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third; or, of *Scotland*, by the Name of *James* the Eighth; or the Stile and Title of King of *Great Britain*:"

Pr. 8. L. 12. Leave out "for making," and inſert "to make:"

L. 27. After "in," inſert "the:"

Pr. 9. L. 33. After "*Scotland*," inſert "intituled, An Act concerning the Election of Commiſſioners for Shires:"

Pr. 11. L. 12. After "Aſſizes," inſert "upon Proſecution before:"

L. 30. After "Seſſions," inſert "or Proſecution before the Court of Juſticiary:"

Pr. 12. L. 6. After "Juſtices of Peace," inſert "or any other Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be by his Majeſty for that Purpoſe ſpecially appointed, by Order in the Privy-Council, or by Commiſſion under the Great Seal:"

L. 9. After "whatſoever," inſert "whom they ſhall or may ſuſpect to be dangerous, or diſaffected to his Majeſty, or his Government:"

L. 11. After "Juſtices," inſert "or any other "Perſon or Perſons ſpecially to be appointed, as afore- "ſaid:"

L. 21. In the Interlineation, leave out "or;" "and, after "Seſſions," inſert "or Court of Juſticiary:"

L. 35. After "Juſtices of Peace," inſert "or "any other ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be, by his "Majeſty, for that Purpoſe, ſpecially appointed by Order "in the Privy-Council, or by Commiſſion under the "Great Seal:"

Pr. 13. L. 1. After "Juſtices," inſert "or any other "Perſon or Perſons ſpecially to be appointed, as afore- "ſaid:"

L. 2. After "Juſtices," inſert "or any other "Perſon or Perſons ſpecially to be appointed, as afore- "ſaid:"

L. 10. After "Seſſions," inſert "the Names "of the Perſons ſo certified being publickly read at the "Firſt Meeting of the ſaid Seſſions:"

L. 19. Leave out the Second "or:"

L. 20. After "Seſſions," inſert "or Court of "Juſticiary:"

L. 24. Before "Member," inſert "Head "or:"

L. 27. After "Foundation," inſert "or that "do or ſhall enjoy any Exhibition:"

L. 31. After "Act," inſert "or to produce a "Certificate thereof, under the Hand of ſome proper Of- "ficer of the reſpective Court, and cauſe the ſame to be "entered in the Regiſter of ſuch College or Hall within "One Month after his having taken and ſubſcribed the "ſaid Oaths:"

L. 32. Before "Member," inſert "Head "or:"

L. 34. Before "Member," inſert "Head "or:"

L. 41. After "Great Seal," inſert "or Sign "Manual:"

L. 42. After "Perſon, inſert "qualified ac- "cording to the local Statutes of ſuch College or Hall:"

Pr. 14. L. 10. After "Univerſities," inſert "or other "Perſon or Perſons lawfully authorized to admit:"

L. 11. After "refuſe," inſert "or neglect:"

L. 12. After "Great Seal," inſert "or Sign "Manual:"

L. 13. After "aforeſaid," inſert "by the "Space of Ten Days after ſuch Admiſſion, ſhall be de- "manded of him or them who ought to make ſuch Ad- "miſſion:"

Pr. 14. L. 14. After "then," inſert "and, in ſuch "caſe, the local Viſitor or Viſitors of ſuch College or "Hall is thereby authorized and required to admit and "place ſuch Perſon ſo nominated and appointed, to ſuch "Place as he ſhall be nominated to, as aforeſaid, within "the Space of One Month after the ſame ſhall be de- "manded of ſuch Viſitor: And in caſe ſuch Viſitor ſhall "neglect or refuſe to admit, as aforeſaid, during the Space "of One Month after the ſame is lawfully demanded of "ſuch Viſitor, that then:"

L. 18 and 19. Leave out "Head of ſuch Col- "lege or Hall," and inſert "Viſitor or Viſitors:"

L. 34. Leave out "or beyond the Seas;" and, after the Second "or," inſert "to any Perſon whatſo- "ever:"

L. 35 and 36. Leave out "in his Majeſty's Ser- "vice:"

L. 36 and 37. Leave out "Twenty-ninth Day of "*September*," and inſert "Firſt Day of *November*:"

Pr. 15. L. 11. Leave out from "aforeſaid" to "and" in the 29th Line; and inſert "inſtead of the Oath of Ab- "juration, which before by Law ought to have been taken "in ſuch manner, and together with ſuch other Oaths, "and Declaration againſt Tranſubſtantiation, as the ſaid "former Oath of Abjuration ought to have been taken:"

Pr. 16. L. 25. After "Seſſions," inſert "or Proſe- "cution before the Court of Juſticiary:"

L. 32. After "Deputies," inſert "and ſuch "Deputy or Deputies ſhall qualify him or themſelves:"

Pr. 17. L. 1. After "do," inſert "likewiſe:"

L. 5. After "Signet," inſert "provided, that "no Office of Inheritance in *Scotland* ſhall be forfeitable, "otherwiſe than according to the Laws now in Force "there:"

L. 21. After "Parliament," inſert "unleſs "by reaſon of ſuch Perſon's having ſome new Office or "Employment, or his coming hereafter under ſome of "the Qualifications which require the taking the Oaths "before-mentioned, by virtue of this Act, or any other "Law now in being:" And then add Clauſes A, B, C, D, E, and F:

Clauſe A: "Provided always, and be it Declared and "Enacted, That all Perſons whatſoever, who, by virtue "of any Law now in being, are or would be obliged, if "this Act was not had or made, to receive the Sacrament "according to the Uſage of the Church of *England*, and "to make and ſubſcribe the Declaration againſt Tranſub- "ſtantiation, or either of them, on any Occaſion what- "ſoever, ſhall continue obliged, in all ſuch Caſes, to re- "ceive the ſaid Sacrament, and make and ſubſcribe the "ſaid Declaration, together with the Oaths appoint- "ed by this Act, in ſuch manner, and under ſuch Penal- "ties, in caſe of Neglect, as is required by any former "Law:"

B: "Provided always, and be it Enacted, by the Au- "thority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon or Per- "ſons, who ſhall, on or before the Firſt Day of *Decem- "ber* next, take and ſubſcribe the Oaths, in ſuch manner "as is appointed in this Act, and alſo receive the Sacra- "ment of the Lord's Supper according to the Uſage of "the Church of *England*, and make and ſubſcribe the "Declaration againſt Tranſubſtantiation, in thoſe Caſes "where the Sacrament ought to have been received, and "the ſaid Declaration ought to have been made and ſub- "ſcribed, and has been neglected, ſhall be, and are here- "by, indemnified from and againſt all Penalties, Forfeit- "ures, Incapacities, and Diſabilities, incurred by any for- "mer Neglect or Omiſſion of taking or ſubſcribing the "Oaths, or receiving the Sacrament, or ſubſcribing the "aforeſaid Declaration, according to any former Act or "Acts concerning Perſons in Offices or Places of Truſt; "and is, are, and ſhall be, fully and actually recapacitated "and reſtored to the ſame State and Condition as before "ſuch Neglect or Omiſſion:"

Clauſe C: "Provided alſo, That all and every Perſon, "who has, at any time ſince his Majeſty's happy Acceſ- "ſion to the Crown, taken the Oaths, and taken and "ſubſcribed the Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the De- "claration, and received the Sacrament, in ſuch Caſes "where the Sacrament ought to have been received, and "the ſaid Declaration ought to have been ſubſcribed, ac- "cording to any Act or Acts concerning Perſons in Offi- "ces or Places of Truſt, ſhall likewiſe be, and are here- "by, indemnified, as aforeſaid, though the ſame has not "been within the time appointed by Law:"

D: "Provided always, That no Perſon or Perſons, "who, by reaſon of any ſuch Neglect or Omiſſion, hath "or have left or forfeited any Office, Benefice, Place, "Dignity, or Employment, whatſoever, to which any "other Perſon or Perſons hath or have been preferred or "promoted, ſhall be reſtored to ſuch Office, Benefice, "Place, Dignity, or Employment; any thing herein "contained to the contrary notwithſtanding:"

E: "Provided always, That any Perſon or Perſons, "who ſhall become Popiſh Recuſants convict, by virtue "of any thing in this Act contained, and ſhall, at any "time thereafter, take and ſubſcribe the Oaths, and make "and ſubſcribe the Declaration, and ſubſcribe the Aſſure- "ance, in ſuch manner, and in ſuch Place, as is appointed "by this Act, ſhall be, and are hereby, from ſuch time, "diſcharged from ſuch Conviction:"

F: "Provided always, That the Oath of Abjuration, and "the Aſſurance, in this Act contained, ſhall, in all Caſes,

" be taken to be in lieu of the Oath of Abjuration, and " the Aſſurance, formerly appointed :"

At the End of the Bill, add, " and that the Indemni- " ties above-mentioned be, and are hereby, extended to " the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better preventing freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom; and for the Preſervation of the Fry of Fiſh; and for the giving Leave to import Lobſters and Turbets in foreign Bottoms; and for the better Preſervation of Salmon within ſeveral Rivers of this Kingdom; with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Right Honourable *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, and *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oaths of Office for their reſpective Offices in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify themſelves, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of their ſaid Offices, without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better preventing freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom; and for the Preſervation of the Fry of Fiſh; and for the giving Leave to import Lobſters and Turbets in foreign Bottoms; and for the better Preſervation of Salmon within ſeveral Rivers of this Kingdom:

And the ſame were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. 3. After "Fiſhery," inſert "in that Part;" and, after "Kingdom," inſert "called *England*:"

L. 36. After "in," inſert "that Part of;" and, after "Kingdom," inſert "called *England*:"

Pr. 2. L. 42. After "of," inſert "that Part of:"

L. 43. After "*Britain*," inſert "called *Eng-* " *land*:"

Pr. 4. L. 6. After "Shore," inſert "in that Part of " *Great Britain* called *England*:"

Pr. 7. L. 37. Inſtead of "River," inſert "Rivers:"

At the End of the Bill, add Clauſe marked A:

A: " Provided, That this Act, or any thing herein " contained, ſhall not extend, or be conſtrued to extend, " to any ancient Wears or Locks upon any Rivers; but " that it ſhall and may be lawful for the Proprietors or " Owners thereof to repair, maintain, rebuild, remove, or " take down, any of the ſaid Wears or Locks, as they " might have done, in caſe this Act had not been made:"

In the Title of the Bill, laſt Line, after "in," inſert " that Part of;" and, after "Kingdom," inſert called " *England*:"

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gybbon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Sir *John Brownlow* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *George Henneage* Eſquire to ſell the Rectory of *North Willingham*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and ſome Lands there; and for ſettling Rent-charges, of greater Value, in lieu thereof; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſent to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Table.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *John Brownlow* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons in *Scotland* to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe A: And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A: " And, for the better ſecuring the Peace of " the Kingdom, Be it further Enacted and Ordained, " That the reſpective Lieutenants in that Part of *Great* " *Britain* called *Scotland* ſhall, over and above their Power " of commanding the Militia, and Penſible Men, and con- " ſtituting Deputy-Lieutenants, and other Officers, be " hereby enabled and authorized, by themſelves, or any " Two or more of their Deputies, to grant Warrants un- " der their Hands and Seals, appointing ſuch Perſon or " Perſons as they ſhall think fit, of which a Commiſſioned " Officer, and the Conſtable, or his Deputy, or, in the Ab- " ſence of the Conſtable, and his Deputy, ſome other Per- " ſon bearing Office within the Shire or Stewarty where " the Search ..... ſhall be Two, to ſearch for, and " ſeize, all Arms, Ammunition, and other warlike Stores, " in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Perſon or Perſons, " whom the ſaid Lieutenants, or any Two or more of " their Deputies, ſhall judge dangerous to the Peace of " the Kingdom; and to ſecure ſuch Arms, Ammunition, " or other warlike Stores, for the publick Service; and " thereof, from time to time, to give Accounts to " the ſaid reſpective Lieutenants, and, in their Abſence, " or otherwiſe by their Directions, to their Deputies, or " any Two or more of them; provided, that no ſuch " Search be made in any Houſe or Houſes between Sun- " ſetting and Sun-riſing, other than in Cities, and their " Suburbs, Boroughs Royal, Boroughs of Regality, and " of Barony; where it ſhall and may be lawful to ſearch " in the Night-time, by Warrant, as aforeſaid, if the " Warrant ſhall ſo direct; and that no Dwelling-houſe of " any Peer of this Realm be ſearched by virtue of this " Act, but by immediate Warrant from his Majeſty un- " der his Sign Manual, or in the Preſence of the Lieute- " nant, or One of the Deputy-Lieutenants, of the ſame " Shire or Stewarty: And that, in all Places and Houſes " what-

" whatſoever, where Search is to be made, as aforeſaid, " it ſhall and may be lawful, in caſe of Reſiſtance, to enter " by Force; and that the Arms, ſo ſeized, may be reſtored " to the former Owners again, if the ſaid Lieutenants, " or, in their Abſence, as aforeſaid, their Deputies, or any " Two or more of them, ſhall ſo think fit. And be it " further Enacted, That all Magiſtrates, and other Offi- " cers, within the ſaid Shires or Stewarties, Cities, Bo- " roughs, or Places aforeſaid, be, and are hereby required " to be, aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid reſpective Lieute- " nants, and their Deputies, or any of them, in Execution " of the Premiſes; and that all and every Perſon and Per- " ſons, who ſhall act or do any thing in Execution there- " of, ſhall be hereby ſaved harmleſs and indemnified;" being read a Second time; was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed unto by the Houſe.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That no Perſon, who may reap any Benefit by the Attainder or Forfeiture of any Perſon by virtue of this Act, ſhall be a Witneſs againſt any Perſon, by whoſe Forfeiture any Benefit may accrue to ſuch Witneſs:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to Seven publick, and Six private, Bills; *viz.*

An Act for inlarging the Fund of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, relating to Exchequer-Bills; and for ſettling an additional Revenue of One hundred twenty thouſand Pounds *per Annum* upon his Majeſty, during his Life, for the Service of the Civil Government; and for eſtabliſhing a certain Fund of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, in order to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for the Service of the Publick, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and for ſatisfying an Arrear for Work and Materials at *Blenheim*, incurred whilſt that Building was carried on at the Expence of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:

An Act for making the Militia of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* more uſeful; and for obliging an annual Account to be taken of Trophy-money:

An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors:

An Act for the Attainder of *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned:

An Act for the Attainder of *James* Duke of *Ormond* of High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned:

An Act to make an Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Regulating, Improving, and Encouraging, of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad-Cloth; and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein; more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and alſo to render more effectual an Act, of the Seventh Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better aſcertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloth made in the County of *York:*

An Act for the better preventing freſh Fiſh, taken by Foreigners, being imported into this Kingdom; and for the Preſervation of the Fry of Fiſh; and for the giving Leave to import Lobſters and Turbets in foreign Bottoms; and for the better Preſervation of Salmon within ſeveral Rivers in that Part of this Kingdom called *England:*

An Act to enable the Right Honourable *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, and *William* Lord Viſcount *Mountjoy*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to take the Oaths of Office for their reſpective Offices in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and to qualify themſelves, in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of their ſaid Offices:

An Act for explaining an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for veſting Part of the Eſtate of *Thomas Panton* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of Debts, and ſecuring a Jointure to *Mary* his now Wife; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:

An Act for veſting certain Manors and Lands in the Counties of *Devon* and *Kent*, the Eſtate of Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, in Truſtees, and their Heirs, to be ſold; and, with the Money ariſing thereby, to purchaſe other Lands in the County of *Devon*, contiguous to the Seat of his Family, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes:

An Act to enable Sir *Richard Wynche* Baronet, and *Humphry Wynche* Eſquire, only Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Sir *Richard Wynche*, to ſettle a Jointure upon ſuch Woman as the ſaid *Humphry Wynche* ſhall marry:

An Act to enable *Richard Lee*, an Infant, with the Conſent of Truſtees, to grant Leaſes of ſome Part of his Eſtate, notwithſtanding his Minority:

An Act to enable *George Henneage* Eſquire to ſell the Rectory of *North Willingham*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and ſome Lands there; and for ſettling Rent-charges, of greater Value, in lieu thereof; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, Tradeſmen, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Portſmouth*, in the County of *Southampton*, in behalf of themſelves, and of ſeveral Hundreds of other trading Perſons within the ſaid Borough, and the Liberties thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have, for ſeveral Years, given large Credit to great Numbers of Seamen, as well Inhabitants as others, employed in his Majeſty's Navy, when their Payment has been deferred for ſeveral Years; by reaſon whereof, there is now actually due to the Petitioners ſeveral Sums of Money, amounting to ſeveral Thouſands of Pounds: That, unleſs ſuch Credit had been given to the ſaid Seamen, their Families could not have been ſupported; but muſt neceſſarily have been a Burden to the reſpective Pariſhes they belonged to: That the ſaid Credit has uſually been advanced by the Petitioners upon the Security of Aſſignments made by ſuch Seamen on their Pay and Wages due for their Service performed on board the Ship or Ships to which they belonged; they being, for the moſt part, utterly incapable of giving any other Security for Debts by them contracted: That, if the Wages, *&c.* of ſuch Seamen, ſhould be exempted from the Payment of thoſe Debts by any Law to be made for that Purpoſe, it would utterly ruin the Petitioners, and Multitudes of other Tradeſmen in theſe Parts; the greateſt Part of whoſe Subſtance has been applied that way; and would alſo very much affect Tradeſmen in other Parts, who are Creditors to the Petitioners on that very Account; and would thereby effectually deſtroy all future Credit to Seamen: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt

againſt the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, before the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

And alſo, a Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the City of *London*, and many others of the Pariſhes, where Seamen reſide, in the Out-parts of the aforeſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, having given great Credit to Seamen, and their poor Families, in their Abſence when at Sea, upon Account of their Wages due for their Service performed on board of his Majeſty's Ships of War, by ſupplying them with Goods, and Money to buy them Bread for themſelves, and their poor Children; which otherwiſe muſt inevitably have periſhed, if they had not, by the Petitioners, been ſo credited and ſupported: That the Petitioners, having been a great while out of their Money, and in continual Expectation of receiving the ſame, upon Aſſignments given to them by the above-mentioned Seamen, are now, to their very great Surprize, informed, That, by an Act, which is now depending, for the Relief of inſolvent Soldiers and Seamen, that a Clauſe is therein inſerted, which provides, That, in the Schedule which ſhall be delivered by the ſaid Soldiers and Seamen, in order for their Diſcharge, that their Penſions, Pay, or Wages, ſhall not be therein mentioned, or accounted as Part of their Eſtate; but ſhall, as we humbly conceive, be received by the ſaid Soldiers and Seamen, and converted to their own Uſe; which will be to the great Prejudice of ſome of the Petitioners, and the Ruin of others, that have given ſuch Credit: And praying, That the ſaid Act may not paſs, without ſome Proviſion made therein for the Safety of the Petitioners, and Prevention of their Ruin; which will certainly happen, if the ſaid Act paſſes, with the aforeſaid Clauſe mentioned therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 22° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *James Bateman*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Barlow*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Richard Steele*, Mr. *Barrington*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Evelyn*, General *Stanwix*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Portman*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Smith*; and all that ſerve for the County of *York*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *Iſaac Rebow* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Bay and Say-weavers in *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds of the ſame Trade; and to whom the Petition of many of the Baymakers of the ſaid Borough, and all other Baymakers of the ſaid Town, together with their Sons and Apprentices; were referred; the Matter of Fact, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow, *viz.*

That it appeared to the ſaid Committee, by the Teſtimony of *Thomas Webb*, Weaver and Woolcomber, and others of the ſame Trade, That there are many Perſons that uſe the Trade of Weaving within the ſaid Town, who have no Right ſo to do; by which means, the Petitioners, and their Families, by the Multitude of unlawful Helps, are reduced to extreme Poverty, for want of Employment; by which means, the Poors Rates are increaſed much more than formerly: And that the bringing in of Strangers and Foreigners; and a By-law, made by the Governors of the *Dutch* Bay-hall, in the Year 1707; whereby all Perſons are excluded from making Bays, but ſuch as have ſerved Seven Years to the Trade of Baymaking; is the chief Occaſion of it.

Richard Root informed the Committee, That the Bay and Say-making, in *Colcheſter*, hath been a free Trade ever ſince the Firſt Patent granted by Queen *Elizabeth* to the *Dutch*; and the Weavers, and other Branches of the Woollen Manufacture, admitted into it, without Interruption, till the aforeſaid By-law was made by the Governors of the *Dutch* Bay-hall; which ſaith, That no Perſon ſhall be admitted into the ſaid Trade, but what has ſerved Seven Years to a Baymaker; and have ſince denied to admit ſeveral, who are free Burgeſſes of the ſaid Town, and whoſe Fathers and Grandfathers uſed the ſaid Trade; although the Charter, and Cuſtom of the Town, admitted any Perſon, who hath a Right to his Freedom by Birth or Service: That the Weavers anciently had the Liberty of Baymaking to the Hall; and that, if the By-law continues in Force, in a little time there will be no Maſters to employ the Petitioners; for moſt of the preſent Traders have no Apprentices: Since the Year 1707, 70 Traders have died, or left off, by reaſon of that Reſtraint in the By-law; and but 28 ſet up in that time; ſeveral of whom came by the free Trade: All the preſent Traders are but 57; they have but 27 Apprentices, of which 16 will be incapable of Settlement, when their Times are expired, by reaſon of Poverty; and, conſequently, but 11 capable; and there are about 1,500 Bay and Say-weavers in the Town, who have a legal Right.

Edward Finch, and others, Weavers, alſo gave the Committee an Account, That there were 100 Weavers in the Town, who have Families, and want Work; and as many more gone out of the Town; yet ſeveral Hundred of unlawful Helps are employed, who never ſerved their Time as an Apprentice, or have any manner of Right; and named about 6 or 7 Weavers, who are denied by the Governors, and were Men of Subſtance, and ancient Weavers in the Town; and would employ many of the Poor, if they were admitted to a free Trade; and that thoſe Maſters, who do employ ſome few of the Poor, oblige them to work at their own Rates, and take Houſes of them, though they had no Occaſion; neither do ſome inhabit in them; yet they muſt pay the Rent; and threatened to be turned out of their Work, if they refuſe ſo to do; as alſo, to take Goods and Commodities, when their Work is done, inſtead of ready Money, and for much more than the real Value: By all which Oppreſſions, they, and their Families, are reduced to great Extremities, ready to periſh, for want of a free and open Trade, as formerly.

Then the Committee proceeded to examine the Baymakers, upon their Petition to them referred: And called,

Mr. *Matthew Bernard:* Who ſaid, That he had dealt very much in *Colcheſter* Bays; and that, if the ſaid By-law, made by the Governors of the *Dutch* Bay-hall, ſhould be deſtroyed, it would be a great Prejudice to that Trade; by reaſon, there are already more Bays made than the Markets can diſpoſe of: And he further ſaid, That the Weavers are generally very poor Men, and often ſteal their Yarn; which makes their Work not ſo good as they are in the adjacent Towns; but none are paid better Prices for their Work than they are; and owned, they were ſome-

times paid in Goods, inſtead of ready Money; and that, he believed, ſome of the Weavers might live in the Baymakers Houſes; and fewer Bays would be made, if the unlawful Helps were taken away; for that many Perſons hath left off their Trade, and the Markets are overſtocked.

Mr. * *Abbot* ſaid, He had been a Dealer in the Bay-Trade 20 Years; and that he never knew any of the Weavers want Work, of one ſort or another; and, ſince the Making of the By-law, the Trade has been much improved; for, often, a Baymaker has 40 or 50 Pounds with an Apprentice; which, if the Trade was open, would be loſt: And, as another Inſtance, that there are great Quantities of Bays made, more than the Markets can take off;

He further ſaid, That the Weavers often leave out Three or Four Pound of Yarn out of a Bay; which occaſions the Badneſs of their Goods; and is one chief Reaſon, why the Bays, made at a Place called *Bocking*, within 12 Miles of *Colcheſter*, are ſo good: But owned, that the Weavers were paid ſometimes in Goods, inſtead of ready Money; and that the Trade of *Bocking* was open; but the *Bocking* People dread an open Trade at *Colcheſter*, becauſe their Men will run away from one Town to another: He further ſaid, That he had often paid Two Shillings in a Bay more than other Places; becauſe other People would take their Men away: He further ſaid, Good Sums of Money were given with Apprentices, before the By-law was made.

The Committee aſking ſome of the Witneſſes, Whether there were not ſeveral of the ſaid Baymakers, who had ſigned the Petition for the By-law to be continued, that came in by a free and open Trade; they all owned, That they had.

Mr. * *Dubourg* ſaid, He had been a Factor for the Baymakers about Six or Seven Years; and that there is ſeveral Hundred Pieces of Bays in his Cuſtody, more than the Markets can take off; and if the Trade ſhould be open, and more Goods made, they muſt rot in the Hall.

That it appears to this Committee, That, till the Year 1707, the Trade of Baymaking was not reſtrained to ſuch Perſons only as had ſerved their Apprenticeſhip to Baymakers; but was free to all who had ſerved their Apprenticeſhip to any other Branch of the Woollen Manufacture there.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid By-law of the Governors of the *Dutch* Bay-hall in *Colcheſter*, made in the Year 1707, as reſtrains the Making of Bays to ſuch as have ſerved Apprenticeſhips to the Baymakers only, is highly detrimental to that Branch of the Woollen Manufacture.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, by means of the above-mentioned By-law, and by the ill Practices of ſome of the Baymakers in the ſaid Town of *Colcheſter*, the poor Weavers have been grievouſly oppreſſed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the ſaid Weavers Relief, by giving free Liberty to all Perſons, who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays within the ſaid Town; with proper Limitations and Reſtrictions relating to the ſaid *Dutch* Bay-hall.

The Two Firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Weavers Relief, by giving free Liberty to the Perſons who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town; with proper Limitations and Reſtrictions relating to the *Dutch* Bay-hall: And that Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Dockminicque*, Mr. *Ducane*, and Mr. *Broderick*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Lord *Coningsby* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for allowing a Time for Two hundred Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of his late Majeſty King *William*, for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and the Act, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of his ſaid Majeſty, for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy; might be read;

They were read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Diſturbances of Seamen and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining the ſaid Act, made in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and making perpetual, the ſaid Act, made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of his ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy: And that Sir *Charles Turner*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Members, who, upon calling the Houſe the Eighth Inſtant, were not excuſed, and were ordered to attend this Day, were called:

And *John Snell* Eſquire, *Thomas Maſters* Eſquire, Sir *William Blacket* Baronet, *Doddington Grevill* Eſquire, and Sir *Robert Furneze* Baronet, appeared.

Richard Shuttleworth Eſquire being called, he was excuſed, upon account of extraordinary Buſineſs in the Country.

Charles Parker Eſquire being called; and he not appearing;

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Parker*, for diſobeying the Order of the Houſe for his attending this Day, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for making Proviſion for the Miniſters who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*;

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage, of the Twenty-eighth of *June* laſt, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be charge-

chargeable upon a ſure Fund, therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, after the Report of the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund, therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Onſlow*, be added to the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate late of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 23° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Dormer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and other Lands there; and for laying out the Money ariſing thereby in the Purchaſe of other Lands in the County of *Lincoln*, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton* is ſettled: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Bill was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hungerford* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate late of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts ..... That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

The Houſe being acquainted, That *Charles Parker* Eſquire was very ill in the Country; and therefore could not attend the Houſe on *Monday* laſt, as he was ordered;

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Parker* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Sir *Charles Turner* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Diſturbances of Seamen and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and making perpetual, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy: And the Bill was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for making Proviſion for the Miniſters who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards the Maintenance of the Miniſters who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches erected, and to be erected, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards the Maintenance of the Miniſters who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches erected, and to be erected, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for making Proviſion for the Miniſters who are to officiate in the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

A Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes, to juſtify other Voters, which the Petitioners Counſel had objected to.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 24° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2do Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for allowing a Time for Two hundred Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for allowing a Time for Two hundred Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

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A Petition of *Nicolas Trott* Eſquire, and *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Thomas Amy* Eſquire, deceaſed, in behalf of themſelves, and their Son *Perient*, an Infant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That King *Charles* the Second, by Letters Patents, bearing Date 24th *March* 1663 . . . grant to *Edward* Earl of *Clarendon*, and Seven other Lords Proprietors, the abſolute Propriety of the Province of *Carolina*, in *America*; and, by virtue thereof, the Right Honourable *John* Earl of *Bath*, deceaſed, and the reſt of the Lords Proprietors of *Carolina*, by their Deed-poll, bearing Date the 29th of *September* 1697, under their Great Seal, grant unto the ſaid *Thomas Amy*, and his Heirs for ever, the Eighth Part of that Province; and made him thereby One of the Eight abſolute Proprietors: That the ſaid *Thomas Amy*, for and in Conſideration of a Marriage-Portion for *Anne* his Daughter with the Petitioner *Nicolas Trott*, by his Deed-poll, did grant, bargain, ſell, aſſign, and ſet over, his Proprietorſhip aforeſaid unto the Petitioner, and his Heirs, begotten on the Body of the ſaid Petitioner *Anne*, and the Petitioner's Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, dated the 21th Day of *March* 1700: And praying, That a Clauſe may be added to the Bill for the better regulating the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, for the ſaving the Rights and Property of the Petitioners; or that the Petitioners may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt ſo much of the ſaid Bill as affects their Right.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulation of the Charter and Proprietary Governments in *America*, and of his Majeſty's Plantations, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, thereupon, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be chargeable upon a ſure Fund, therein mentioned; and to be redeemable by Parliament; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe: One of which Amendments, made by the Committee, and agreed unto by the Houſe, was, for reducing the ſaid Annuities from Six Pounds to Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for giving Power to the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to treat with the Proprietors of the Sugar-houſes in *Scotland*, for ſuch Sums of Money as may be a reaſonable Satisfaction for ſuch private Rights of Exemptions from Cuſtom and Exciſe, to which the Proprietors are intitled:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up: And the Clauſe was amended:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill: And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 25° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Iſaac Rebow* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for giving Liberty to Perſons who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in or near the Pariſhes in which the Road from the Town of *Uxbridge*, in the Pariſh of *Hillingdon*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to *Tyburn*, in the Pariſh of *St. Martin's in the Fields*, in the ſaid County, lies; and alſo of ſeveral Farmers, Stage-Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, and others, who frequently paſs the ſaid Road; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Road, by reaſon of the Multitude of Paſſengers, and heavy Carriages, to and from the Town of *Uxbridge*, are become very ruinous, and great many Parts thereof ſo very bad, that the ſame, in the Winter-Seaſon, are dangerous to ſuch who have Occaſion to travel the ſaid Road, and almoſt impaſſable: That although the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes have, from time to time, been at very great Expences in repairing and amending the ſame; yet the ſaid Road is ſo very bad, that the ſame cannot, by the Laws now in Force, be effectually amended, or kept in good Repair, without the Aid of an Act of Parliament: And praying Leave for the bringing in a Bill for repairing and amending the Road aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Smithſon*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Cholmly* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, as far as Clauſe A; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A being read a Second time, That * * * *

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put thereupon, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Clauſe B, being read a Second time, and amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill to prevent Diſturbances of Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War; and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and making perpetual, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Dodington*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Wild*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Townſhend*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Diſton*, Colonel *Cornwall*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Halden*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Gordon*, Mr. *Stanion*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *White*, Colonel *Bladen*; and all that ſerve for the Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen.

An ingroſſed Bill for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton:*

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to juſtify other Voters, which the Petitioners Counſel had objected to; and alſo examined Witneſſes to diſqualify ſuch Voters as the Petitioners Counſel had endeavoured to add to the Petitioners Poll; and alſo to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons, who had voted for the Petitioners.

After which, the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned until *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 26° *die Auguſti*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Eſtate of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *Edmund Prideaux* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Town and County of *Southampton*, and other trading Inhabitants of the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Town of *Southampton* is a Sea-Port Town; and that, during the laſt Ten Years of the late War with *France*, Brigadier *Borr*'s Regiment of Marines was quartered there; and the Officers and Soldiers belonging to the ſame, divers whereof became Inhabitants there, and had Families, were truſted by the Petitioners with conſiderable Sums of Money, for the Support of themſelves and Families, and other Neceſſaries: That the ſaid Regiment was broke in the ſaid Town, ſoon after the Concluſion of the Peace; and then all Accounts between the ſaid Officers, Soldiers, and the ſaid Petitioners, were adjuſted and ſettled, in the Preſence of the Commiſſioners who diſbanded the ſaid Regiment; and, for the Repayment of the ſeveral and reſpective Sums due to the ſaid Petitioners, amounting to ſeveral Thouſand Pounds, the ſaid Officers and Soldiers could give no other Securities, but Aſſignments on their Pay and Wages due for their Service in the ſaid Regiment; which the Petitioners were forced to accept: That, by reaſon the ſaid Town of *Southampton* being a Sea-Port Town, it has been the Reſidence and Abode of divers Seamen, and their Families, who have had nothing to ſubſiſt, but their Pay and Wages for their Service in the Royal Navy; wherefore the Petitioners have truſted them with conſiderable Sums of Money, as well to fit themſelves out to Sea, as to ſupport and maintain their Wives and Children in their Abſence; without which, they muſt have been reduced to the greateſt Want; and, at their Return, all the Security they could give for the juſt Debts they then owed, was, by Aſſignments of their Pay for their Service performed: That, if the Pay and Wages of ſuch Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, who are indebted to the ſaid Petitioners, ſhould be exempted from the Payment of their juſt Debts by any Law to be made for that Purpoſe, it will not only bring the Petitioners to Poverty and Want, but alſo very highly affect the Trade of the ſaid Town of *Southampton*, and other Sea-Port Towns, the major Part of whoſe Stock and Subſtance have been neceſſarily applied to the Uſes before-mentioned: And praying, That we may be heard, by our Counſel, againſt the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, upon their Petition, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of *Rocheſter*, in the County of *Kent*, and of other Tradeſmen and Inhabitants of the ſaid City, and of the Towns of *Chatham* and *Strood*, and other adjacent Places, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundred more of the Inhabitants and Tradeſmen of the ſaid City, Towns, and Places, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners Trading and Dealing, during the late War, was chiefly with the Sea-Officers and Seamen, and with the Marine Officers and Soldiers; and their Dealing and Trading ſtill is very much with the Commiſſion and Warrant-Officers of the Navy, and other the Petty Officers and Seamen thereof; and, by reaſon of ſuch Officers and Men being at Sea, and the Length of Time they have been unpaid, the Petitioners have been forced to credit them, and their Wives and Families, with all manner of Neceſſaries and Proviſions; and by that means the ſaid Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, have contracted great Debts with the Petitioners; inſomuch that all the Petitioners Subſtance is intruſted to them; and the Petitioners, and their Families, will be undone, ſhould they loſe their ſaid Debts: That many of the ſaid Officers, both by Land and Sea, have, by their profuſe Living abroad, waſted and ſpent their Pay, which ought to have paid their juſt Debts at home contracted; yet, by Frugality, and good Management, may be in a Capacity of paying the ſame out of their future Pay, if not diſcharged from the ſame by the Bill for Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen; which Bill, the Petitioners apprehend, will be greatly to their Prejudice, and tend to the utter Ruin of many of them, ſhould the ſame paſs into a Law: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, before it paſſes.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, upon their Petition, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Mayor, Magiſtrates, Common-Council, and other principal Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Plymouth*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for many Years paſt, very large Credit has been given by many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough to great Numbers of Seamen, as well Inhabitants, as others, that have been employed in the Royal Navy; their Wages, for ſundry Years together, having been unpaid; without which Credit, neither they, nor their Families, could have ſubſiſted; and, by reaſon thereof, there is actually due at this time to the Inhabitants of this Town, from and on account of Seamen, divers Sums of Money, amounting to ſeveral Thouſand Pounds: That ſuch Credit has been uſually given by many of the Petitioners, and others, to Seamen, upon the Security of Aſſignments on their Pay and Wages due for their Service performed on board ſuch Ships to which they did or do belong, that being the only Means they have of ſecuring and diſcharging the Debts by them ſo contracted; that, at this time, the Families of ſeveral Hundred Seamen, now in his Majeſty's Ships abroad, are ſupported by many of the Petitioners, and ſundry other Inhabitants of this Place, upon the bare Expectation of having Securities, in manner before-mentioned, from the ſaid Seamen, at their Return: That, if the Wages, *&c.* of ſuch Seamen, who are indebted to this Town, and the neighbouring Parts, ſhould be exempted from Payment of their Debts, by any Law to be made and enacted for that Purpoſe, it will not only ruin a great many Inhabitants of this Town, and other Traders in thoſe Parts, the major Part of whoſe Subſtance has been applied to thoſe Uſes, but will alſo very highly affect ſundry Tradeſmen in *London*, and other Places, who have given Credit to them on that Head, and effectually deſtroy all future Credit to Seamen: And praying to take their Caſe into Conſideration; and to make ſuch Proviſion for them, as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, upon their Petition, if they think fit.

Mr. *Bertie* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for raiſing Nine hundred and ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, as a Rider, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall have Power to make Allowances to the Caſhier, and Accountant-General, who ſhall receive the Contribution-money, for their Pains and Charges in receiving and accounting for the ſame:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up; and the Clauſe amended:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for raiſing Nine hundred and ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to authorize a Treaty concerning private Rights claimed by the Proprietors of the Sugar-houſes in *Scotland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards Maintenance of the Miniſters, who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches erected, and to be erected, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof;

Ordered, That the Accounts of the Treaſurer, Surveyor, and Secretary, to the Commiſſioners for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, formerly laid before the Houſe, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do leave out that Part of the Bill, which relates to Seamen;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Three Weeks, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 27° die Auguſti;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and other Lands there; and for laying out the Money ariſing thereby in the Purchaſe of other Lands in the County of *Lincoln*, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton* is ſettled; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *John Tirwhitt*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Eyles*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Jenkins*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hucks*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Deacle*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Ja. Bateman*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Lincoln*, *Eſſex*, *Kent*, *Surrey*, and *Suſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards Maintenance of the Miniſters, who are to attend the Service of the Fifty new Churches erected, and to be erected, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, the Reſolution they had directed

rected him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Duty of Three Shillings for every Chaldron, conſiſting of Thirty-ſix Buſhels, *Wincheſter* Meaſure, of ſuch Coals and Culm as are uſually ſold by the Chaldron; and the Duty of Three Shillings for every Ton, containing Twenty Hundred Weight, of ſuch Coals as are uſually ſold by the Ton; which, by an Act, of the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, intituled, An Act for granting to her Majeſty ſeveral Duties upon Coals, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned, have Continuance until the Twenty-eighth Day of *September* 1724; ſhall be further continued, and payable to his Majeſty, for and upon all Coals and Culm, which, from and after the 27th Day of *September* 1724, and before the 28th Day of *September* 1725, ſhall be imported or brought into the Port of the City of *London*, or the River of *Thames*, within the Liberty of the ſaid City upon the ſame River, to be applied, by his Majeſty's Direction, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards the Maintenance of the Miniſters, who are to attend the Service of God in the ſaid new Churches.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Duty of Three Shillings for every Chaldron, conſiſting of Thirty-ſix Buſhels, *Wincheſter* Meaſure, of ſuch Coals and Culm as are uſually ſold by the Chaldron; and the Duty of Three Shillings for every Ton, containing Twenty Hundred Weight, of ſuch Coals as are uſually ſold by the Ton; which, by an Act, of the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, intituled, An Act for granting to her Majeſty ſeveral Duties upon Coals, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned, have Continuance until the 28th Day of *September* 1724; ſhall be further continued, and payable to his Majeſty, for and upon all Coals and Culm, which, from and after the 27th Day of *September* 1724, and before the 28th Day of *September* 1725, ſhall be imported or brought into the Port of the City of *London*, or the River of *Thames*, within the Liberty of the ſaid City upon the ſame River, to be applied, by his Majeſty's Direction, in Aid of other Proviſions that ſhall be made towards the Maintenance of the Miniſters, who are to attend the Service of God in the ſaid new Churches.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, the Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Lowther*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill, That they have Power to bring in a Clauſe, or Clauſes, in the ſaid Bill, to impower his Majeſty, from time to time, to appoint ſuch Commiſſioners, as his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall think fit, to put this, and the ſeveral Acts relating to the Duties granted for the building the Fifty new Churches, in Execution; and to inquire and inform themſelves in what manner the Duties, intended to be granted by this Bill, may be beſt ſettled for the Maintenance of the Miniſters, who are to officiate in the ſaid Churches.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Commiſſioner to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Shire of *Air*, in the room of *John Montgomery* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Shire, hath accepted a Commiſſion of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Third Regiment of his Majeſty's Foot-Guards.

Sir *Charles Turner* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to prevent Diſturbances of Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and making perpetual, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe: And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, for young Horſes to run:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up to the Table;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Improvement of the Breed of Horſes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cholmly* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Colonel *Bladen* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union: And the ſame was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he had received a Letter from Mr. *Prior*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, relating to the Circumſtances of his Confinement: Which Mr. Speaker read to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the impeached Lords, to lay before the Houſe ſo much as they ſhall think proper of the Evidence of Mr. *Prior*; and alſo a State of the Circumſtances of his Confinement.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members proceeded to examine Witneſſes, to diſqualify ſome of the Voters for the Petitioners, upon account of their receiving Charity; particularly as to a Charity called *Saunders*'s Charity:

And the Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſting to examine as to that Charity being given in the Year 1713;

And the Petitioners Counſel oppoſing their examining, as to any Perſons who had not received that Charity within a Year before the Election;

The Counſel on both Sides were heard touching the ſame.

And then they withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Sitting-Members be admitted to give Evidence of Perſons having received *Saunders*'s Charity before the 2d of *February* 1713;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

Then the Sitting-Members Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes, touching other Voters for the Petitioners having received other Charities; and alſo for adding Two Votes to the Sitting-Members Poll; and alſo, in order to diſqualify ſeveral of the Petitioners Voters for Bribery; and touching Threats, and other undue Proceedings, in relation to the Election.

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Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton* be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*; and for explaining a former Act for building another Church there; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords do deſire a Conference with this Houſe, on *Tueſday* next, at One of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfield* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will agree to meet the Lords at a Conference, as their Lordſhips do deſire.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them, That this Houſe doth agree to a Conference with the Lords, as deſired.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 29° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill to prevent Diſturbances by Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and continuing, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to prevent Diſturbances by Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and continuing, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy.

Ordered, That Sir *Charles Turner* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the City of *Chicheſter*, whoſe Hands are thereunto ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and other Inhabitants of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That ſeveral conſiderable Sums of Money were left, and ſtill remain, unpaid by ſeveral Officers and Soldiers, late belonging to Lieutenant-General *Holt*'s Regiment of Marines, when they were diſbanded in the ſaid City, in the Year 1713: And praying, That their Caſe may be heard; and that they may be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, is committed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the late Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*; and for explaining a former Act for building another Church there:

And the ſame were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 2. L. 10. Leave out "in the Exerciſe of Religion," and, inſtead thereof, inſert "who would reſort thither, to "attend Divine Service, according to the Rites and Uſage "of the Church of *England:*"

L. 40, and 41. Leave out "and hereby is En-"acted and Declared to be," and inſert "conſecrated "and:"

Pr. 3. L. 15, and 16. Leave out "preſented, col-"lated, inſtituted, and inducted, as other Parſons," and inſert "licenſed by the Biſhop, as other:"

Pr. 4. L. 12. Leave out "at their Diſcretion," and inſert "out of the common Stock of the ſaid Corpora-"tion:"

At the End of the Bill, add Clauſe A:

A: "Provided, That whatſoever Monies ſhall ariſe "from the Diſpoſition of all and every the Seats and Pews "to be made or incloſed in the ſaid Church or Chapel, "ſhall be applied to the Maintenance of the ſaid Curate "or Chaplain, and for the Stipends or Salaries of proper "Officers and Servants to attend therein; and for the Re-"paration of the ſaid Church or Chapel, and the Seats, "Pews, and other Conveniencies, thereof; until ſome "other ſufficient, certain, and ſettled, Maintenance and "Proviſion ſhall be made for the ſame Purpoſes; from "which time, the Right of Diſpoſing and Rating of Pews "by the Perſons aforeſaid, for any Purpoſes whatſoever, "ſhall ceaſe, and be extinguiſhed; any thing in this Act "to the contrary notwithſtanding."

Ordered, That Sir *Thomas Johnſon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

A Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union, was read the Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 30° *die Auguſti*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pulteney*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That the Number of Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the ſaid Bill be Seven.

Reſolved, That no Perſon be a Commiſſioner, who hath any Office of Profit, or is accountable to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Commiſſioners may be Members of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That no Perſon who hath been, or is, an Agent, be a Commiſſioner in the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Commiſſioners be choſen by way of Balloting.

Ordered, That the Members of the Houſe do, by *Thurſday* next, at One of the Clock, prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of Seven Perſons Names, to be Commiſſioners in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Wm. Thompſon*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Lord *Stanhope*, do manage the Conference deſired by the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild*, and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue.

And the Managers went to the Conference:

And, being returned;

The Lord *Wm. Powlet* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference: And that the Earl of *Clarendon* managed the ſame on the Part of the Lords; and acquainted the Managers on the Part of the Commons, That the Lords have agreed to ſome of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the ſaid Bill; and, as to One Amendment, that the Lords had agreed to the ſame, with an Amendment; to which Amendment they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; but that, as to the other Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the ſaid Bill, the Lords had diſagreed to them; and they gave their Reaſons for diſagreeing to the ſame; which Reaſons the Lord *William Powlett* read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Lords diſagree to the Commons Amendment, Preſs 15. Line 31.;

Becauſe they are of Opinion, That the Word "only" anſwers the true Intent of the Bill; which is to bind only ſuch Right as may be claimed under the Marriage-Articles, mentioned in the Bill; and not ſuch other Right as the Perſons claiming under the Articles, or ſome of them, may poſſibly have by any other means not taken Notice of in the Bill.

The Lords diſagree to the Amendment, Preſs 24. Line 7.;

Becauſe they are of Opinion, That the Words "equally, "Share and Share alike," will not agree with the Words following, in the Bill; *viz.* "in ſuch Proportions, and "at ſuch Times, as the ſaid *George Trenchard* and *Robert* "*Mitchell*, or the Survivor of them, or the Executors "or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, ſhall think fit to "appoint;" which Words both Houſes had agreed to.

The Lords diſagree to the Amendment, in Lines 13, and 14.;

Becauſe they are of Opinion, That the Words "equally, "Share and Share alike," ſtand very properly in that Place, to prevent Diſputes, and cauſe an equitable Diviſion, among the Children, if in caſe Mr. *Trenchard* and Mr. *Mitchell* ſhould not make any ſuch Appointment as before-mentioned.

The Lords diſagree to the Amendment, Preſs 27th, Line 26th; which was the Addition of a Clauſe;

Becauſe it does not appear to their Lordſhips, but that, if there is any ſuch Sum as Fifty Pounds, with Intereſt, owing to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, the ſame may be ſome way ſecured, preferable to the ſaid Debts.

The Lords alſo diſagree to the Amendment, in Line the 42d;

Becauſe, the former Amendment being diſagreed to, the Words "and the ſaid Fifty Pounds, with Intereſt," will have Reference to no Part of the Bill.

Then the Amendment, made by the Lords, to One of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the ſaid Bill, was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

To the Commons Amendment, Preſs 15. Line 9. Leave out from "and" to the End of that Amendment, and inſert "the ſaid other Indenture of Aſſignment, of the "25th of *Auguſt* 1713."

The ſaid Amendment, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid Amendments, made by this Houſe, to which the Lords do diſagree, being ſeverally read;

And the Queſtion being ſeverally put thereupon, That this Houſe doth inſiſt upon the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to which the Lords had diſagreed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Lord *Wm. Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment, made by their Lordſhips, to the ſaid Amendment, made by this Houſe: And that this Houſe doth not inſiſt upon ſuch of their Amendments with which their Lordſhips have diſagreed.

The Lord *Coningsby* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches, which are built, or to be built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof: And the ſame was received.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Per-

Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring and excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; be now taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration accordingly:

And the ſame, being read, are as followeth; *viz.*

Pr. 2. L. 12. After "be," add "veſted and ſeiſed:"
Pr. 5. L. 17. After "his," add "or his Deputies:"
L. 31. After "his," add "or his Deputies."

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Ordered, That Mr. *Horatio Walpole* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to their Amendments, with Amendments to ſome of them: To which Amendments they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to authorize a Treaty concerning private Rights claimed by the Proprietors of the Sugar-houſes in *Scotland*; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage from his Majeſty, ſigned by his Majeſty: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe: And it was read by Mr. Speaker; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty has been pleaſed to direct, That Letters Patents be prepared for granting to the Prince of *Wales* One hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, out of the Civil Liſt Revenues, for the Support of himſelf and his Family; and likewiſe for granting Fifty thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, together with *Somerſet-houſe*, to the Princeſs of *Wales*, for her Jointure, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive the Prince; but, it not being in his Majeſty's Power to extend this Proviſion to the Princeſs beyond his own Life, his Majeſty hopes, that you will think it reaſonable to enable him to make this Proviſion for the Princeſs certain and ſecure to her, during the Term of her own Life.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better enabling his Majeſty to make the Proviſion intended for her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of *Wales* a ſure and certain Jointure, for the Term of her Life: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Walpole*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Forteſcue*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Cholmly*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to ſome of the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; and for the better diſarming diſaffected Perſons in *Scotland*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to Two publick, and Three private, Bills; *viz.*

An Act for raiſing Nine hundred ten thouſand Pounds, for publick Services, by Sale of Annuities, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to authorize a Treaty concerning private Rights claimed by the Proprietors of the Sugar-houſes in *Scotland*:

An Act for encouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superiors, Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for making void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, for barring or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures, that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo, for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, or where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; and for the better diſarming diſaffected Perſons in *Scotland*:

An Act for building and endowing a Church upon the Site of the Caſtle of *Leverpole*, held by Leaſe from the Duchy of *Lancaſter*; and for explaining a former Act for the building another Church there:

An Act for veſting the Eſtate of *John Tanner* Eſquire, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for Payment of his Debts:

An Act for confirming a Sale already made to *Edmund Dummer* Gentleman of ſome Part, and for veſting other Part, of the Eſtate of *John Bromfeild* Eſquire, in the County of *Southampton*, compriſed in the Articles made upon his Marriage with *Anne* his Wife, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts; and for ſettling the remaining Part thereof as near as may be to the Intent of the ſaid Articles; and for making thereby, and by other means in the Act mentioned, ſome Proviſion for the ſaid *John Bromfeild* and *Anne* his Wife, and their Iſſue.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to the further Hearing of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Taunton*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined Two Witneſſes, in order to diſcredit Two of the Sitting-Members Witneſſes:

After which, the Sitting-Members Counſel ſummed up the Evidence: And the Petitioners Counſel replied.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

The Queſtion being put, That Sir *Francis Warre* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Rolt:* } 32.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Minſhall:* } 72.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Queſtion being put, That *Henry Portman* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Taunton*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { The Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Trelawny:* } 31.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Drake:* } 69.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *William Pynſent* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Taunton*.

Reſolved, That *James Smyth* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Taunton*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, by raſing out the Names of Sir *Francis Warre* Baronet, and *Henry Portman* Eſquire; and inſerting the Names of *William Pynſent* Eſquire, and *James Smyth* Eſquire.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 31° die Auguſti;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

A Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches, which are built, and to be built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt and deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, be now taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration accordingly:

And ... were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Preſs 1ſt, L. 23. After "any," inſert "Two or "more:"

L. 25. After "reſpectively," inſert "or "by any other lawful Ways or Means:"

Pr. 2. L. 37. After "any," inſert "Two or more:"

Pr. 3. L. 11. After "reſpectively," inſert "or by any "other lawful Ways and Means."

The Firſt Amendment being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Second Amendment being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Third Amendment being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Fourth Amendment being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered, at a Conference with the Lords, for diſagreeing with the ſaid Amendments:

And it is referred to Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Wm Thompſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Cocks*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Ingram:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Walpole*, from the Committee of Secrecy, acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had, in Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe, prepared Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*.

WHEREAS his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory, out of his great Wiſdom, and tender Regard for his own Kingdoms, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and to vindicate the Honour of the Crown and Nation, then affronted by *France* in proclaiming the Pretender King of *Great Britain*, after the *French* King had, but lately before, acknowleged his Majeſty's Title to the ſame; as well as from a juſt Concern for the Preſervation of the Liberties of *Europe*, againſt the growing Power of *France*, which was then become more formidable, from the Duke of *Anjou*'s having taken Poſſeſſion of the intire *Spaniſh* Monarchy; did, upon the Advice and Requeſt of both Houſes of Parliament, in or about the Month of *September* 1701, enter into, make and conclude, a Treaty with *Leopold* Emperor of *Germany*, and the States-General of the *United Provinces*; wherein, a ſtrict Conjunction and Alliance amongſt themſelves being thought neceſſary for repelling the Greatneſs of the common Danger, it was, amongſt other things, agreed, That there ſhould be, and continue, between the ſaid Confederates, a conſtant, perpetual, and inviolable, Friendſhip and Correſpondence; and that each Party ſhould be obliged to promote the Advantages of the other, and prevent all Inconveniencies and Dangers that might happen to them, as far as lay in their Powers:

That the ſaid Allies, deſiring nothing more earneſtly than the Peace and general Quiet of all *Europe*, had adjudged, that nothing could be more effectual for the Eſtabliſhment thereof, than the procuring an equitable and reaſonable Satisfaction to his Imperial Majeſty for his Pretenſions to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion; and that the King of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, might obtain a particular and ſufficient Security for their Kingdoms, Provinces, and Dominions, and for the Navigation and Commerce of their Subjects:

That it ſhould not be permitted to either Party, when the War is once begun, to treat of Peace with the Enemy, unleſs jointly, and by a Communication of Councils; and no Peace ſhould be made, unleſs an equitable and reaſonable Satisfaction for his Imperial Majeſty, and a particular Security for the Kingdoms, Provinces, Dominions, Navigation, and Commerce, of his Majeſty of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, be firſt obtained; and unleſs Care be taken, by fitting Security, that the Kingdoms of *France* and *Spain* ſhall never come, and be united, under the ſame Government; nor that one and the ſame Perſon ſhall be King of both Kingdoms:

And whereas his ſaid late Majeſty King *William*, and the States-General, ſeriouſly conſidering, that *France* was then become ſo formidable, from the Acceſſion of *Spain* to the Duke of *Anjou*, that, in the Opinion of all the World, *Europe* was in Danger of loſing her Liberty, and undergoing the heavy Yoke of univerſal Monarchy; and that the ſureſt Means of effecting that Deſign were to divide the King of *Great Britain* from the States-General; for which Purpoſe, all imaginable Efforts would be made; they therefore thought it neceſſary to unite, in the ſtricteſt manner that was poſſible; and, to that End, a defenſive Treaty and Alliance was concluded, and entered into, between them, in or about *November* 1701; wherein, amongſt other things, it was further agreed, That, by the Alliance with the Emperor, made in *September* then laſt, particular Care being taken for the Recovery of the *Spaniſh Low-Countries* out of the Hands of the moſt Chriſtian King, the ſaid Confederates expreſly engaged to aid one another with all their Forces, for the Recovery of the ſame; and, in regard the principal Intereſt of the ſaid Confederates conſiſted in the Preſervation of the Liberties of *Europe*, that the before-mentioned Treaty with the Emperor ſhall be faithfully and ſincerely executed; and both Sides ſhall guaranty the ſame, and uſe their Endeavours to confirm and render it more ſtrong, from time to time:

That, in making Peace, particular Care ſhall be taken of the Commerce and Traffick of both Nations; and alſo, for their Security, as well in regard to the *Low-Countries*, as the Countries adjacent, that, when the War is begun, the Confederates ſhall act in Concert, according to the 7th and 8th Articles of the Treaty of the 3d of *March* $16\frac{7}{8}$, between *England* and *Holland*; which was thereby renewed and confirmed; and no Peace, nor Truce, or Suſpenſion of Arms, ſhall be negotiated or made, but according to the 9th and 10th Articles of that Treaty; by which it was agreed, That, when the Two Allies came once to an open War, it ſhall be lawful for neither of them afterwards to come to any Ceſſation of Arms with him who ſhall be declared and proclaimed an Enemy, without it be done conjointly, and with common Conſent: That no Negotiation of Peace ſhall be ſet on foot by One of the Allies, without the Concurrence of the other: That each Ally ſhall, continually, and from time to time, impart to the other every thing that ſhall paſs in the ſaid Negotiation; and ſhall ſtipulate, with the common Enemy, for the ſame Rights, Immunities, Exemptions, and Prerogatives, for his Ally, as he ſhould do for himſelf, if ſo be the ſaid Allies do not agree to the contrary:

And whereas the *French* King, having got Poſſeſſion of a great Part of the *Spaniſh* Dominions, exerciſed an abſolute Authority over that Monarchy; having ſeized *Milan*, and the *Spaniſh Low-Countries*, by his Armies, and made himſelf Maſter of *Cadiz*, and of the Entrance into the *Mediterranean*, and of the Ports of the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*, by his Fleets; every-where deſigning to invade the Liberties of *Europe*, and to obſtruct the Freedom of Navigation and Commerce; and, inſtead of giving the Satisfaction that was juſtly expected, had proceeded to further Violences and Indignities; and, having influenced *Spain* to acknowlege the Pretender, and, thereby, to concur with him in the ſaid Affront, her late Sacred Majeſty Queen *Anne*, taking Notice that ſhe found herſelf obliged, for maintaining the publick Faith, for vindicating the Honour of the Crown, and to prevent the Miſchiefs which all *Europe* were threatened with, to declare War againſt *France* and *Spain*, did accordingly, in the Month of *May* 1702, in the moſt publick and ſolemn Manner, proclaim the ſame; as his Imperial Majeſty, and the States-General, did likewiſe do, in or about the ſaid Month of *May*, in purſuance of the before-mentioned Treaties:

And whereas many Kings, Princes, and States, of *Europe*, being invited by the ſaid Grand Alliance, and relying on the Faith thereof, did afterwards become Parties to the ſaid confederate War againſt *France* and *Spain*; and, in the Treaty entered into, in or about the Month of *May* 1703, between his Imperial Majeſty, the Queen of *Great Britain*, the States-General, and the King of *Portugal*, it was, amongſt other things, expreſly ſtipulated, That no Peace, nor Truce, ſhall be made, but by the mutual Conſent of all the Confederates; nor ſhall any, at any time, be made, whilſt the Second Grandſon of the moſt Chriſtian King, by the Dauphin, or any other Prince of the Line of *France*, continued in *Spain:*

And whereas, to give the greateſt Strength that was poſſible to the Union ſo neceſſary to both Nations, her late Majeſty, and the States, by a Treaty in the Month of *June* 1703, renewed and confirmed all Treaties and Alliances then ſubſiſting between them; and, to the end a juſt and reaſonable Peace might the better be obtained, that might eſtabliſh the Repoſe and Tranquillity of *Europe*, it was agreed, That neither of the ſaid Allies ſhould make a Suſpenſion of Arms, or a Peace, with *France* or *Spain*, but in Conjunction, and by common Conſent:

And whereas the ſaid War was, for ſeveral Years, carried on with Vigour and Unanimity, at a vaſt Expence of Blood and Treaſure; for the Support of which, on the Part of *Great Britain*, many Millions were granted by Parliament, who, on many Occaſions, expreſſed their Senſe of the Juſtice of it, and frequently gave their humble Advice to the Throne, That no Peace could be ſafe, honourable, or laſting, ſo long as *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, continued in any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon:*

And whereas the juſt Cauſe of her Majeſty, and her Allies, in Defence of the common Liberty, and in Vindication of the Honour of the Crown of *Great Britain*, was favoured by the Divine Providence with unparalleled Succeſſes, and ſignal Victories; whereby, as well as by the Wiſdom and Unanimity of their Councils, the Reputation of the Confederate Arms was highly advanced, and *Great Britain* was eſteemed the Guardian of the Liberties of *Europe:*

And whereas, from the proſperous Condition of the Affairs of the Allies, nothing remained, in all human Appearance, but that they ſhould reap the Fruits of all their Victories in a ſpeedy, juſt, honourable, and laſting, Peace; and, on the other hand, nothing was left to raiſe the Hopes of the Enemy, whereby to defeat that happy Proſpect, but his ſecret Endeavours to diſunite the Confederacy:

And whereas divers evil-minded Perſons, Enemies to the true Intereſts of their own Country, as well as to the common Liberties and Welfare of *Europe*, having, by many wicked Arts, and baſe Inſinuations, obtained Acceſs to her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, and being admitted into her Councils, and into Places of the higheſt Truſt, and having formed a wicked and treacherous Correſpondence with the Emiſſaries of *France*, and ſet on foot a private and deſtructive Negotiation of Peace, thereby intending to weaken and diſſolve the Confederacy, which had ſo long and happily ſubſiſted between her Majeſty and her good and faithful Allies, to the Honour and Safety of the Nation, had prevailed upon her ſaid late Majeſty, for that Purpoſe, to declare her Reſolution of entering into a Treaty of Peace with the common Enemy, againſt the Conſent and Opinion of all her Majeſty's Allies; and alſo to appoint *John* then Lord Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, her Plenipotentiaries, to tranſact the ſame at *Utrecht:*

And

And whereas her Sacred Majeſty, in purſuance of the Treaties ſhe ſtood engaged in, and of her Declaration, in the Month of *April* 1711, to the Grand Penſionary, and the other Miniſters, of *Holland*, being ſtill determined, in making Peace as in making War, to act in perfect Concert with her Allies, and, in Conjunction with them, to demand, and procure, from *France* a juſt Satisfaction for all their Pretenſions, according to, and in Performance of, the many ſolemn Treaties and Alliances then ſubſiſting between her Majeſty and them, did, in purſuance thereof, by her Inſtructions under the Sign Manual, dated the 21ſt of *October* 1711, to him the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, her Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States-General, direct him, That, during the Courſe of the then intended Negotiation of Peace, it muſt be the moſt careful Endeavour, and the fixed Principle, of all the Confederates, to hold faſt together, in order to obtain from the Enemy the utmoſt which could be hoped for in the preſent Circumſtances of Affairs; and that he might aſſure the Confederates, that her Majeſty, on her Part, would firmly adhere to that Rule; and that ſhe was ſo far from making Peace without the Concurrence of the States-General, that ſhe had declared her firm Reſolution not to make it without their Satisfaction:

And alſo, by her Inſtructions, under the Sign Manual, to the ſaid then Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and him the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, her Plenipotentiaries to treat of a good and general Peace, her ſaid Majeſty, amongſt other things, did direct them, upon their Arrival at *Utrecht*, to concert, with the Miniſters of the Allies, in what manner it might be moſt proper to open the Conferences, and what Method to obſerve in the Progreſs of the Treaty; upon that and all other Occaſions, earneſtly to repreſent to thoſe Miniſters the great Importance of appearing united; and, for that Reaſon, to recommend to them, that, if any Difference or Diſpute ſhould ariſe, the ſame ſhould be accommodated amongſt themſelves, that *France* might have no Hold to break in upon them; but, on the contrary, whenever they meet the Enemy's Miniſters in the Congreſs, every Opinion that is delivered, and every Inſtance that is made, may be backed by the concurrent Force of the whole Confederacy:

That, if it ſhould be thought proper to begin by the Diſpoſition of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, they were to inſiſt, That the Security, and reaſonable Satisfaction, which the Allies expected, and which his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had promiſed, could not be obtained, if *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, be allotted to any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*:

Notwithſtanding all which Premiſes,

Article the Firſt.

He the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, being of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, and her Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the States-General, and appointed One of her Plenipotentiaries to treat with the Miniſters of *France* of a good and general Peace, in Concert with the Miniſters of her Majeſty's Allies, who, for that Purpoſe, were aſſembled, at *Utrecht*, with thoſe of *France*, with full Powers to tranſact the ſame; having no Regard to the true Ends of his ſaid Commiſſions and Powers; to the Honour or Safety of her Majeſty, or her Kingdoms; to the many ſolemn Engagements ſhe was under to the old and faithful Allies of this Nation; or to the common Liberties of *Europe*; but, being devoted to the Intereſt and Service of the *French* King, the then common Enemy; in Defiance of the Tenor of the ſeveral Treaties before-mentioned, or ſome of them, as well as of the frequent Advices of Parliament, and the many Declarations of her Majeſty from the Throne; but more particularly in Defiance of the ſolemn and mutual Aſſurances, which had been ſo lately renewed, between her Majeſty and the States-General, to act in perfect Concert with each other in making Peace as in making War, and of the ſeveral Inſtructions from her Majeſty, under the Sign Manual, to him the ſaid Earl, in purſuance thereof; was not only wanting in his Duty and Truſt to her Majeſty, by not adviſing againſt, and, as far as was in his Power, by not oppoſing, the going into any private, ſeparate, Negotiation with *France*; but on the contrary, when a ſeparate, diſhonourable, and deſtructive, Negotiation of Peace was entered into between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, without any Communication thereof to her Majeſty's Allies, according to their ſeveral Treaties, he the ſaid Earl did not only take upon himſelf, and preſume, from time to time, to adviſe and exhort, that the ſame ſhould be continued and carried on; but did likewiſe frequently concert private and ſeparate Meaſures with the Miniſters of *France*, in order to impoſe upon, and deceive, her Majeſty's good Subjects, and her Allies; and was inſtrumental in promoting the ſaid ſeparate Negotiation, excluſive of all the Allies, and to their manifeſt Prejudice and Detriment:

And, further, he the ſaid Earl, when the Miniſters of *France*, at *Utrecht*, refuſed to anſwer in Writing, and, on many other Occaſions, proceeded in a fallacious and unjuſtifiable manner in tranſacting the Negotiations of Peace, was not only wanting in his Duty, in not repreſenting to her Majeſty, and her Miniſters, againſt the ſame, and in not ſupporting, in the manner he ought to have done, her Majeſty's good Allies in their reaſonable Demands from *France*; but, on the contrary, commended the *French* Prudence in taking ſuch Meaſures; and even ſuggeſted himſelf the Methods for *France* to make uſe of to create Diſſenſions amongſt the Allies, and ſeparate Negotiations between each of the Allies and *France*, thereby to diſſolve the whole Confederacy:

By which wicked and treacherous Practices, he the ſaid Earl proſtituted the Honour of her Majeſty, and the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms; and groſsly violated his Powers and Inſtructions, the many Treaties which her Majeſty then ſtood engaged in to her Allies, and the repeated Aſſurances which the ſaid Earl had, by her Majeſty's Order, and in her Name, given to the ſaid Allies, to act in perfect Concert with them throughout the whole Negotiations of Peace; thereby rendering the Deſign of the Confederacy, and the mutual Support expected from the ſame, altogether uſeleſs, and giving up the Affairs of *Europe* into the Hands of *France*.

Article the 2d.

Whereas the maintaining a perfect Union, and good Correſpondence, between her late Majeſty and the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, was of the utmoſt Importance for preſerving to theſe Kingdoms the invaluable Bleſſings of their Religion, and Civil Liberties, by ſecuring the Succeſſion to the Crown to a Race of Proteſtant Princes, ever renowned for their great Juſtice and Clemency, and thereby defeating the traiterous Deſigns of the Pretender; and, for that Purpoſe, the great Wiſdom of divers Parliaments, which had fixed, and confirmed, the ſaid Succeſſion, had alſo laid the Obligation of an Oath upon the Subjects of theſe Realms, to ſupport and maintain the ſame to the utmoſt of their Power:

He the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, not regarding the many ill Conſequences to her Majeſty, and theſe Kingdoms, which would naturally enſue from a Diſunion, or Coolneſs of Affection, between Princes ſo nearly allied in Blood and Intereſt, inſtead of doing what in him lay to prevent the ſame, did, on the contrary, in his Letters, from *Holland*, to her Majeſty's Miniſters of State in *Great Britain*, by divers falſe Repreſentations, and ſcurrilous Reflections upon his preſent moſt Gracious Majeſty, then Elector of *Hanover*, endeavour to alienate her Majeſty's Affections from his ſaid Electoral Highneſs, and to create, or widen, fatal Differences or Miſunderſtandings between them; and when, by the wicked and pernicious Advice of him the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, and divers other evil Counſellors, her late Majeſty was at laſt prevailed upon to make a fatal Ceſſation of Arms with the then common Enemy, without any Concert with his ſaid Electoral Highneſs, and againſt the Conſent, and contrary to the moſt earneſt Repreſentations, of all her Allies; for the Execution of which, he the ſaid Earl was ſent over to the Army in the *Netherlands*, where the Generals of the Auxiliaries paid by her Majeſty, whoſe Honour and Conſciences would not permit them to abandon the Confederates,

and

and leave them as a Sacrifice to *France*, refuſed to withdraw with the Duke of *Ormond*, without particular Orders from their reſpective Maſters: Which Proceedings of the Confederate Generals being wickedly repreſented by the ſaid evil Counſellors, in Conjunction with the Miniſters and Emiſſaries of *France*, as an Indignity offered to her Sacred Majeſty;

He the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, to create Uneaſineſſes and Diſſenſion between her late Majeſty and his then Electoral Highneſs, did, by his Letter, on or about the 17th *July* 1712, to her Majeſty's then Secretary of State, maliciouſly and wickedly ſuggeſt and affirm, that the ſaid Separation of the Confederate Generals from the Duke of *Ormond* ought to be imputed to his ſaid Electoral Highneſs:

And further, he the ſaid Earl, by frequently affirming, and ſometimes in the moſt ſolemn manner, to the Miniſters of his ſaid Electoral Highneſs, as well as others, the moſt notorious and manifeſt Untruths, contrary to the Intentions and Intereſts of her Majeſty, and vainly intending thereby to deceive and impoſe upon his ſaid Electoral Highneſs, and the reſt of her Majeſty's good and faithful Allies, in Matters of the higheſt Importance; and particularly, by ſolemnly affirming, on or about the 16th of *July* 1712, to Monſieur *Bulcau*, General of the *Hanover* Forces, and the reſt of the Confederate Generals, That her Majeſty had made no Truce with *France*; whereas he the ſaid Earl then well knew the ſame was made and concluded ſeveral Weeks before; did thereby, as well as by all the before-mentioned Proceedings, not only proſtitute and diſhonour the high Characters he was then inveſted with, but, as far as in him lay, did diſſolve the mutual Confidence, and good Underſtanding, ſo neceſſary to be maintained between her ſaid late Majeſty and the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, for the Safety and Proſperity of *Great Britain*, and the common Liberty of *Europe*.

Article the 3d.

Whereas, in the pernicious Negotiations of Peace carried on by him the ſaid Earl, and other evil Counſellors, with the Miniſters of *France*, the *French* King had propoſed to acknowlege her Majeſty's Title to the Crown of theſe Realms, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, when the Peace ſhould be ſigned between *Great Britain* and *France*, and not before; whereupon the Houſe of Lords, by an humble Addreſs to her Majeſty, on the 15th of *February* 1711, begged Leave to repreſent their juſt Indignation at that diſhonourable Treatment of her Majeſty; as alſo their utmoſt Reſentment at the Terms of Peace offered to her Majeſty, and her Allies, by the Plenipotentiaries of *France*; for which Addreſſes, her Majeſty was pleaſed to return them her hearty Thanks for the Zeal they had therein expreſſed for her Honour:

He the ſaid Earl was not only wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty, and Zeal for the Proteſtant Succeſſion, in not adviſing her Majeſty againſt treating with *France* upon ſuch diſhonourable Terms; but did himſelf, with other evil Counſellors, privately, wickedly, and treacherouſly, concert and agree with the Miniſters of *France*, that the ſaid Propoſals, ſo derogatory to the Dignity of her Majeſty, and dangerous to theſe Kingdoms, ſhould be the Conditions, upon which *France* would agree to treat of a Peace with *Great Britain*:

And further, he the ſaid Earl, in Contempt and Defiance of the Judgment of the Houſe of Peers, which had received her Majeſty's gracious Approbation, and acting the Part of an Emiſſary of *France*, inſtead of a Plenipotentiary of *Great Britain*, being thereunto encouraged, and founding his Preſumption on a Letter to the then ſaid Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and him the ſaid Earl, from *Henry St. John* Eſquire, then Principal Secretary of State, on the 16th of *February* 1711, the next Day after the ſaid Addreſs of the Houſe of Peers was made, and informing them of the Indignation expreſſed in *Great Britain* at the Offers of *France*; but that, by the Management of Mr. *Thomas Harley*, then Secretary of the Treaſury, the Houſe of Commons was perfectly and abſolutely ſecured to the Meaſures of Peace; did wickedly, deceitfully, and perfidiouſly, concert and agree with the Miniſters of *France* at *Utrecht*, that the ſaid *French* Miniſters ſhould write a colluſive Letter to him the ſaid Earl, and the then ſaid Biſhop of *Briſtol*, wherein her Majeſty ſhould be ſtiled Queen of *Great Britain*; which Letter was not to be made any uſe of at *Utrecht*, or taken as an Acknowlegement by *France* of her Majeſty's Title to the Crown; but was agreed to be tranſmitted to *Great Britain*, thereby to deceive and impoſe upon her Majeſty, and the Parliament, as if *France* had then actually acknowleged the ſame; which ſaid Letter was accordingly written by the Miniſters of *France*, and tranſmitted to *Great Britain* by him the ſaid Earl:

Whereby her Majeſty, the Parliament, and the whole Nation, were moſt groſly and ſcandalouſly abuſed, and drawn into the ſaid deſtructive Meaſures of Peace; to the great Diſhonour of her Majeſty, and theſe Kingdoms, and to the apparent Danger of the Proteſtant Succeſſion.

Article the 4th.

That he the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, in Defiance of the many Treaties between her Majeſty and her Allies for the Recovery of the Monarchy of *Spain* to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, thereby to preſerve a due Balance of Power in *Europe*; and in Contempt of the Advice and Opinion of Parliament, that no Peace could be ſafe, honourable, or laſting, ſo long as *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, continued in any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and alſo, in direct Violation of her Majeſty's Inſtructions, of the 23d of *December* 1711, in purſuance thereof; whereby he the ſaid Earl was expreſly commanded to inſiſt, in the Conferences of Peace with the Miniſters of *France*, that the Security, and reaſonable Satisfaction, which the Allies expected, and which his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had promiſed to grant, could not be obtained, if *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, be allotted to any Branch of that Houſe; did not only preſume to treat about the Peace with the Miniſters of *France*, without inſiſting, as he ought to have done, that *Spain*, and the *Weſt Indies*, ſhould not be allotted to the ſaid Houſe of *Bourbon*; but alſo, when the Miniſters of his Imperial Majeſty, and of the King of *Portugal*, in Conformity to the mutual Obligations and Treaties between her Majeſty and them, and with each other, demanded of *France*, That *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould be reſtored to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and requeſted him the ſaid Earl to join with them to ſtrengthen that Demand, did decline and refuſe to do the ſame:

By which perfidious and unwarrantable Practices of him the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, incurable Jealouſies and Diſcords were created between her Majeſty and her Allies; that mutual Confidence, which had ſo long, and ſo ſucceſsfully, been cultivated between them, and which was ſo neceſſary for their common Safety, was abſolutely diſſolved; the juſt Balance of Power in *Europe* was wickedly betrayed; and apparent Advantages were given to the common Enemy, to impoſe what Terms of Peace he ſhould think fit upon her Majeſty, and the whole Confederacy.

Article the 5th.

Whereas her late Majeſty, on the 7th of *December* 1711, having earneſtly recommended from the Throne, That Proviſion might be made for an early Campaign, in order to carry on the War with Vigour, and as the beſt Way to render the Treaty of Peace effectual; and accordingly Supplies were granted, and Magazines provided at a great Expence; and, in purſuance thereof, her Majeſty having given early Aſſurances to her Allies of her ſincere Intentions, and likewiſe expreſly inſtructed her General, the Duke of *Ormond*, not only to renew the ſame Aſſurances, and declare her Reſolution of puſhing on the War with the utmoſt Vigour, but to concert with the Generals of the Allies the proper Meaſures for entering upon Action; which Aſſurances were accordingly given by the ſaid Duke; and the Confederate Army was thereupon ordered to be aſſembled; which, at that time, was the ſtrongeſt that had been in the Service during the whole Courſe of the War, and greatly ſuperior to that of the Enemy:

Notwithſtanding which Premiſes, he the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, then of her Majeſty's Privy-Council,

being informed of the reaſonable Proſpect, which, by the Bleſſing of God, the Army of the Confederates then had, of gaining new Conqueſts over the Army of *France*; in order to diſappoint the Expectations of the Allies, and to give Succeſs to the ſecret and wicked Negotiations then carrying on by himſelf, and other evil Counſellors, with the Miniſters of *France*, on divers very falſe and groundleſs Suggeſtions and Allegations, and in Violation of many Treaties, then ſubſiſting between her Majeſty and the States-General, as well as ſeveral other Princes; at ſeveral times, and particularly by his Letter, of the 30th of *April* 1712, to *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, then *Henry St. John* Eſquire, One of her Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, did wickedly and treacherouſly ſuggeſt and adviſe, That a Ceſſation of Arms ſhould be made with *France* by her Majeſty without, and even againſt, the Conſent of her good Allies and Confederates:

In purſuance of which wicked Counſels and Advices, Directions were afterwards privately ſent, in her Majeſty's Name, to the Duke of *Ormond*, in *Flanders*, to avoid engaging in any Siege, or hazarding a Battle, till further Orders; although nothing had been then ſettled in the ſaid private Negotiations, for the Intereſt and Security of *Great Britain:*

And further, he the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, at that time alſo of her Majeſty's Privy-Council, did adviſe her late Majeſty, That he himſelf ſhould be ſent, and accordingly he was afterwards ſent, from *England* to the Army under the Duke of *Ormond*, in *Flanders*, with Directions, in her Majeſty's Name, to cauſe a Ceſſation of Arms to be made, and proclaimed, between her Majeſty's and the *French* Army, and a Separation to be made by the Troops of *Great Britain* from the Confederate Army; which were accordingly performed and executed by the Advice and Direction of him the ſaid Earl, without the Conſent, and contrary to the earneſt Repreſentations, of her Majeſty's Confederates, and in open Violation and Defiance of the many Treaties then ſubſiſting between her Majeſty and her good and faithful Allies:

By which wicked and perfidious Counſels and Practices of him the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, the Progreſs of the victorious Arms of the Confederates was ſtopped, and a moſt favourable Opportunity loſt for conquering the Enemy; all Hopes of Confidence between her Majeſty and her Allies were intirely deſtroyed, and the *French* King made abſolute Maſter of the Negotiations of Peace.

Article the 6th.

That he the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* having, in Concert with other falſe and evil Counſellors, wickedly adviſed and procured the ſaid fatal Ceſſation of Arms, and likewiſe obtained for *France* the Separation of the Troops of *Great Britain* from the Confederate Army; in further Execution of his treacherous Purpoſes, to advance and promote the Intereſts of *France*; and being determined, as far as in him lay, not only to render all future Correſpondence, and good Harmony, between her Majeſty and the States-General utterly impracticable, but deſigning, by all poſſible means, to weaken and diſtreſs the ſaid States, in order to bring them under an abſolute Neceſſity of complying and ſubmitting to the Meaſures of *France*; and, well knowing, that taking Poſſeſſion of *Ghent* and *Bruges* was the readieſt means of effecting the ſame; did wickedly and treacherouſly adviſe, That a Party of the Queen's Troops ſhould be ſent to march through ſome of the Towns belonging to the States-General, in hopes that the Commanders of the ſaid Towns, incenſed by ſuch unjuſt and unneceſſary Provocations, and through the Apprehenſions of the ill Conſequences that ſuch Attempts and Proceedings might ſubject them to, would be induced to refuſe them Admittance, and thereby give a Pretence for putting in Execution the perfidious Deſigns and Reſolutions which had been concerted by him the ſaid Earl, and other evil Counſellors, with the Miniſters of *France*; in purſuance of which wicked Advice, a Party of her Majeſty's Troops was accordingly ſent, with Orders to march through ſome of the fortified Towns belonging to the States-General; and, on Pretence of their being denied Paſſage through the ſame, the ſaid treacherous and deſtructive Deſign was immediately put in Execution, and *Ghent* and *Bruges* were ſeized upon by the Troops of *Great Britain*; whereby, all Means of Communication between *Holland* and the Confederate Army being intirely cut off, or put into the Hands of thoſe who had ſo lately and ſhamefully betrayed the common Cauſe, apparent Advantages and Encouragement were given to the *French* Army, and her Majeſty's good and faithful Allies were deterred from forming or proſecuting any Deſigns againſt the common Enemy, ſince the ſame could not be put in Execution without their Knowlege and Conſent, who, on many Occaſions, had given the moſt evident Proofs of their Diſaffection to the Confederates, and of their firm Adherence to the Intereſts of *France*.

All which Crimes and Miſdemeanors were committed and done by him the ſaid Earl, againſt our late Sovereign Lady the Queen, her Crown and Dignity, the Peace and Intereſt of this Kingdom, and in Breach of the ſeveral Truſts repoſed in him the ſaid Earl: And he the ſaid Earl of *Strafford* was of her late Majeſty's Privy-Council, her Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the States-General, and One of her Plenipotentiaries to treat of a good and general Peace with *France*, during the time that all and every the Crimes before ſet forth were done and committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be read a Second time, Article by Article.

And the ſame were read accordingly:

And the ſaid Articles were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be Articles of Impeachment againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be prepared, ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*; and that he may be put to anſwer the ſaid Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall happen to ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and that they had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 1° die Septembris;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

A Petition of the Three *French* Regiments of Foot, late under the Command of Major-General *Lamelonniere*, Brigadier *Belcaſtell*, and the Right Honourable the Lord *Lifford*, formerly Brigadier *Ducambon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioners being all *French* Proteſtant Refugees, and having ſerved, the former War, in *Flanders* and *Ireland*, with a Zeal ſuitable to the Gratitude they owe for that Protection they having received from the *Engliſh* Nation; this Honourable Houſe, out of a more particular Care for them, did, by a Reſolution, of the 1ſt of *March* 1698, appropriate, for Payment of their Arrears, the Sum of 32,551 *l.* 9 *s.* 5 *d.* Part of the 800,000 *l.* then granted by the Act of Parliament, for Payment of the Arrears due to the Forces in *Ireland*, which paſſed the Royal Aſſent on the 1ſt of *February* before; notwithſtanding which, and contrary to the ſaid Reſolution, above One-third Part of that Money was with-held from them, and diverted to other Purpoſes: That this Honourable Houſe, upon their Application, in the Years 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, and 1709, being very ſenſible of the Grievance they had ſuſtained, of the Juſtneſs of their Demands, and the great Zeal they have ever ſince likewiſe ſhewn, during the laſt War, in *Flanders*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, where moſt of them have actually ſerved her late Majeſty, cauſed ſeveral Bills, at ſeveral times, to be brought in for their Relief; which, for want of Time, did not paſs: That, in the Year 1710, the Petitioners made their Application to this Houſe; praying, That, as the Sums due to them were of the ſame Nature with the Deficiencies, the Payment whereof was, by a Bill then depending, aſſigned on the *South-Sea* Company, their Payment, both Principal and Intereſt, might likewiſe be aſſigned to them on the ſaid Company; ſeeing all theſe Deficiencies had been equally made good by the Parliament, and, upon preſſing State-Exigencies, applied, by the Government, to other Uſes than they had been intended for: That the Petitioners, notwithſtanding the Goodneſs of their Cauſe, having had the Misfortune not to be comprehended in the ſaid Bill, which was paſſed into an Act; therefore humbly hope, that you will take their Right into Conſideration, and grant them ſuch Relief as to your Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet: And praying this Honourable Houſe, to impower the Commiſſioners to be appointed for taking, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, that they may ſettle and determine what is lawfully due to the Petitioners; and that the Petitioners may be paid, in the manner that ſhall be judged the moſt proper and convenient.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Jenyns*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *John Tirwhit*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Letchmere*, Lord *Shelburne*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Hill*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Newport*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Mr. *Harnage*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Carter*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Bucks*, and *Oxford:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do particularize, in the Bill, the Places to be repaired; and that the Money to be collected be applied, only, to repair thoſe Places, after the ſtatutable Work done by the Pariſhes in which thoſe Places lie.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That the Pariſhes in which the ruinous Ways to be repaired are, do give Securities, that thoſe Ways ſhall be repaired by a limited Time.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to reſtrain Carriages from carrying exceſſive Weights within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and their Liberties.

A Clauſe being offered to the Houſe, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any further Articles againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*; and that he may be put to anſwer the Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors againſt him;

The ſame was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

AND the ſaid Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſation, or Impeachment, againſt the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*; and alſo of replying to the Anſwer that the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* ſhall make unto the ſaid Articles, or any of them, or of offering Proof of the Premiſes, or any other Impeachments, or Accuſations, that ſhall be exhibited by them, as the Caſe ſhall, according to the Courſe of Parliament, require; do pray, That the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* be put to anſwer the ſaid Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and receive ſuch condign Puniſhment as the ſame ſhall deſerve; and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be, upon every of them, had and uſed, as are agreeable to Law and Juſtice.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed with the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Members to prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of Seven Perſons Names to be Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Bill to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army;

The Clerk, and Clerk-Aſſiſtant, went on each Side of the Houſe, with Glaſſes, to receive from the Members the Liſts of Perſons Names to be the ſaid Commiſſioners:

And the ſaid Liſts, being received, were brought up to the Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the ſaid Liſts; and report, upon which Seven Perſons the Majority falls:

And it is referred to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *London*; or any Five of them: And they are to withdraw, immediately, into the Speaker's Chamber; and report to the Houſe, upon which Seven Perſons the Majority falls.

And they withdrew accordingly.

Mr. *Lowther* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered, at a Conference with the Lords, for diſagreeing to the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt and deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, That they had drawn up Reaſons accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Commons cannot agree to the Amendment, made by your Lordſhips, in Preſs the Firſt, Line the 23d;

Becauſe it is inconſiſtent with what follows in the Bill;

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for, in this Caſe, there is no Danger of Fraud, if the Examination ſhould be taken before One Baron of the Exchequer; and they obſerve, it will be improper to alter it to Two or more Barons here, when the Certificate is afterwards allowed, by the Bill, to be made out by One Baron only, under his Hand.

The Commons alſo diſagree to the Amendment, made by your Lordſhips, in Line the 25th;

Becauſe the Bill directs, That the Certificate, or Certificates, ſhall be made by the ſaid Barons, or any of them, expreſſing their Satisfaction as to the Proof of the reſpective Loſſes; which will make it the Intereſt of the ſeveral Sufferers to produce all the Proof that can be obtained.

The Commons alſo diſagree to the Amendment, made by your Lordſhips, in Preſs the 2d, Line the 37th;

Becauſe the Objection remains as in the Firſt Amendment.

They alſo diſagree to your Lordſhips Amendment, in Preſs the 3d, Line the 11th, for the Reaſons alleged in the Caſe of the Second Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Colmore* do go to the Lords, and deſire a Conference with their Lordſhips, upon the Subject-matter of the ſaid Amendments.

A Bill for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall happen to ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Robert de Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to make a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife; and a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Hungerford Hoſkyns* Baronet to raiſe Monies to diſcharge his Brothers and Siſters Portions; and to ſettle a Jointure on a Wife: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches, which are built, or to be built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, be now taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration accordingly:

And the ſame were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 3. Line 38. After "Lord *Bruce*," inſert "the "Right Honourable *William* Lord *Stawell*:"

Pr. 5. L. 25. Before "Gentlemen," inſert "and *John* "*Potenger* of *Burgfeild*:"

Pr. 16. L. 40. After "them," inſert "and they are "hereby required:"

L. 42. After "aforeſaid," inſert "from time "to time."

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors againſt *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* were read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aiſlaby* do carry the ſaid Articles to the Lords.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aiſlaby*, before he exhibit the ſaid Articles, do, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeach the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

Ordered, That the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. *Aiſlaby* reported, That he had, according to Order, been at the Lords, and, at their Bar, impeached *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; and delivered to, and left with, the Lords the Articles of Impeachment againſt him.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 2° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Colemore* reported, That he had, according to the Order of Yeſterday, been at the Lords, to deſire a Conference with their Lordſhips, upon the Subject-matter of the Amendments, made by them, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt and deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*; and that the Lords do agree to a Conference, and have appointed the ſame to be this Day at One of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber.

Mr. *Yonge* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inſpect the Liſts, given in by the Members Yeſterday, of Seven Perſons to be Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Bill to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army; and to report to the Houſe, on which Seven Perſons the Majority fell; That they had examined the Liſts; and that the Majority had fallen upon *Thomas Smith*, of *Glaſcow*, Eſquire, * * *Thomas Pelham* Eſquire, * * *Grey Neville* Eſquire, * * *John Plumptree* Eſquire, * * *Leonard Smelt* Eſquire, * * Sir *William Gordon* Baronet, * * and Sir *Thomas Palmer* Baronet; * * which Report he delivered in at the Table: Where the ſame was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table until the ingroſſed Bill to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, be read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to make a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife; and a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable

enable Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns* Baronet to raiſe Monies to diſcharge his Brothers and Siſters Portions; and to ſettle a Jointure on a Wife; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Committee who drew up the Reaſons, to be offered, at a Conference with the Lords, for diſagreeing to the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrott*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, be appointed Managers for the Conference with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of their Lordſhips Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

And the Managers went to the Conference:

And, being returned;

Mr. *Lowther* reported, That they had given the Lords the Reaſons for diſagreeing to the ſaid Amendments; and left the Bill, and Amendments, with the Lords.

An ingroſſed Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was read the Third time.

And the Commiſſioners Names were inſerted in a Blank left in the Bill for that Purpoſe.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs * Line * Before the Word "State," to inſert "and;" and, after "State," to leave out "balance and "determine:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent exceſſive Weights being carried within Ten Miles of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Borough of *Southwark*.

Ordered, That Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Mr. *Walcott*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Wynn*, Sir *Mountague Blundell*, Mr. *Kynaſton*, Mr. *Morice*, be added to the ſaid Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, is committed.

A Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Pariſhioners, of the Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, *London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Pariſh-Church was intirely burnt down by the late dreadful Fire in 1666; and, by an Act, made in the 22d Year of King *Charles* the Second, was included in the Fifty-one Churches, which, by the ſaid Act, were to be rebuilt; all which, except the ſaid Pariſh-Church, have been rebuilt, out of the Monies appropriated by the ſaid Act, and other ſubſequent Acts for that Purpoſe: That, ſoon after the ſaid Fire, for the Conveniency of the Inhabitants, the ſaid Church was only repaired; and the old Walls of the South Side, Eaſt and Weſt Ends, and Tower, thereof, being ſince very much decayed, are become ſo weak and ruinous, that the Pariſhioners, from their Apprehenſions of the dangerous Condition thereof, by the Advice of Surveyors, have ſhoared Part of the Roof thereof, which is defective, as well as the Walls, which might otherwiſe have fallen down, to ſecure them in their reſorting to Divine Service: That, in order to their obtaining the Rebuilding thereof, the Petitioners applied to the Honourable Houſe of Commons; and, by an Act, made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty, for granting a longer Time to the Commiſſioners for building 50 new Churches, therein ſetting forth, That there was a Neceſſity of rebuilding the ſaid Pariſh-Church, it was Enacted, That the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Lord Biſhop of *London*, and Lord Mayor of *London*, or any Two of them, may appropriate, out of the Surplus of the Monies ariſing by the Duties and Impoſitions of Twelve Pence *per* Chalder, or Twelve Pence *per* Ton, on Coals, applicable for the Purpoſes in the Act of the Firſt Year of the late King *James* the Second mentioned, after the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul's* be finiſhed, and adorned, and other Charges upon the ſaid Duties diſcharged, ſo much Money as ſhall be ſufficient for rebuilding and finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church, and Tower thereof: That the Petitioners, not having any Benefit thereby, applied, by Petition, to his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Lord Biſhop of *London*, and Lord Mayor of *London*, for Rebuilding thereof; and his Grace was pleaſed, in the Month of *July* laſt, by Letter, to ſignify, for Anſwer, That *St. Paul's* Church is not yet finiſhed; and their Debts being very great, and the Coal Duty, out of which it is to be paid, being ſhortly to expire, the Petitioners muſt wait till thoſe Obſtructions are removed; as, by his Grace's Letter, may appear: That the Walls of the ſaid Church are now much more decayed, and cracked in ſeveral Places; and Parts thereof are continually dropping; ſo that, by the Apprehenſions the Pariſhioners are under of its falling, moſt of them dare not reſort thither: And praying, That, as, by his Grace's ſaid Anſwer, the pious Intentions of this Honourable Houſe, by the ſaid Act, ſeem to be ineffectual for rebuilding their ſaid Church, ... will be pleaſed to take their Caſe into Conſideration; and, out of the Duties appropriated for building the Fifty new Churches, to order ſo much Money for Rebuilding and Finiſhing of their ſaid Pariſh-Church, and Tower; or to make ſuch other Proviſion for Rebuilding thereof, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches built, or to be built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, to impower the Commiſſioners for building the Fifty new Churches to apply Part of the Monies granted by the Act of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, to the rebuilding the ſaid Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, to be repaid out of the Monies appropriated by the Act of the Tenth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, for the rebuilding the ſaid Church.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That they do not inſiſt on the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colemore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrot*, and others, as to Cuſtoms for Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall happen to ſurvive the Prince, of *Wales*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches, which are built, or to be built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 3° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips deſire *William Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, may have Leave to attend the Committee of the Houſe of Lords, to whom the Bill, intituled, An Act for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, ſtands committed.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Lowther* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and other Lands there; and for laying out the Money, ariſing thereby, in the Purchaſe of other Lands in the County of *Lincoln*, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Part of the Manor of *Low Laiton* is ſettled; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

A Petition of *Peter Lavinge*, and *Tanner Arnold*, Eſquires, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, in the Years 1710 and 1711, upon the Application of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, did take upon them the Office of Surveyors of the Highways; and, finding the Highways in the ſaid Pariſh ſo very bad, by the Neglect of former Surveyors, that it became dangerous for Travellers; that the Petitioners, in amending the ſaid Highways in the ſaid Year of 1710, did advance and expend, over and above the Statute-work, and a Rate of Six Pence a Pound, upon Gravel, other Materials, and Labour, 242 *l.* 17 *s.* 4 *d.* of their own Money; but, in the next Year following, the Petitioners ſaved the Sum of 72 *l.* 9 *s.* 5 *d.* out of the Money ariſing by the Penalties of Defaulters in their Duty; which reduced the aforeſaid Debt to 170 *l.* 7 *s.* 11 *d.* which is now unpaid, and moſt juſtly due to the Petitioners, as appears by their Account made upon Oath, and allowed by the Juſtices in the Diviſion of *Kenſington*, at a Special Seſſions, upon the Highways, as the Law directs: By reaſon of Monies being laid out by the Petitioners, the Ways were ſo well amended, that there has not been, for theſe Four Years, any Rate of Six Pence *per* Pound laid: That the Petitioners can have no Relief from the Pariſh, by reaſon there is no Proviſion, in any Law now in Force, to impower them to make a Rate to reimburſe them their ſaid Sum of 170 *l.* 7 *s.* 11 *d.* ſo laid out for the publick Service; which many of the ſaid Pariſh is very willing and ready to do, by a Rate, or Rates, not exceeding Six Pence a Pound, in any Year or Years, when the ſame is not wanted for the Service of that Year; provided they have a Clauſe, in ſome Act, to give Sanction thereto, and enforce the ſame: And praying your Honours will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into your Conſideration, now that a Bill for repairing the Roads between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge* is depending before this Honourable Houſe; and give them ſuch Relief, as to your Honours great Wiſdom and Juſtice ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords, this Day brought from their Lordſhips, in relation to Mr. *Lowndes*, a Member of this Houſe:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *William Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Leave to attend the Committee of the Houſe of Lords, to whom the Bill, intituled, An Act for Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, is committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference:

And it is referred to Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Recorder, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Lord *Wm. Powlett:* And they are to meet on *Monday* Morning next, at Eight a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for taking and ſtateing the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall happen to ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That the Annuity of One hundred thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, intended to be ſettled upon his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, be paid, clear of all Taxes, and other Charges whatſoever.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters for the new Churches, which are built, or to be built,

built, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with ſome Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Order being read, for the Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel be called in;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Gibbons:* } 37.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Kynaſton*, Mr. *Bruere:* } 25.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petition, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return, was read:

And the Petitioners Counſel proceeded to examine Witneſſes, touching the Partiality of the Conſtables, who returned the Sitting-Members; and alſo, to add ſeveral Perſons to the Petitioners Poll, who offered to vote for them, and were refuſed by the Conſtables.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 5° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Right Honourable *Frederica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs* took the Oaths appointed, in order to her Naturalization.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Robert Cope* Eſquire to ſettle an additional Jointure, out of his Eſtate, on *Elizabeth* his now Wife; and alſo to raiſe Portions and Maintenances for his Daughters and younger Children by her; and to enable thoſe in Remainder to do the ſame; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Lowther*, Lord *Coningsby*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *London*, Sir *John Tirwhitt*, Mr. *Feilding*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Sir *Mountague Blundell*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Cocks*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Mr. *Ducane*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Molyneux:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall happen to ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Mountagu Blundell*, Mr. *Feilding*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *John Anſtruther*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Molineux*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Cholmly*, Mr. *Adiſon*, Mr. *Biſſe*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Harvey*, Mr. *Micklethwait*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Cox*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Monſon:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or the Suburbs thereof, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or the Suburbs thereof; and for rebuilding and finiſhing the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, in the ſaid City of *London*.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 6° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock, as the yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns* Baronet to raiſe Monies to diſcharge his Brothers and Siſters Portions; and to ſettle a Jointure on a Wife; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Baylie*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Lowther*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Ferrers*, General *Cadogan*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Wallop*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Steuart*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Richard Onſlow*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Wm. Thompſon*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Colonel *Bladen*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Hereford*, *Worceſter*, and *Glouceſter:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to make a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife, and a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Yonge*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Wila*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Biſs*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Addiſon*,

Addiſon, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Carter*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Northey*, Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Mr. *Haddon*, General *Cadogan*, Mr. *Egerton*, Brigadier *Ferrers*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaw*, Mr. *Chaplyn*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Wilmore:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Strickland* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 3. After "aſſembled," inſert "*Frederica* "Counteſs of *Holderneſs*, Daughter of *Maynard* Duke "*Schonberg*, by *Carolina* his Wife, born at *Berlin* in *Bran*- "*denburgh*:"

L. 21. After the Word "ſaid," inſert "*Fre*- "*derica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs*:"

L. 34. After the Word "ſaid," the ſame Amendment:

Pr. 2. L. 6. After the Word "make," inſert "her:"

L. 7. After the Word "to," inſert "her:"

L. 12. After the Word "them," inſert "or "any:"

L. 15. After the Word "which," inſert "ſhe:"

L. 21. After the Word "ſaid," inſert "*Fre*- "*derica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs*:"

L. 37. After the Word "ſaid," inſert "*Fre*- "*derica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs*:"

Pr. 3. L. 4. After the Word "themſelves," inſert "or any:"

L. 5. After the Word "them," inſert "or "any."

An ingroſſed Bill for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That the 100,000 *l. per Annum*, intended for the Prince of *Wales*, ſhall be ſpecially charged upon ſuch Branches, or Parts, of the Cuſtoms and Exciſe, as are applicable to the Uſes of the Civil Government; and be paid by the Commiſſioners or Receivers-General of thoſe Revenues reſpectively to the Prince, or to his Treaſurer, for his Uſe:

And the ſaid Clauſe was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Preſs 8. Line laſt, After "to," to inſert "or out of the "Revenues aforeſaid, or of, in, or to:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing ſeveral Laws, therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, and Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scotch* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſea*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for allowing a Time for Two hundred and Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, of the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Pringle*: } 60.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Yonge*: } 49.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Petitioners Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, in order to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons, who voted for the Sitting-Members: And then the Petitioners Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 7° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire into the Author, Printer, and Publiſher, of the falſe, ſcandalous, and traiterous, Libel, intituled, *The Evening Poſt*, from *Tueſday*, *June* the Twenty-firſt, to *Thurſday*, *June* the 30th, 1715, That they had inquired into the ſame accordingly; and had directed him to report to the Houſe how they find the ſame: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An

An Act for continuing ſeveral Laws, therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, and Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scotch* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſea*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned:

And the ſame were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 5. L. 9. After "elſewhere," inſert "except as in "the ſaid Act is excepted:"

L. 12. Leave out from "notwithſtanding," to "Be it," in the 19th Line; and, after "Be it," inſert "nevertheleſs;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out "fur-"ther;" and leave out from "enacted," to "that," in the 24th Line:

L. 24. Leave out "notwithſtanding:"

L. 30. Leave out "the ſaid County in gene-"ral for."

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Sir *Thomas Croſs* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of the ſaid Amendments, as far as Clauſe A, agreed unto by the Houſe:

Clauſe A being read a Second time, That the Church-wardens and Surveyors of *Kenſington* ſhall be impowered to lay an Aſſeſſment upon their Pariſhioners, to ſatisfy 170*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* due to *Peter Lavigne* and *Tanner Arnold* Eſquires, for what... laid out by them when Surveyors of that Pariſh, over and above what could be done by the Statute-work, and by laying a Rate of Six Pence in the Pound for that Year;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Clauſe;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* hath put in his Anſwer to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; and to deliver this Houſe a true Copy thereof.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer be read upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock, as the yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to impower the raiſing any Sum, not exceeding One hundred ſixty-nine thouſand Pounds, by Sale of Annuities, at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be redeemable by Parliament, and to be charged on a Fund of Nine thouſand One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, being the Remainder of a yearly Sum of Fifty-four thouſand Six hundred Pounds payable out of the Aggregate or General Fund of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and for which further Proviſions are made by an Act of this Seſſion of Parliament in that behalf.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe of Appropriation.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union, was committed, be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 8° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Title of the Bill; *viz.* After "naturalize," to inſert "*Fre-"derica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs*:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Strickland* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

A Petition of *Anne Cater*, of *Eaſtow*, in the County of *Bedford*, Widow, *John Purton*, of *Kempſton*, *James Coot*, of *Eaton-Socon*, and *Stephen Norman*, of *Felmerſham*, in the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, at the late hearing the Merits of the Election for the ſaid County, at the Bar of this Houſe, the Petitioners were ſeverally ſummoned by, or on the behalf of, *John Harvey* Eſquire, then the Sitting-Member for the ſaid County, by Warrants from the Speaker of this Honourable Houſe, to appear, and teſtify their Knowlege touching the ſaid Election; and the Petitioners did appear accordingly; and were examined at the Bar of the ſaid Houſe: That the ſaid Petitioners were at great Expences in their Journey up, and alſo while in Town, to attend the ſaid Hearing, in Obedience to the ſaid Warrants; and, having deſired the ſaid Mr. *Harvey* to give the Petitioners reaſonable Satisfaction for ſuch their Journey and Expences, he hath refuſed ſo to do: And praying, That this Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give them ſuch Relief in the Premiſes, as to your Honours ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Harvey* do pay the Petitioners their reaſonable Charges, to be ſettled by Mr. Speaker.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon Clauſe A, reported, as an Amendment, Yeſterday, to the Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be made Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to reſtrain Carriages from carrying exceſſive Weights within the Cities of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties thereof:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; and, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That no Waggon, or Cart, carrying Corn unground to *Uxbridge* or *Brentford* Markets, upon the Market-days, ſhall be liable to the Toll by this Act granted:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be made Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for paſſing the Accounts of the Stewards, Bailiffs, Chamberlains, or others concerned to paſs Accounts, commonly called Property-Accounts, in *Scotland*, as they were in Uſe to be paſſed before the Union: And that Sir *David Dalrymple*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging as well the capital Stock, as the yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby the Sum of Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, for the publick Uſes therein mentioned; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with ſome Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for giving an Allowance to ſuch Perſons as have contributed, or advanced, any Sum of Money upon the former Act, for an Annuity after the Rate of *per Cent. per Annum*, and have paid to the Caſhier the Whole, or or any greater Part, of the Contribution-money, for purchaſing ſuch Annuity:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in:

And the Counſel for the Sitting-Members examined Witneſſes, to diſqualify ſeveral of the Perſons, whom the Petitioners would have added to their Poll.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 9° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for inlarging the capital Stock, and yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, to publick Uſes; and for raiſing One hundred ſixty-nine thouſand Pounds, for the like Uſes, by Sale of Annuities, upon divers Encouragements therein mentioned; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Pr. 23. L. * To leave out "as aforeſaid;" and, inſtead thereof, to inſert * * * *

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for inlarging the capital Stock, and yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby 822,032 *l.* 4 *s.* 8 *d.* to publick Uſes; and for raiſing 169,000 *l.* for the like Uſes, by Sale of Annuities, upon divers Encouragements therein mentioned; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent Diſturbances by Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and continuing, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy; without Amendment.

Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Gravier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*.

Ordered, That Sir *Tho. Croſs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Colonel *Bladen*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That none of the Commiſſioners, to be appointed purſuant to the Act, ſhall incur any Penalty or Diſability whatſoever, for putting the ſame in Execution:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting

ing the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince, of *Wales*, without Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof; and for rebuilding and finiſhing the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, in the ſaid City of *London*; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, of great Abuſes in franking Poſt-Letters, tending to the leſſening his Majeſty's Revenue, and to the Diſperſing of ſeditious and ſcandalous Libels;

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to frank any Letter, unleſs the whole Superſcription of ſuch Letter be of his own Hand-writing.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That no Letter, directed to any Member of this Houſe, be carried free of the Duty of Poſtage, unleſs ſuch Member then actually reſides at the Place to which ſuch Letter is directed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Cholmley*:	38.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Hen. Oxenden*, Mr. *Coventry*:	33.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to frank any publick News-papers, to be ſent to the Country, but ſuch as are printed.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give proper Directions to the ſeveral Offices where Letters are franked, to prevent the Abuſes in ſending, and receiving, Letters free of the Duty of Poſtage.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the Governor-General of the Poſt-Office to keep an Account of all ſuch Letters as are carried free of the Duty of Poſtage.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment againſt him be read upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 10° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and other Lands there; and for laying out the Money ariſing thereby in the Purchaſe of other Lands in the County of *Lincoln*, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton* is ſettled; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowther* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns* Baronet to raiſe Monies to diſcharge his Brothers and Siſters Portions; and to ſettle a Jointure on a Wife; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union, was read the Third time:

And the Blank in the Oath, mentioned in the Bill, was filled up, with the Title of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent.

Ordered, That Colonel *Bladen* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded in the further hearing the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead*:

And the Counſel on both Sides were called in.

And the Sitting-Members Counſel examined ſeveral Witneſſes, to diſqualify other Perſons who had voted for the Petitioners:

And then the Sitting-Members Counſel ſummed up their Evidence:

And the Petitioners Counſel replied.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

The Queſtion being put, That Sir *William Wyndham* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Queſtion being put, That Sir *John Trevelyan* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *James Milner* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Samuel Edwin* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the late Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead* is a void Election.

Ordered, That no Warrant do iſſue, during this Seſſion of Parliament, for the making out a new Writ, for the electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 12° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Robert Cope* Eſquire to ſettle an additional Jointure, out of his Eſtate, on *Elizabeth* his now Wife; and alſo to raiſe Portions and Maintenances for his Daughters, and

and younger Children, by her; and to enable thoſe in Remainder to do the ſame; was committed; That, purſuant to the Standing Order of the Houſe, publick Notice, to the Satisfaction of the Committee, had been given of the Bill; and that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

The Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment againſt him was, according to Order, read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

The Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles exhibited by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, in Maintenance of their Impeachment againſt him for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, ſuppoſed to have been by him committed.

THE ſaid Earl, ſaving to himſelf all Advantages of Exception to the ſaid Articles, and of not being prejudiced by any Words, or Want of Form, in this his Anſwer; and alſo ſaving to himſelf all Rights and Privileges belonging to him as One of the Peers of this Realm; for Anſwer to the ſaid Articles, ſaith; He admits, many ſolemn Treaties and Alliances have been formerly entered into between the Crown of *England* and other Princes and Potentates of *Europe*, for their mutual Security, and to prevent the immoderate Growth of the Power of *France*, which might prove dangerous to the neighbouring Princes and States; and that therefore it was laid down as a fundamental Principle, and Maxim of Union, amongſt the Allies, That *France* and *Spain* ſhould never come, and be united, under the ſame Government; and that one and the ſame Perſon ſhould not be King of both thoſe Kingdoms: And he apprehends, that the principal View and Aim of the Allies was, to ſettle and maintain an equal Balance of Power in *Europe*; and, ſince the Conjunction of *Spain* to the Dominions of *France* might poſſibly enſue from the Duke of *Anjou* being poſſeſſed of that Crown, the diſpoſſeſſing him was deſired, as the moſt likely Means to prevent that Conjunction; and, for the ſame Reaſon, the Union of *Spain* with the Empire muſt have been equally fatal, and the Prevention of it equally the Deſign of the Alliance; nor could the Continuance of *Spain* in the Houſe of *Bourbon* be, in any reſpect, prejudicial to the Allies, if the Union of that Crown with *France* could be prevented: As new Dangers of ſuch Union have been apprehended, new Treaties and Stipulations have been entered into among the Allies, to obviate ſuch Dangers; and, particularly, the Treaty for an intended Partition ſeems to have been concluded upon that View: And, though he acknowleges the Wiſdom of Parliament in condemning that Treaty, as prejudicial, and fatal in its Conſequences, to *England*, and the Peace of *Europe*; yet he preſumes, it was not condemned becauſe Part of the Dominions of the Crown of *Spain* were thereby allotted to the Houſe of *Bourbon*, but becauſe ſuch conſiderable Parts of thoſe Dominions, as the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, the Province of *Guipoſcoa*, and other Territories, were allotted to that Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon* to whom the Crown of *France* was to deſcend; which might have been a great and dangerous Addition to the then formidable Strength of that Crown; and becauſe it was made againſt the repeated Remonſtrances of *Charles* the Second, then King of *Spain*; who declared, by his Ambaſſador, That ſuch Partition-Treaty could have no other Effect, than to force *Spain* to throw itſelf into the Arms of *France*, to prevent the Diſmembering of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy: And that it had this Conſequence, appeared upon the Death of that Prince; who ſeems to have been induced, by that Conſideration, to bequeath the intire Monarchy of *Spain* to the Duke of *Anjou*, a younger Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; who, accordingly, upon the Demiſe of the ſaid King *Charles* the Second, took Poſſeſſion of the Monarchy of *Spain*: But this Acceſſion of the Duke of *Anjou* to the Crown of *Spain* did not produce the Alliance, in the Article mentioned, between *Leopold* then Emperor of *Germany*, his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory, and the States-General, as immediately neceſſary at that Juncture; for King *William*, as well as the States-General, acknowleged the Duke of *Anjou* as King of *Spain*; thereby allowing, that the Duke of *Anjou*'s Enjoyment of the Monarchy of *Spain*, while he was but a younger Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, was not inconſiſtent with the Liberties of *Europe*, or the Preſervation of a due Balance of Power: And afterwards, when the *French* King had ſeized the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, King *William*, by Advice of Parliament, came in to the Aſſiſtance of the States, as an Auxiliary only, by ſending, upon their Requeſt, Ten thouſand Men, which *England* was obliged, by Treaties, to furniſh, in caſe the States were attacked: After which, many Conferences paſſed, at the *Hague*, betwixt the Miniſters of *England* and the States, and thoſe of *France*, in order to find out ſome Expedient, by which, upon a reaſonable Diviſion of the Dominions of *Spain*, a new War might be prevented: And the States, in the Courſe of thoſe Conferences, often aſſerted, That though they had acknowleged *Philip* King of *Spain*, yet ſuch an Acknowlegement was not contrary to the Demand of a reaſonable Satisfaction to be given to the Emperor for his Pretenſions to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion; which was, in Effect, to declare, That the Satisfaction demanded for the Emperor was ſuch, as would leave King *Philip* in Poſſeſſion of *Spain*: But thoſe Conferences broke off, about *Auguſt* 1701, without Effect; and, in *September* following, King *William* entered into the Grand Alliance with the Emperor, and the States-General; whereby it was agreed, That, in the Firſt place, Endeavours ſhould be uſed, by amicable Means, to obtain the Satisfaction deſired for the Emperor; who probably, at that time, would have accepted a very eaſy Compoſition for his Pretenſions: But when the *French* King acknowleged the Pretender as King of *England*, which not long after happened, his Majeſty King *William*, and the Parliament of *England*, juſtly provoked by this Affront, reſolved to enter into the War, which had been begun by the Emperor alone, in *Italy*, the Year before: And the late Queen mentions this Indignity as the chief Motive of her engaging in it, as appears by her Declaration of War againſt *France* and *Spain*, in *May* One thouſand Seven hundred and Two.

The ſaid Earl admits the ſeveral Treaties ſet forth in the Preamble to the ſaid Articles; and that ſuch Advice was given by Parliament, and ſuch Speeches were made from the Throne, as in the ſaid Preamble are mentioned; but, for more Certainty, begs Leave to refer himſelf to the very Treaties, Addreſſes of Parliament, and Speeches, when they ſhall be produced: And he humbly hopes, your Lordſhips will allow him to obſerve, That thoſe Treaties manifeſtly ſhew, that the Deſign of the Allies, in endeavouring the Recovery of *Spain* from the Houſe of *Bourbon*, was, to prevent the Union of thoſe Two potent Kingdoms in one and the ſame Perſon: In the Grand Alliance, in 1701, the avowed Ends thereof are, the procuring an equitable and reaſonable Satisfaction to his Imperial Majeſty for his Pretenſion to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion; the Security of the Dominions of the King of *Great Britain*, and States-General, with the Navigation and Commerce of their Subjects; the preventing the Union of *France* and *Spain* under the ſame Government; and the Territories and Provinces, pointed out in the Fifth Article; were the furtheſt Views of that Alliance; whereby it was thought his Imperial Majeſty would receive the utmoſt Satisfaction, which he could reaſonably demand, for his Pretenſion

tenſion to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion: No Mention is made of the Recovery of the whole Monarchy of *Spain* to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, either in the Grand Alliance, or in the Defenſive one, made the ſame Year, between his Majeſty King *William* and the States-General: And when, in the Treaty between the Emperor, the Queen of *Great Britain*, and the States-General, on the one Part, and the King of *Portugal* on the other, about *May* 1703, it was concerted to place Archduke *Charles*, the preſent Emperor, upon the Throne of *Spain*, he was then but a younger Branch of the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and there is great Reaſon to believe, that the Queen, as well as other Princes of *Europe*, and, in particular, the King of *Portugal*, did not think a Treaty to procure the Crown of *Spain* for the Archduke, when a younger Branch of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, did lay any Obligation of procuring that Monarchy for him when he became Firſt of that Houſe, and was elected Emperor; ſince the Imperial and Hereditary Dominions, joined to the whole *Spaniſh* Monarchy, would have given ſuch Exceſs of Power to one Prince, as would have been formidable to *Europe*, and a Means to deſtroy that Balance of Power which her Majeſty, in all her Treaties, had conſtantly laboured to preſerve; and it is known, and an allowed Rule by the Law of Nations, in reference to Leagues between Princes, That, if there happens a material Change in what was the principal Ground and Cauſe of the Treaty, the Obligation thereof ceaſes: If, therefore, in the preliminary Articles, in 1709, and afterwards, in the Conferences at *Gertruydenberg*, a Ceſſion of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy to King *Charles* the Third, who was then younger Brother to the Emperor, was thought reaſonable to be inſiſted on; yet the ſaid Earl humbly ſubmits to your Lordſhips great Judgment, whether there was equal Reaſon for inſiſting on ſuch Ceſſion, when King *Charles* the Third was become Head of that Houſe, and had Poſſeſſion of the Empire, and all the Hereditary Countries of *Auſtria*, as a Condition without which no Peace ſhould be made: The States-General were ſo far from admitting, or yielding, that the Monarchy of *Spain* ſhould, in all Events, be given to the Houſe of *Auſtria*, that he the ſaid Earl hath heard, they refuſed to admit it to be inſerted as a Condition of their Barrier-Treaty, when propoſed by her Majeſty's Ambaſſador at the *Hague*; and choſe rather to put a Stop to the Proceedings of that Treaty, and hazard the Advantages they thereby expected, than comply with that Propoſal: The Advice of Parliament is of great Weight; to which her late Majeſty always gave, and he the ſaid Earl always paid, a juſt Regard; and he doubts not, but the Houſe of Peers had proper Inducements, when they gave their Advice to the Throne, That no Peace would be ſafe, honourable, or laſting, ſo long as the Kingdom of *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, continued in the Poſſeſſion of any Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*: But, if he may be permitted to offer his humble Conjecture of the Motives of that Advice, he conceives, it might proceed from an Apprehenſion of a future Union of thoſe Two Crowns, as likely to enſue, in caſe *Spain* ſhould continue in the Poſſeſſion of any who might become Heir to the Crown of *France*; and that even the Conjunction of the Empire and *Spain* would be leſs dangerous than ſuch an Union: But, when her Majeſty communicated to her Parliament, the 6th of *June* 1712, the Terms upon which a Peace might be made; and thereby informed them, That *France* had been brought to offer, That the Duke of *Anjou* ſhould, for himſelf, and his Deſcendants, renounce, for ever, all Claim to the Crown of *France*; and that, at the ſame time, the Succeſſion of the Crown of *France* was to be declared, after the Death of the then Dauphin and his Sons, to be in the Duke of *Berry* and his Sons, in the Duke of *Orleans* and his Sons; and ſo on to the reſt of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; and that the Succeſſion to *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, after the Duke of *Anjou* and his Children, was to deſcend to ſuch Prince as ſhould be agreed upon at the Treaty of Peace; for ever excluding the reſt of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; both Houſes of Parliament, by their reſpective Addreſſes to her Majeſty, in the ſame Month, expreſſed their intire Satisfaction: And as the Houſe of Commons deſired her Majeſty to proceed in the Negotiations, then depending, for obtaining a ſpeedy Peace; ſo the Houſe of Lords aſſured her Majeſty, That they intirely relied on her Majeſty's Wiſdom to finiſh that great and good Work: And, after her Majeſty had concluded a Peace on thoſe Terms, both Houſes of Parliament ſeverally congratulated her Majeſty on the Concluſion of the Peace; and alſo joined in an Addreſs, of the 22d of *April* 1714, expreſſing their juſt Senſe of her Majeſty's Goodneſs to her People, in delivering them, by a ſafe, honourable, and advantageous, Peace with *France* and *Spain*, from the heavy Burden of a conſuming Land-War, unequally carried on, and become at laſt impracticable.

He the ſaid Earl acknowleges, That her Majeſty was pleaſed, about *Auguſt* 1710, to re-admit him, among others, to a Place in her Council, and to require his Service in Offices of Truſt; to which he ſubmitted, purely in Obedience to her Majeſty's Commands, with great Reluctance, from the Proſpect of the Difficulties with which he was likely to ſtruggle: But as he never asked any Employment, nor uſed any wicked Arts, or baſe Inſinuations, to obtain the ſame from her Majeſty; ſo, in all Employments, with which her Majeſty was pleaſed to honour him, he ſincerely endeavoured to diſcharge his Duty with the utmoſt Integrity; having always, with the trueſt Zeal, deſired, and endeavoured as far as he could, to promote the Honour and Service of her Majeſty; whoſe Aim he knew to be the Welfare of her Kingdoms, in the Firſt place; and, as far as ſhe judged it conſiſtent with that, the common Good of her Allies.

In or about the Month of *September* 1710, her Majeſty, whoſe undoubted Prerogative it was, thought fit to diſſolve the Parliament then in being, and call a new one. In the Year 1711, Propoſitions were made, by *France* to her Majeſty, for a Peace, without the Contrivance, or previous Knowlege, of the ſaid Earl: Her Majeſty, out of her Affection for her People, having it much at Heart to eſtabliſh Peace in her own Days, expreſſed her Concern for the Diſappointment of former Negotiations; and her earneſt Deſire to put a ſpeedy End to the War, and to the Effuſion of Chriſtian Blood; and to eaſe her Subjects from the heavy Burden of their Taxes. The ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, that he thought a Peace was very much for the Intereſt and Advantage of *Great Britain:* And, in his humble Opinion, the moſt favourable Juncture for obtaining advantageous Terms of Peace, was, immediately after the ſignal Victories gained by her Majeſty's Arms, in the Year 1706; for, after the Reduction of the Dominions of the Electors of *Bavaria* and *Cologne*, with other important Conqueſts in *Germany*; after the intire Deſtruction of Three great Armies of *France*, in *Flanders*, *Spain*, and *Piedmont*; after the Allies had recovered the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, *Milan*, and other Territories in *Italy*; it might have been hoped, from the great Diſtreſs in which the Enemy then was, a juſt and reaſonable Peace could have been obtained; ſince ſo much was, at that time, gained from the Enemy, and ſo much more, in all Probability, would have been yielded by them, as would have fully anſwered the Ends of the Grand Alliance: Peace was, at that time, ſought by the Enemy; and the ſaid Earl, who had the Honour to be then One of the Principal Secretaries of State, owns, he then adviſed the Accepting of it: And he humbly begs Leave to obſerve, That the War had been continued upon ſo unequal a Foot, that the Burden of it annually increaſed; and, at the time when thoſe Propoſals were made by *France*, was become almoſt inſupportable: It had, indeed, been ſtipulated by the Grand Alliance, That the Allies ſhould aſſiſt one another with all their Forces, according to a Specification to be agreed on in a particular Convention for that Purpoſe; but it doth not appear any ſuch Convention was made, otherwiſe than as the Houſe of Commons were informed by One of the Principal Secretaries of State to his late Majeſty King *William*, That, by the Proportion adjuſted with the States, *England* was to furniſh Two Parts of Five by Land, and the States the other Three; and *England* was

to furniſh Five Parts of Eight by Sea, and the States the other Three: But the States, not always allowing themſelves to be under an Obligation to furniſh ſuch Proportions, gave Occaſion to *England*'s bearing an unequal Part in the War, with reſpect to the Allies: The States had that prudent Regard to the frugal Ordering of their Affairs, that they frequently inſiſted, they ought not to be preſſed beyond their Ability; and made themſelves the ſole Judges of what came within the Compaſs of it; and, by that means, avoided the ſupplying any Quota, or Proportion, which they thought improper for them to furniſh: In the mean time, the Charge of the War was greatly increaſed upon the Subjects of *Great Britain*; in the Year 1702, it was under Four Millions; from thence it gradually increaſed, till 1706; the Charge of which Year amounted to above Five Millions and an Half; and, ſtill advancing, till the Year 1711, it was then grown to near Seven Millions; and, at the ſame time, there was a Debt contracted, not provided for by Parliament, amounting to Seven or Eight Millions; the very Intereſt of which, and other Debts wherein the Nation was involved, amounted to Three Millions *per Annum*; and the Revenues of *Great Britain* were under ſuch Anticipations, that it was found difficult to raiſe about Two Millions and an Half for the growing Service, to be paid within the Compaſs of the Year; ſo that, when the Duties and Difficulties upon Trade, and the Continuance of the Taxes upon Land, which had lain ſo heavy above Twenty Years, are conſidered, the ſaid Earl believes, it could not be thought for the publick Intereſt to prolong the War, without an abſolute Neceſſity.

During this time, the States had managed with ſo good Oeconomy, that the ſaid Earl hath not heard of any additional Duty laid by them upon Trade, from the Year 1702, to the Year 1711; and what Acquiſitions were made upon the Continent, during the Continuance of the War, though at the Expence of *Britiſh* Blood and Treaſure, accrued to the Share of the Allies; and the *Dutch*, being under no Prohibition of Commerce with *France*, had a farther Advantage of the *Britiſh* Merchants, in reſpect to a free Trade: Although the Princes of the Empire were engaged, by previous Treaties, to furniſh their Quotas to the common Cauſe; yet, when they were often preſſed to do it, they alleged, in Excuſe, That thoſe Troops, which they were obliged to furniſh at their own Expence, were in the Pay of the Crown of *Great Britain:* The Emperor left it to her Majeſty to provide for thoſe Troops, which, by the *Portugal* Treaty, in the Year 1703, he was to furniſh: The King of *Portugal* not only neglected the Proportion of 12,000 Foot, and 3,000 Horſe, which, by the ſaid Treaty, he was to provide at his own Expence; but even refuſed to permit the 11,000 Foot, and 2,000 Horſe, for which he had a Subſidy from her Majeſty, to be paid by Muſters, according to an Article of that Treaty; and, when preſſed to furniſh his full Number of Troops, alleged his Inability, for want of that Part of the Subſidies which the States ought to have paid him: So that almoſt the whole Charge of the War in *Spain* was left upon her Majeſty; the States having ſent few or no Troops thither, after the Battle of *Almanza*; and all the other Allies being likewiſe defective in their Proportions.

This was the Condition of Affairs, with reſpect to the Charge of the War; nor did there appear, from the then Situation of Affairs, any more promiſing Proſpect with regard to the Event; for although it had pleaſed God to bleſs her Majeſty's Arms with wonderful Succeſs, at which the ſaid Earl moſt ſincerely rejoiced, yet it did not appear, that, after the Year 1706, our Succeſſes in other Parts had countervailed our Loſſes in *Spain*; for, after Two great Battles, wherein we had been there defeated, after our Forces had been twice obliged to retire from *Madrid*, and after the taking the *Britiſh* Troops at *Brihuega*, the Recovery of *Spain*, which was the main Article that retarded the Concluſion of the Peace at *Gertruydenberg*, ſeemed almoſt deſperate; eſpecially, ſince the *French*, in the Year 1711, by their plentiful Vintage and Harveſt, had well nigh recovered the Effects of the Famine; and ſince ſome of the Allies, at the ſame time, made preſſing Inſtances for recalling Part of the Troops, as they had done frequently during the Courſe of the War: From whence it appears, how juſt the Grounds were, upon which both Houſes of Parliament repreſented to her Majeſty, That the War had been unequally carried on, and was at laſt become impracticable: And the ſaid Earl humbly hopes, he ſhall not be thought to have deſigned any Diſſervice to his Country, if, in ſuch Condition of Affairs, he did not diſſuade her Majeſty from hearkening to the Overtures of Peace made to her from *France*; or if, during ſuch Negotiations, he endeavoured, by correſponding, with her Majeſty's Knowlege and Approbation, in any Courts concerned therein, to rectify any Miſtakes, or contribute, in any meaſure, towards the Concluſion of a general Peace: But the ſaid Earl believes, that, in all the Negotiations towards ſuch Peace, the Allies had ſuch Knowlege and Communication of all the Meaſures therein taken by her Majeſty, as the Treaties her Majeſty was engaged in required; that the Propoſitions tranſmitted from *France*, about *April* 1711, were immediately communicated to the Penſionary, and Miniſters, of *Holland*; that her Majeſty did, at the ſame time, aſſure them of her Reſolution to act in Concert with them in making Peace, as in making War; that when the States had expreſſed their Deſires to be equal with thoſe of *Great Britain* for a general and laſting Peace, and had declared, That they were ready to join in proper Meaſures to procure it; and deſired *France* might explain itſelf more particularly upon the Points contained in thoſe Propoſitions, her Majeſty endeavoured to obtain ſuch Explanations, and afterwards communicated them to the States: And if her Majeſty had thought it not expedient to proceed in the Method of a Preliminary Treaty, which had proved ſo ineffectual, in the Year 1709, and 1710; but thought it might be ſufficient to have Articles ſigned by a Miniſter of *France*, by his Sovereign's Command, to open Conferences for a Peace; the ſaid Earl humbly hopes, that this Proceeding will appear to be ſo far from being an unreaſonable Deviation from the Methods of former Tranſactions in that kind, that it will be juſtified by many Precedents of ſuch Treaties: The ſaid Earl can affirm, that, during the whole Negotiation ſo far as he was concerned, he acted with a ſincere Intention to obtain a General Peace for the Welfare and Honour of her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms; and ſuch as might give reaſonable Satisfaction to her Allies, and anſwer all the Obligations her Majeſty was under, by any Treaties, with any of the Confederates; and is not conſcious to himſelf, that he hath, in any reſpect, tranſgreſſed that Duty, which, as a Privy-Counſellor, or Officer of State, he did owe to her Majeſty, or to the Publick: He is not inſenſible, that many of the Articles, wherewith he ſtands charged, are complicated with ſuch Circumſtances, Aggravations, and Inferences, as may render it difficult for him to acknowlege ſome Facts alleged, without acknowleging, or ſeeming, at leaſt, to acknowlege, thoſe Circumſtances or Inferences: And as he is not conſcious to himſelf of being guilty of any Crime he ſtands charged with, ſo he takes it to be agreeable to the common Courſe of Proceedings of this Nature, and to your Lordſhips Juſtice, that he ſhould not admit any Circumſtances, which may tend to the Accuſation of himſelf: He therefore begs Leave, That he may be allowed to diſtinguiſh between the Acts themſelves, and the Inferences drawn from them; and that, whenever he acknowleges any Fact, he may not be underſtood to acknowlege thoſe Conſequences, which are, in the Articles, deduced from it; unleſs it ſhall appear, that the Conſequence was the Aim and Deſign of the ſaid Earl, or is the neceſſary Reſult of any Act he hath done.

In Anſwer to the Firſt Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he always had the greateſt Regard to the Honour and Safety of her late Majeſty, and her Kingdoms; to all the Engagements ſhe was under to the Allies of this Nation; and to the common Liberties of *Europe:* That he never was devoted to the Intereſt or Service of the *French* King: That he is not conſcious to himſelf of having

ing acted, whilſt he had the Honour to be her late Majeſty's High Treaſurer, or One of her moſt Honourable Privy-Council, contrary to his Oath, or in Violation of his Duty and Truſt, or with Diſregard to, much leſs Defiance of, any Treaties in the ſaid Article mentioned; of the Advices of Parliament; her Majeſty's Declarations from the Throne; or any mutual Aſſurances which had been made, or renewed, between her Majeſty and the States, to act in perfect Concert with each other, in making Peace, as in making War: And he utterly denies, That, in or about the Months of *July* or *Auguſt* 1711, or at any other time, he did form any Contrivance, or Confederacy, to ſet on foot a private, ſeparate, diſhonourable, or deſtructive, Negotiation of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*; nor doth he know of any ſuch Contrivance, or Confederacy, formed by any of her Majeſty's Privy-Council; or that ſuch Negotiation was at any time ſet on foot: But the ſaid Earl ſays, He does believe, that, about the Month of *April* 1711, her late Majeſty did receive, from *France*, ſome Propoſals, in order to ſet on foot a Treaty for a General Peace, ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, Secretary of State to the moſt Chriſtian King; which, as he believes, were immediately communicated, by her Ambaſſador in *Holland*, to the States-General: Whereupon, as he has been informed, they thanked her Majeſty for her Confidence in them; declared themſelves to be weary of the War, and ready to join in any Meaſures her Majeſty ſhould think proper for obtaining a good Peace; and that they hoped her Majeſty would bring the *French* to explain more particularly the ſeveral Points contained in the abovementioned Propoſals; or to that Effect; and that, after ſuch Requeſt, her Majeſty ſent *Matthew Prior* Eſquire to the Court of *France*, in order to obtain as full and ample an Explanation as he could, of the firſt general Offers: But the ſaid Earl denies, that he did adviſe her Majeſty to ſend the ſaid Mr. *Prior* to the Court of *France*, to make Propoſitions of Peace, without communicating the ſame to her Allies; or that the ſaid Mr. *Prior* did, by his Advice or Privity, communicate any Propoſitions to the Miniſters of *France*, wherein the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, or the common Intereſt of *Europe*, were betrayed; nor doth the ſaid Earl know, that the ſaid Mr. *Prior* had any Power to communicate Propoſitions to the Miniſters of *France*, which betrayed either the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, or the common Intereſt of *Europe:* Therefore the ſaid Earl inſiſts, That there is no Ground to charge him with the treacherous or pernicious Contrivances in this Article mentioned: And if any Article was inſerted in any Propoſitions to be communicated by the ſaid Mr. *Prior*, That the Secret ſhould be inviolably kept, till allowed to be divulged by the mutual Conſent of both Parties; yet the ſaid Earl denies, that ſuch Article was inſerted by his Advice; and, if any ſuch there was, he cannot, however, believe it was deſigned to exclude her Majeſty's Allies from their juſt Share in the ſaid Negotiations; and hopes he may be allowed to obſerve, That, in caſe any Inſtructions were given for not divulging Propoſitions which concerned *Great Britain* in particular, the ſame were far from manifeſting ſuch Deſign as is before-mentioned; ſince it is well known to be the undoubted Right of every Member of a Confederacy to demand particular Advantages for themſelves, not inconſiſtent with their Alliances; and which are not to take place, but on the Concluſion of a General Peace; and it has been uſual for thoſe to whom the Firſt Overtures of Peace are made, to make Demands for themſelves in the Firſt place; as the States, particularly, did in the Negotiations at the *Hague* in the Year 1709, and at *Gertruydenberg* in the Year 1710: And though he apprehends, that an Agreement not to divulge the Propoſitions, without the mutual Conſent of both Parties, could not be to the Prejudice of the Allies; yet he believes, that, in order to prevent any unreaſonable Jealouſies among them, even thoſe Propoſitions which related to *Great Britain* in particular were communicated to them; and that it will likewiſe appear, that the Propoſitions ſigned by Monſieur *de Torcy*, and tranſmitted in the Month of *April* 1711, in the ſaid Articles mentioned (whereby it is ſaid, the *French* King offered to treat with the Plenipotentiaries of *England*, or *Holland*, alone, or jointly with thoſe of the Allies, at the Choice of *England*), were Propoſals relating only to the Manner of treating, when the Conferences ſhould be opened; and that her Majeſty was ſo far from taking upon her to treat ſingly for the Allies, that ſhe choſe to have all the Parties admitted to the Congreſs, where they might have an Opportunity of treating, and adjuſting their reſpective Intereſts; that being, in her Opinion, the faireſt Method of proceeding, moſt advantageous to the Confederates, and moſt likely to prevent Jealouſies and Diſcords among them: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he does not know, that any Negotiations of Peace were contrived, or ſet on foot, by any Perſons employed in her Majeſty's Service, which was in any reſpect more advantageous to *France* than *France* had aſked; or which had a Tendency to give the Enemy a Power to create Miſunderſtandings between her Majeſty and her Allies, or to deſtroy the Confidence between them.

In Anſwer to the Second Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he believes Monſieur *Meſnager*, a Subject of the *French* King, did, ſome time in the Year 1711, with her Majeſty's Leave, come into the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and bring with him a Letter from the ſaid *French* King to her late Majeſty, acknowleging her Majeſty Queen of *Great Britain*, and likewiſe expreſſing a Deſire to re-eſtabliſh Peace with her; and that he was furniſhed with full Power from the ſaid *French* King for that Purpoſe: The ſaid Earl further ſaith, That it hath been the uſual and allowed Practice in moſt Nations, eſpecially in *England*, for Privy-Counſellors, by verbal Orders from the Sovereign, to confer, within the Realm, with Miniſters of foreign Princes; and he conceives ſuch Practice to be agreeable to the Laws of this Realm; and that full Powers are uſually granted to Miniſters who are ſent abroad, for the Juſtification of the Perſons with whom they ſhall treat, rather than to juſtify ſuch Miniſters themſelves: And the ſaid Earl denies, that he did, in the Month of *September* 1711, or at any other time, ſecretly and unlawfully, or without Authority, confer or treat with the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager* on the Negotiations of Peace between *Great Britain* and *France*; or that he did adviſe or promote the making a private and ſeparate Treaty or Agreement between the ſaid Crowns: But he hath been informed, and doth believe, that there was a Paper, ſtiled, The Anſwer of *France* to the Preliminary Demands of *Great Britain*, more particularly; ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager* only; to which was ſubjoined a Declaration of the Queen's Acceptance of thoſe Preliminary Articles, as Conditions his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty conſented to grant; which were to be reduced into the uſual Form of Treaties, and explained after the moſt clear and moſt intelligible Manner, to the common Satisfaction of *Great Britain* and *France*; and this only in caſe of a General Peace: And this Declaration, or ſome other Declaration to the like Effect, he believes, might be ſigned by the Lord *Dartmouth*, and Mr. Secretary *St. John*, as in the ſaid Articles is ſet forth: But the ſaid Earl muſt crave Leave to ſubmit it to the Judgment of your Lordſhips, whether a Paper of that ſort, if any ſuch there was, containing Offers from *France*, which were not to take Effect, but in caſe of a General Peace, can be called a ſeparate Treaty: He believes the Allies had early Knowlege and Participation of the ſaid Propoſals from the Miniſters of *Great Britain*; but denies, that the Intereſt of *Great Britain* were thereby given up to *France*, or the Duke of *Anjou* admitted to be King of *Spain*; ſince, in the Declaration annexed to the ſaid Propoſals, he believes it is expreſſed, that her Majeſty might, in Juſtice, expect the Securities and Advantages mentioned in thoſe Propoſals, what Prince ſoever he ſhould be to whom the Monarchy of *Spain* ſhould be allotted; and the ſaid Earl, recollecting, as well as he can, what were her Majeſty's Views at that time, is perſuaded, that her Majeſty had then a Proſpect, that the Monarchy of *Spain* would fall to the Share of another Prince: The ſaid Earl denies, that, by his Privity, Conſent, or Advice,

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any private or ſeparate Treaty or Agreement, whereby the Intereſts of *Great Britain* were given up to *France*, or the Duke of *Anjou* was admitted to be King of *Spain*, was agreed, concluded, or ſigned, by the ſaid Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Part of *France*; and by the ſaid Lord *Dartmouth* and *Henry St. John*, or either of them, in behalf of her late Majeſty; much leſs did the ſaid Earl at any time aſſume to himſelf regal Power, or take upon him to meet, and treat with, the Enemy, without Authority from her Majeſty, to do any thing to ſubvert the ancient and eſtabliſhed Conſtitutions of the Government of theſe Kingdoms; or introduce any illegal or dangerous Methods of tranſacting the Affairs of State: And the ſaid Earl further ſaith, That he did never aim at, or endeavour, by any ſeparate Treaty, to diſſolve, or cancel, any of thoſe ſolemn Treaties in which her Majeſty ſtood engaged to her Allies; nor was he privy to any Treaty, whereby the Queen was brought under a Dilemma, either to ſubmit to the Dictates of *France* in the Progreſs of ſuch Negotiation, or to loſe the Confidence of her Allies.

In Anſwer to the Third Article; the ſaid Earl denies, That, to diſguiſe, or carry on, any private, ſeparate, or dangerous Negotiations, he did contrive, or adviſe, the preparing and forming the Set of general Preliminaries in the Article mentioned, intituled, Preliminary Articles, on the Part of *France*, to come to a General Peace, or any other ſort of general Preliminaries of like Nature; or that the ſame ſhould be ſigned by the Sieur *Meſnager*; or that he did adviſe her Sacred Majeſty, that the ſame ſhould be received by her Majeſty: But the ſaid Earl hath been informed, that certain Articles, called Preliminary Articles, on the Part of *France*, to come to a General Peace, ſigned by the Sieur *Meſnager* only, were received by her Majeſty; and believes the ſame might be communicated to the Miniſters of the Allies then reſiding in *England*, as a Ground whereon the Confederates might treat, or negotiate, concerning a General Peace; but whether the ſame were communicated as the only Tranſactions that had been on that Subject between *Great Britain* and *France*, the ſaid Earl knows not: But, ſince it is termed impious Advice, and contrary to the Duty and Truſt of a Miniſter of State of *Great Britain*, to adviſe the receiving ſuch Articles, the ſaid Earl, from his Concern for the Honour of her late Majeſty's Adminiſtration, and the future Welfare of theſe Kingdoms, doth ſubmit, whether it is criminal for ſuch Miniſter to adviſe the receiving Articles from a Miniſter of a Prince in War, containing Propoſals for giving reaſonable Satisfaction to *Great Britain*, and all her Allies; and which, being ſigned by the Miniſter of that Prince only, were not intended to bind any other: And, ſince Preliminary Articles are no eſſential Step towards a general Negotiation; there being, as he believes, but few Inſtances where any Matters of Importance have been ſettled before the Opening of general Conferences; the ſaid Earl doth not conceive, that if any Miniſter of State had adviſed her Majeſty to accept the Preliminaries, or Offers, from *France*, ſaid to be ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, the 27th of *September* 1711, as the Foundation of a Treaty, he had thereby offended againſt any known Law; ſince the Proceedings upon ſuch Preliminaries could not be more unſafe than proceeding without any at all: The ſaid Earl denies, that any Treaty, ſigned by the Earl of *Dartmouth*, or Mr. *St. John*, or either of them, on the Part of *England*, and the Sieur *Meſnager*, on the Part of *France*, if any ſuch there be, was induſtriouſly concealed from the Allies, her Majeſty's Council or Parliament, by his Advice or Contrivance; or that he diſſuaded her Majeſty from laying any ſuch Treaty before her Allies, her Council or Parliament; or that he adviſed her Majeſty to receive the ſaid general Preliminaries, or to communicate the ſame, in her Name, or by her Authority, to the States-General, as a ſufficient Foundation whereon to open the Conferences of Peace with *France*: The ſaid Earl hath been informed, and doth believe, that there were certain Inſtructions prepared, and ſigned by her Majeſty, and delivered to the Earl of *Strafford*, her Majeſty's Ambaſſador to the States-General; wherein the ſaid Ambaſſador might be directed to repreſent to the Penſionary of *Holland*, and ſuch others as ſhould be appointed to confer with him, in ſuch manner as is ſet forth in this Article, or to the like Effect; but he denies, that the ſaid Inſtructions were prepared, ſigned, or delivered, by his Advice: Nevertheleſs, the ſaid Earl believes, the ſaid Inſtructions were well warranted by the Truth of ſuch Facts, as, in the ſaid Article, are ſet forth to be contained in thoſe Inſtructions; ſince the ſaid Earl hath had credible Information, that, after her Majeſty had received an Account of the Senſe of ſome Perſons in *Holland* concerning the Overtures, made by *France*, for the ſetting a general Negotiation of Peace on foot, very preſſing Inſtances were made, on her Majeſty's behalf, with the Enemy, to explain the Firſt Offers made by Monſieur *de Torcy* more particularly, and to form a diſtinct Project of ſuch a Peace as they were willing to conclude: And that ſuch Inſtances had Effect, will appear from the Preliminaries ſaid to be ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, *September* the 27th, 1711; wherein ſeveral Explications are made, and many Particulars of Moment are contained, which were not in the Propoſitions of Monſieur *de Torcy*: Wherefore the ſaid Earl apprehends, that the Propoſitions ſaid, in this Article, to be ſent over to *France*, if any ſuch were ſent, were not ſo general as the Propoſitions of Monſieur *de Torcy*, nor in any reſpect enſnaring, or deſtructive, to the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, or the Allies: But yet the ſaid Earl believes, that her Majeſty, at the ſame time ſhe did communicate the ſaid Preliminaries to the States-General, did likewiſe order her Ambaſſador to acquaint them, That ſhe judged thoſe Articles did not contain ſuch particular Conceſſions as *France* would probably be obliged to make in the Courſe of the Negotiations; or to that Effect: If, therefore, her Majeſty did, for the Good and Eaſe of her People, endeavour to prevail with her Allies to enter into a Negotiation of Peace, and did communicate the ſaid Preliminaries to them with that View, the ſaid Earl cannot be induced to believe, that the ſaid general Preliminaries, communicated to the States by her Majeſty, in manner aforeſaid, were calculated to amuſe and deceive them; nor doth the ſaid Earl know, or believe, that her Majeſty's Inſtructions to her ſaid Ambaſſador, either in the Particulars aboveſaid, or in any other, contained Matters falſe, prevaricating, or evaſive: And the ſaid Earl muſt take the Liberty to affirm, that, in the late Negotiations of Peace, as well as in all other publick Tranſactions of State, as far as he was concerned, he acted with the higheſt Regard to the Honour of her Majeſty, and with the utmoſt Zeal for the Welfare both of her, and her People; and is not conſcious to himſelf, that he ever gave any Councils, whereby the Truth and Sacredneſs, which ought to conſtitute and accompany the Inſtructions of publick Ambaſſadors to Princes in Friendſhip, and Confederacy againſt the common Enemy, were in any-wiſe proſtituted, or the Honour of her Majeſty, and of the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, in any ſort, debaſed or betrayed: And he humbly hopes, no Inſtance can be given, wherein the Royal Hand of her late Majeſty was made the Inſtrument to advance the Intereſt of the common Enemy.

In Anſwer to the Fourth Article; the ſaid Earl doth not remember what Repreſentations were made by Monſieur *Buys* to her Majeſty, in relation to the Propoſitions in the ſaid Article mentioned; but ſaith, That if any Repreſentations were made, the ſame were not rendered ineffectual by any Influence of the ſaid Earl: And the ſaid Earl doth admit, that at a Committee of Council there might be made ſome Declaration, in her Majeſty's Name, to Mr. *Buys*, to the Effect in the ſaid Article mentioned; but doth not admit, that any ſuch Declaration was made by him the ſaid Earl, or by his Management or Contrivance: And the ſaid Earl believes, that what was ſo declared to the ſaid Mr. *Buys* was agreeable to Truth, and to the real Sentiments and Intentions of her Majeſty; nor doth he know wherein the ſaid Articles ſigned by Mr. *Meſnager*, and accepted by the Lord *Dartmouth* and Mr. *St. John*, if any ſuch were then ſigned, were inconſiſtent with ſuch Declaration; or how her Majeſty was thereby diſhonoured, or her Allies abuſed; or that any Negotiation, entered

into with *France*, was either dangerous to itſelf, or fatal in its Conſequences.

In Anſwer to the Fifth Article; the ſaid Earl admits, That her Sacred Majeſty Queen *Anne* did, in due Form of Law, and under her Great Seal, conſtitute the Right Reverend *John* Lord Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and the Earl of *Strafford*, her Plenipotentiaries, with full Power, to meet, treat, and conclude, with the Plenipotentiaries of the Confederates, and thoſe whom the *French* King ſhould, on his Part, depute for that Purpoſe, the Conditions of a good and general Peace, that ſhould be ſafe, honourable, and, as far as was poſſible, agreeable to the reaſonable Demands of all Parties; and believes Inſtructions were prepared, and delivered to them, wherein they were inſtructed, amongſt other things, to the Effect in the ſaid Article ſet forth; and is firmly perſuaded, that, when the ſaid Plenipotentiaries were ſo inſtructed to inſiſt, That *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould not be allotted to the Houſe of *Bourbon*, no Treaty had been negotiated, and agreed, that *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould remain in a Branch of that Houſe; and he has Reaſon to believe, that, at the time when the ſaid Inſtructions were given to her Majeſty's ſaid Plenipotentiaries, there was juſt Ground to believe, that King *Philip* would be induced to abandon *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, and content himſelf with the Dominions of *Savoy*, and the Kingdom of *Sicily*; and, he believes, he may ſo far depend on his Memory as to ſay, That he heard the late Queen declare, She believed the Proſpect King *Philip* had of ſucceeding to the Crown of *France*, would be an Inducement to him to be eaſy with that Allotment; and it ſeemed probable, that the Addition of the Dominions of *Savoy* to the Crown of *France*, in caſe King *Philip* ſhould ſucceed to it, would be eſteemed by the *French* Court as a thing more to be deſired by them, than that *Spain*, and the *Indies*, ſhould remain in the Poſſeſſion of a younger Prince of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, under the Condition of his renouncing the Right he would have to the Crown of *France*, if the eldeſt Branch ſhould fail: Theſe ſeem to him to have been her Majeſty's Views at the time when the ſaid Inſtructions were given to the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and the Earl of *Strafford*; and he therefore believes, that whoever contrived, or prepared, the ſame, did prepare them conformable to her Majeſty's real Sentiments; and was far from any Thought, or Deſign, to abuſe the Royal Authority, delude the States-General, prejudice his Imperial Majeſty, or any of the Allies, or carry on the Meaſures of *France*: And if King *Philip* afterwards, upon Information, that the then Dauphin was likely to live, or at the preſſing Inſtances of the *Spaniards*, and Influence of *Spaniſh* Counſels, or upon any other Motives, refuſed to accept of *Savoy* and *Sicily*, and choſe rather to renounce the *French* Monarchy, he thinks, no Perſon who acts in the Service of the Crown can be ſafe if it may be charged on him as a Crime, that he adviſed Inſtructions, which, by intervening Circumſtances, afterwards became improper: But he the ſaid Earl doth not admit, that he contrived, or prepared, the ſaid Inſtructions; or was conſenting, or adviſing, to the contriving, or preparing, of them; or prevailed on her Majeſty to ſign them; much leſs that he abuſed the Royal Authority, to the Deluſion of the States-General; or intended the Prejudice of his Imperial Majeſty, or any of the Allies; or was engaged to carry on the Meaſures of *France*; or had, when the ſaid Inſtructions were prepared, negotiated, or agreed, with the Miniſters of *France*, that *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould remain in a Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; or had prevailed on her Majeſty to be Party to any private Treaty, wherein the ſame is neceſſarily implied: If the Plenipotentiaries were inſtructed, That, in caſe the Enemy ſhould object, That the Second Article of the Seven ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, implied the Duke of *Anjou* ſhould continue on the Throne of *Spain*, to inſiſt, That thoſe Articles were binding to *France*; but laid neither the Queen, nor her Allies, under any Obligation; the ſaid Earl does not apprehend, how an Inſtruction to her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries to make a juſt Anſwer to a falſe Inference that might happen to be drawn by the Enemy from the Words of ſuch an Article, can be interpreted an entering into a Confederacy, or Colluſion, with the Miniſters of the Enemy; or that her Majeſty's Conſent to ſuch Inſtructions could imply any Deſign to impoſe on his Imperial Majeſty, or the Allies, or to conceal any Negotiations between *Great Britain* and *France*: But the ſaid Earl is confident, it will not appear by any of his Actions, on the ſtricteſt Scrutiny, that he ever entered into any Confederacy, or Colluſion, with the Miniſters of the Enemy; or prevailed on the Queen to give her Conſent thereto; or had any Deſigns to impoſe upon his Imperial Majeſty, or any of the Allies; or ever was privy to any ſecret Negotiations, or ſeparate Treaty, between *Great Britain* and *France*, whereby, either in the before-mentioned, or in any other, Particulars, any Reproach could be brought on the Crown of theſe Realms, or any Treaties, wherein her Majeſty was engaged to her Allies, were violated.

In Anſwer to the Sixth Article; the ſaid Earl does admit, That, after the Conferences of Peace between the Plenipotentiaries of the Allies and thoſe of the Enemy, for negotiating a general Peace, were opened, wherein, he is perſuaded, her Majeſty, and her Miniſters, did act in perfect Confidence with the Allies, and to promote their common Intereſt, and to obtain from the Enemy all juſt and reaſonable Satisfaction; the Progreſs of the ſaid Negotiation was delayed by Debates concerning the Enemy's Refuſal to give their Anſwer in Writing to the Demands of the Allies: But he doth not know, that any of the Miniſters of *Great Britain* did, by any Encouragement, or Concurrence, contribute thereunto: And if, during that time, her Majeſty thought fit to authorize any of her Miniſters to write, or negotiate, upon any particular Points relating to the Peace, directly from *England* to *France*, in order to facilitate the general Negotiation of Peace, which he the ſaid Earl doth not admit to have been done by his Privity; yet he the ſaid Earl doth not apprehend, that, by the Conſtitution of the Kingdom, or any Law in being, the Queen was debarred from doing ſo; or that, by conſtituting the ſaid Plenipotentiaries, ſhe had ſo far delegated to them her Royal Authority, as to be diſabled, without revoking their Commiſſion, to treat, or negotiate, any Matters conducing to that End, in ſuch other manner as ſhe ſhould think fit: The ſaid Earl ſaith, That he did not adviſe, contrive, or promote, any private, ſeparate, or unjuſtifiable, Negotiation with *France*; nor doth he know any Negotiation relating to the Peace was carried on without Communication thereof to the Allies: And the ſaid Earl denies, that he ever aſſumed Regal Authority; or that he treated of Peace with *France* in any manner that could be liable to ſuch Imputation; or did promote the Deſign of the Enemy, to the Deſtruction of the common Cauſe of her Majeſty, or of her Allies; contrary to the Laws, or Conſtitution, of this Kingdom, or in Violation of any of the Alliances her Majeſty ſtood engaged in, or of the Aſſurances given by her Majeſty, or of her Inſtructions to her Plenipotentiaries; or that any Terms of Peace were by him, at any time, concerted, prejudicial to the Intereſt of her Majeſty, or her Kingdoms, or Allies; or whereby the good Effects of the general Negotiation were defeated.

In Anſwer to the Seventh Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he never adviſed her late Majeſty to accept of a Treaty with *France*, on a Suppoſition that the *Spaniſh* Monarchy ſhould continue in the Poſſeſſion of a Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; nor did he adviſe, or carry on, any private or ſeparate Negotiation with *France* on the Subject of a Renunciation to be made by the Duke of *Anjou* of the Right he might have to the Kingdom of *France*, and that ſuch Renunciation ſhould be the Security againſt the Re-union of the Two Kingdoms; or that, by his Counſels, her Majeſty was prevailed on to accept, and finally to conclude and ratify, a Treaty of Peace with *France*, wherein the ſaid Renunciation is taken as a ſufficient Expedient to prevent the Miſchiefs that threatened all *Europe*, in caſe the Crowns of *France* and *Spain* ſhould be united upon the Head of one and the ſame Perſon; nor doth he know,

know, that, during the ſaid Negotiation, any ſuch Memorial, as in the ſaid Article is ſet forth, was tranſmitted, by the ſaid Monſieur *de Torcy*, to any of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State: But he the ſaid Earl doth freely acknowlege, that, if he had been called upon to give his Opinion concerning the Leaving of *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, in the Poſſeſſion of a Branch of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and accepting the Renunciation of his Right to the Kingdom of *France* by the Duke of *Anjou*, he doth not at preſent ſee any Reaſon why he might not have been of Opinion for leaving *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, to the preſent Poſſeſſor, and accepting the Renunciation, rather than have continued the War, ſo burdenſome to the People, and ſo impracticable upon the Foot on which it then ſtood; eſpecially ſince all Endeavours to remove him by Treaties, or Force, had ſo long proved ineffectual: And in caſe any ſuch Memorial as is ſet forth in the ſaid Article was ſent by any Miniſter of *France* to the Secretary of the late Queen, he ſhould look upon the ſame as a Proof of the Earneſtneſs of the Court of *France* to avoid ſuch Renunciation, which might more effectually prevent all Poſſibility of annexing the Crown of *Spain* to that of *France*; but, whatever Inducements might be for ſuch a Memorial, if any ſuch was tranſmitted, the ſaid Earl doth affirm, that he never gave any Counſels, by which the Intereſt of the common Cauſe could be betrayed into the Hands of the Enemy; nor doth he think it was poſſible, by any Power and Influence, to engage her Majeſty to become Party with *France* in any Deceit; but, whatever Credit he at any time had by her Favour, he always uſed it with the utmoſt Sincerity for her Service, and the Good of her People.

In Anſwer to the Eighth Article; the ſaid Earl believes, That her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* did, on the 7th Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord 1711, recommend it from the Throne, that Proviſion might be made for an early Campaign, in order to carry on the War with Vigour, and as the beſt Way to render the Treaty of Peace effectual; and he does believe, that, in order thereto, Supplies were granted, and Magazines provided, at a great Expence, for an early Campaign; and that, in purſuance thereof, her Majeſty might ſend ſome General Officers to explain her Intentions to her Allies; and likewiſe inſtructed her General, the Duke of *Ormond*, to declare her Reſolutions of carrying on the War, and to concert, with the Generals of the Allies, the proper Meaſures for entering upon Action: And he doth believe, that the Confederate Army was provided with all Neceſſaries: But whether the ſaid Army had approached, or how near they had approached, to the Enemy; whether they had any, or what, Superiority as to the Number of Troops; or what Likelihood there was that they would have been able, either by Battle or Siege, to have bettered the Affairs of the Allies, or to have facilitated the Negotiations of Peace; the ſaid Earl is not able to ſay: But it muſt be obvious to every one, that any Miſcarriage, or Diſaſter, on the Part of the Allies, at ſuch a Juncture, muſt have been fatal to them: And though the Divine Aſſiſtance had been very remarkable in the many Victories her Majeſty's Forces had obtained; yet her Majeſty's Piety was ſo great, that it is not likely ſhe ſhould, without the greateſt Neceſſity, have been willing to have tempted that Providence, which had been ſo ſignal in her Favour, by hazarding the Blood of her Subjects at a time, when ſhe had ſo near a Proſpect of the Concluſion of a Peace: And the ſaid Earl believes, it might be owing to this Piety of the Queen, and her Knowlege of ſome important Matters then depending, that Directions were ſent to the Duke of *Ormond*, if any ſuch were ſent, to avoid engaging in any Siege, or hazarding any Battle, till further Orders; which, he ſuppoſeth, her Majeſty might do upon any Cauſes ſhe thought proper, as well as the Deputies of the States, who, as the ſaid Earl hath been informed, have often refuſed to engage in Siege, or Battle, upon ſuch Ground as they alone thought fit, when their own Generals, and the Generals of the other Allies, were of Opinion, they had a viſible Advantage of the Enemy, and might engage in ſuch a Siege, or Battle, with great Probability of Succeſs: But he doth affirm, that the Miniſters of *France* never repreſented to him, or to any others, as far as he knows, during any Negotiation, any Apprehenſions they had from the Bravery, and good Diſpoſition, of the Confederate Army; nor was he ever informed of any ſure Proſpect, which, it is alleged, the Army of the Confederates then had, of gaining new Conqueſts over the Army of *France*, or whereby they would have been enabled to have forced any better Terms of Peace than there was at that time Likelihood of; but, on the contrary, he has been informed, that the Forces of *France* were ſuperior in Number to thoſe of the Confederates, eſpecially in Horſe: However, the ſaid Earl doth not admit, that he did adviſe, or conſent, that any Order ſhould be diſpatched, in her Majeſty's Name, to the Duke of *Ormond*, to the afore-mentioned Effect; nor had he any View, or Deſign, to diſappoint the Expectation of the Allies, or to give Succeſs to any ſecret Negotiations with the Miniſters of *France:* The ſaid Earl likewiſe denies, that he did conſent, or adviſe, that Orders ſhould be ſent to the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, One of her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries then at *Utrecht*, to declare to the *Dutch* Miniſters, That her Majeſty looked on herſelf, from their Conduct, to be then under no Obligation whatſoever to them: He doth not know what Alarm the Allies might take, or what Repreſentations they made to the Biſhop of *Briſtol* of their Diſſatisfaction, or Conſternation; but doubts not, the ſaid Biſhop would readily repreſent what they deſired, though ſuch Repreſentation made by his Lordſhip, if any ſuch there was, fell not under the Knowlege of the ſaid Earl; nor doth he admit, that any Application of that kind was made to him: And, in caſe the States-General made ſuch Addreſs directly to her Majeſty, by a Letter of the 5th Day of *June*, as in the ſaid Article is ſet forth, he the ſaid Earl, not being acquainted therewith, could neither adviſe her Majeſty to hearken to the Inſtances therein made, nor to diſregard, or to reject, the ſame: He ſaith, he never entered into Meaſures for the Advancement of the Intereſt of the common Enemy, or countenanced, encouraged, adviſed, or promoted, any Negotiations with *France*, without Participation of the Allies, or contrary to her Majeſty's Engagement, or to the Ruin of the common Cauſe; nor is he conſcious to himſelf, that he ever gave any Counſels, by which the Progreſs of the victorious Arms of the Confederates was ſtopped, or any Opportunity loſt for conquering the Enemy, or which had any Tendency to deſtroy the Confidence between her Majeſty and her Allies, or make the *French* King Maſter of the Negotiations of Peace, or which could put the Affairs of *Europe* into his Hands.

In Anſwer to the Ninth Article; the ſaid Earl denies he was privy, or conſenting, to any Concert with the Miniſters of *France*, for the ſeparating the Troops in her Majeſty's Pay from the reſt of the Confederate Army; and, not being privy to any ſuch Concert, he hopes, it will not be imputed to him as any Want of Duty, that he did not adviſe againſt ſuch a Proceeding: He denies alſo, that he ever entertained the leaſt Deſign of impoſing upon the Allies any Neceſſity of ſubmitting to the Terms of *France*, or of leaving the Confederate Army to the Mercy of the Enemy; or that he did conſent, or adviſe her Majeſty, that the Duke of *Ormond*, and the Troops in her Majeſty's Pay, or ſuch of them as would obey his Orders, ſhould ſeparate themſelves from the Army of the Confederates: The ſaid Earl hath been informed, and believes it to be true, that the Imperial General, and ſome other Generals, did propoſe to the Duke of *Ormond*, in *June* or *July* in the Year 1712, to decamp from the Ground where they lay, and to proceed towards *Landrecy*, in order to form the Siege of that Place; and that the Duke of *Ormond* thought it not proper to conſent thereto; and gave Notice to the ſaid Generals, that, if they decamped, they muſt not expect him to follow them: And the ſaid Earl believes, Inſtances may be given, where Generals of other Potentates in the Alliance have refuſed to comply with what has been propoſed to them by her late Majeſty's General:

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The ſaid Earl hath likewiſe heard, that, notwithſtanding ſuch Notice from the Duke of *Ormond*, the ſaid Generals ſeparated themſelves, and their Forces, from the ſaid Duke, and marched towards *Landrecy* without him; and that the ſaid Duke continued, for ſome time, in his former Camp, after ſuch Separation; and that the Generals of the Auxiliary Troops paid by her Majeſty, although required by the ſaid Duke of *Ormond*, under whoſe Command they then were, to continue with him, and to obey his Orders, refuſed ſo to do: He the ſaid Earl ſuppoſes it might proceed from her Majeſty's Reſentment of that Inſtance of Diſobedience in the Auxiliary Troops to the Commands of her General, that ſhe did not think fit immediately to pay the Arrears of thoſe Forces, which had ſo obſtinately withdrawn themſelves from her General, and marched, without him, towards *Landrecy*; as not apprehending herſelf obliged, by any Conventions, or the Proviſion of any Act of Parliament, ſo to do: But, whatever might be the Cauſes, or Occaſions, of her Majeſty's Reſentment, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he, being in the Office of High Treaſurer under her Majeſty, could not, by the Duty of his Place, iſſue out any Monies, without a proper Warrant or Authority from her Majeſty; and denies, that ... ever received any Warrant or Authority from her Majeſty for iſſuing any Sum or Sums of Money for or towards the Pay, or Subſidies, on account of the ſaid foreign Troops, who had ſo ſeparated; without which, the iſſuing or directing any Monies for the Payment of them had been a Violation of his Duty: And the ſaid Earl denies, that he did, at any time, refuſe, or put a Stop to, any ſuch Pay or Subſidies; but, on the contrary, when the Miniſters of the Princes to whom thoſe Forces belonged did apply for the Payment of the ſaid Troops, the ſaid Earl deſired them to make Application to her Majeſty for the neceſſary Warrants in order thereunto: And as the ſaid Earl had no Notice of any Separation intended between her Majeſty's Forces and thoſe of the Allies before the ſame was made; ſo he abſolutely denies, that, by his Advice or Counſel, or with his Privity, any ſuch Separation was made; and humbly apprehends, that he ought not, in Juſtice, to be charged with any Conſequences of it. He believes, that the Forces of ſome of the Allies were engaged in the unfortunate Action of *Denain*; and that the Siege of *Landrecy* was raiſed, and the Towns of *Queſnoy*, *Bouchain*, and *Douay*, were, ſome time after, retaken by the *French* Army; but whether thoſe Diſaſters might not have been prevented by a Compliance with the Meaſures her Majeſty had taken for the common Good, the ſaid Earl ſubmits to your Lordſhips.

In Anſwer to the Tenth Article; the ſaid Earl denies, That he did carry on, or concert, with the Miniſters of *France*, a private or ſeparate Negotiation for a general Suſpenſion, by Sea and Land, between *Great Britain* and *France*; or that he did adviſe her Majeſty to ſend over *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke* to the Court of *France*, with Powers to ſettle ſuch Suſpenſion; but hath been informed, and believes it may be true, That, about the 19th of *Auguſt*, N. S. 1712, a Suſpenſion of Arms was agreed on, in *France*, by the ſaid Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, on her Majeſty's Part, for Four Months: But whether ſuch Agreement was made without the Knowlege or Participation of her Majeſty's Allies, or how far the Terms of Peace were then ſettled with *France*, either for *Great Britain*, or the Allies, the ſaid Earl is not able to ſet forth; but, from the Informations he hath received of that Affair, believes it will appear, that the ſaid Suſpenſion was a Continuation only of a former Agreement for a Ceſſation of Arms, which had been not only communicated to the Allies, but into which they had been invited; and believes, her Majeſty might be induced to deſire ſuch Ceſſation, as what was uſual, among Princes and States in War, during Negotiations of Peace; by which means, the *Britiſh* Merchants enjoyed a free Trade, and had an Opportunity of carrying the Merchandizes of other Countries to ſeveral Parts of *Europe*, as the *Dutch* had done during the War; and therefore the ſaid Earl doth not conceive, that her Majeſty, by the ſaid Suſpenſion, did, in the leaſt, intend the Violation of any Treaties between her and her Allies; or to deprive them of any Aſſiſtance to which they were intitled; or to expoſe them to the Inſults of the common Enemy; nor doth he diſcern, how theſe Conſequences could enſue, without the Default of the Allies themſelves; much leſs, how the Ties of Union and Friendſhip, between her Majeſty and them, were cut aſunder; or her Majeſty's Perſon or Government, or the Safety of her Kingdoms, or the Proteſtant Succeſſion, were expoſed thereby: But the ſaid Earl aſſures himſelf, that he ſhall never ſtand chargeable with any Conſequences of ſuch Suſpenſion, which he never adviſed; nor did he the ſaid Earl ever entertain the leaſt Thought or Deſign of occaſioning the Deſtruction of the common Cauſe of *Europe*, or hindering her Majeſty from reſuming the War againſt *France*, in Conjunction with her Allies, if it had been ſo thought fit; or of weakening the Union between her Majeſty and them.

In Anſwer to the Eleventh Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, He believes it to be true, that, in or about the Month of *September*, or *October*, 1712, the States-General were in Poſſeſſion of the Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*; and that her Majeſty, in her Inſtructions, of *December* the 23d, 1711, to her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, did direct them to inſiſt, with the Plenipotentiaries of *France*, in the general Congreſs, that, towards forming a Barrier for the States-General, *Tournay* ſhould remain to the States; and doth believe, the *French* King did, at one time, incline thereunto; but doth not know, that her Majeſty, in her Speech, in the ſaid Article mentioned, did declare herſelf, as in the ſaid Article is ſet forth: The ſaid Earl admits, That until, and after, the Months of *September* and *October* 1711, there was open War between her late Majeſty and the *French* King; and that, during ſuch War, the *French* King, and his Subjects, were Enemies to the late Queen; but the ſaid Earl hath been informed, and believes, that full Powers were given by her Majeſty, and the States-General of the *United Provinces*, to their reſpective Miniſters, and by the *French* King to his Miniſters, to negotiate and treat of Peace between her Majeſty and the States-General, and the ſaid *French* King; upon which Negotiations, a Peace was afterwards concluded between them; during which Negotiations, he hath heard, that the *French* King did inſiſt upon the yielding up the Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*, by the States, to him; and the ſaid States-General deſired her Majeſty's Interpoſition with the *French* King on their behalf; and that, at ſuch Requeſt, her Majeſty interpoſed her beſt Offices on behalf of the States-General; and did at laſt prevail, that the ſaid Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay* ſhould be, and he believes the ſame is, continued to the States-General, as Part of their Barrier: But the ſaid Earl abſolutely denies, that he did deſign to give Aid or Succour, or to adhere to, the *French* King; or that he did, in or about the Month of *October* 1712, or at any other time during the ſaid War, aid, help, or aſſiſt, or adhere to, the ſaid *French* King; or that he did ever counſel or adviſe the ſaid Enemy, in what Manner, or by what Methods, the ſaid Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay*, or either of them, might be gained from the States-General to the *French* King, in Manner and Form as in the ſaid Article is charged: On the contrary, he the ſaid Earl did uſe his beſt Offices to preſerve the ſaid Town and Fortreſs of *Tournay* to the States-General: But the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, during the Negotiations of the late Peace, he had the Honour to be One of her ſaid late Majeſty's Privy-Council; and whatever Counſel and Advice he gave, relating to any Terms of the ſaid Peace, he acted therein as a Privy Counſellor, and Miniſter of State, and no otherwiſe; and doth inſiſt, That, for any Privy-Counſellor, or Miniſter of State, during the Negotiations of Peace, to adviſe, or negotiate, concerning the yielding or giving up any Town, Province, or Dominion, upon the Concluſion of the Peace, as Part of the Terms and Conditions of ſuch Peace, is not High Treaſon by any Law of this Realm; and that ſuch Conſtruction might hereafter deprive the Crown of the Advice and Aſſiſtance of ſeveral Members of the Privy-Council, in

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Matters of the greateſt Importance, by deterring them from giving ſuch Advice, as, by their Oaths, and the Duty of their Place, they are obliged to do; would overthrow all Means of reſtoring Amity between Princes, and render the Law in Caſe of High Treaſon uncertain; which, by reaſon of its being the moſt penal, ought to be moſt plain; and would be highly dangerous and deſtructive to the Lives and Liberties of the Subject.

In Anſwer to the Twelfth Article; the ſaid Earl, not admitting, that her late Majeſty Queen *Anne* ſtood engaged by Treaties, in manner as in the ſaid Article is alleged; but referring himſelf to the Treaties, when they ſhall be produced; for Anſwer, denies, That he did, in any of the Years 1710, 1711, and 1712, or at any other time, aid, help, aſſiſt, or adhere to, the Duke of *Anjou*, in the ſaid Article named; or adviſe or counſel any of the Enemies of her ſaid late Majeſty, or concert with any of them, or promote, the yielding or giving up of *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, or any Part thereof, to the ſaid Duke of *Anjou*, in Manner and Form as in the ſaid Article is alleged: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, as in his Anſwer to the Eleventh Article he hath already ſaid, That, during the Negotiations of the late Peace, he had the Honour to be One of her ſaid late Majeſty's Privy-Council; and whatever Counſel or Advice he gave, relating to any Terms of the ſaid Peace, he acted therein as a Privy-Counſellor, and Miniſter of State, and no otherwiſe; and inſiſts as in his Anſwer to the Eleventh Article he has inſiſted.

In Anſwer to the Thirteenth Article; the ſaid Earl admits, That the flouriſhing Condition of Trade and Navigation contributes much to the Riches, Power, and Strength, of theſe Kingdoms; and believes, that her late Majeſty had a juſt Regard thereto, and a ſincere Deſire to obtain ſome Advantages therein for her People; and did make the ſeveral Declarations from the Throne, ſet forth in this Article; and that both Houſes of Parliament did, from time to time, expreſs their grateful Acknowlegements to her Majeſty, for her great Care and Concern for the Welfare of her People; and believes, her Majeſty might think it reaſonable, conſidering the Share and Burden ſhe and her People had ſuſtained in the War, that *France* ſhould, in the Firſt place, adjuſt the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, which were to be ſecured on the Concluſion of a general Peace: But the ſaid Earl doth not know, or believe, that, at the ſetting on foot, or in the Progreſs, of any Negotiation between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, it was laid down as a Principle, That *France* ſhould, in the Firſt place, conſent to adjuſt the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, to the Intent, that the Miniſters of *Great Britain* might thereby be enabled to engage the Queen to make the Concluſion of the Peace eaſy to *France:* Nor doth he know, that any Conceſſions were made by the Miniſters of *Great Britain*, with Intent to promote the Intereſts of *France*, againſt the Allies; or that any Meaſures were entered into, or concerted, between them, in order to ſtrengthen the Hands of the *French*, or to enable them to impoſe the Terms of a general Peace: And the ſaid Earl doth abſolutely deny, that he was engaged, in Concert with *France*, in any Negotiations deſtructive to his Country; or that he ever had the leaſt Imagination or Thought tending that way, or to the ſacrificing the Commerce of *Great Britain* to the Aggrandizement of *France*; but, on the contrary, he hath always had the moſt real and ſincere Deſires to ſecure and advance the Commerce of *Great Britain*, and to preſerve his Country; in whoſe Service he hath been always ready to ſacrifice himſelf, and every private Intereſt whatſoever: And the ſaid Earl is not conſcious to himſelf of any Want of Duty, either in not inſiſting upon, or not procuring, the moſt certain Securities that could be obtained for the Safety and Advantage of the Commerce of theſe Kingdoms: And the ſaid Earl doth not admit, That he did adviſe her late Majeſty, that any Propoſition ſhould be ſent by Mr. *Prior* to *France*; or that any private or ſeparate Treaty, or the Preliminary Articles, which are ſaid to be ſigned the 27th of *September* 1711, ſhould be ſigned; but the ſaid Earl hath been informed, and believes, That in a Paper, intituled, The Anſwer of *France* to the Demands of *Great Britain*, more particularly, it is ſaid, That the intire Reſtitution of *Newfoundland*, and of the Bay and Streights of *Hudſon*, was demanded for the *Engliſh*; and that the *French* King's Anſwer was, That the Diſcuſſion of that Article ſhould be referred to the general Conferences of the Peace; provided the Liberty of Fiſhing, and Drying of Cod-Fiſh, upon the Iſle of *Newfoundland*, ſhould be reſerved to the *French:* And the ſaid Earl conceives that Paper not concluſive; but was to be the Subject of future Conferences, wherein the whole Matter might be intirely conſidered; and, conſequently, that the entering into Conferences on that Paper, was not the yielding to the *French* the Liberty of fiſhing, and drying Fiſh, on *Newfoundland*; which they inſiſted on: And the ſaid Earl denies, that he adviſed the Demands for *Great Britain*, in point of Commerce, ſhould be made in looſe, general, or inſufficient Terms; or that he adviſed the Liberties inſiſted on by the *French* ſhould be given up to *France*, as in the ſaid Article is alleged: And he believes, that when it is conſidered, what Advantages were likely to enſue to the Commerce of *Great Britain* by the *Aſſiento* Contract, and the Liberty of trading to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; by the Ceſſion of *Accadia*, the Bay and Streights of *Hudſon*, the Iſland of *St. Chriſtopher*, *Newfoundland*, the Iſland of *St. Peter*, with other adjacent Iſlands; by the Demolition of *Dunkirk*, and the Ceſſion of *Port-Mahon* and *Gibraltar*; it will not be thought, the Commerce of *Great Britain* was neglected by her Majeſty in the late Treaty of Peace: And as the ſaid Earl doth not know, that *France* was, at any time, Maſter of the Negotiations; ſo he denies, that he did engage her Majeſty in any private Treaties with *France*, without Security for the Commerce of *Great Britain*; or that he did contrive, with any of the Miniſters of *France*, to keep in Suſpenſe any Matters that concerned the ſaid Commerce; or that he was any ways inſtrumental to the preventing any Advantages of the ſaid Commerce from being ſettled; or that he endeavoured to elude any thing that had been agreed on, in any Negotiation, for the Benefit of *Great Britain:* And although the ſaid Earl doth not admit, that he adviſed the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Commerce with *France*; yet he begs Leave to obſerve, that nothing is poſitively ſtipulated in that Article; but the Whole is conditional, and left to be determined by the Wiſdom of Parliament; and hopes it will never be thought an Act of Treachery, to refer an Article of any Treaty to the Judgment and Conſideration of Parliament, whatever Judgment the Parliament ſhall think fit to make thereon: And the ſaid Earl denies, that he adviſed her Majeſty to agree with *France*, that the Subjects of *France* ſhould have Liberty of fiſhing, and drying Fiſh, on *Newfoundland*; but the ſaid Earl believes, that what her late Majeſty agreed with *France* relating thereto, will not ſeem unreaſonable, if it be conſidered, that the *French*, long ago, claimed Right to, and were in Poſſeſſion of, great Part of *Newfoundland*; and that they were allowed to continue in Poſſeſſion thereof, by the Crown of *England*, in a Treaty, made at *Whitehall*, in the Year 1686; and, in another Treaty, made at *Ryſwick*, in the Year 1697: And the ſaid Earl doth not know, that ſuch Agreement of her Majeſty is contrary to the expreſs Proviſion of any Act of Parliament; ſince he preſumes, the Act, made in the 10th and 11th Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act to encourage the Trade to *Newfoundland*, cannot reaſonably be intended, or conſtrued, to extend to any Part of the Iſland, other than what was, at the time of making that Act, in the Poſſeſſion of the *Engliſh:* And the ſaid Earl is informed, That, at that time, the Part of *Newfoundland*, where the Subjects of *France* are, by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, allowed the Liberty of fiſhing, and drying Fiſh, was not in the Poſſeſſion of the *Engliſh*. The ſaid Earl denies, that he adviſed her Majeſty to make a Ceſſion to *France* of the Iſle of *Cape Breton*; or that he adviſed her Majeſty to conſent, that what is agreed, in the Treaty of *Utrecht*, concerning the Fiſhery of *Newfoundland*, or *Cape Breton*, ſhould be made an Article in that Treaty: However, the

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ſaid Earl doth not know, that *Cape Breton* was Part of the Territories of the Crown of *Great Britain*; nor does he apprehend, that her Majeſty, who, in her Speech from the Throne, declared, That *France* had conſented to make an abſolute Ceſſion of *Annapolis*, with the reſt of *Nova Scotia*, or *Accadia*, ſhould be underſtood to ſpeak of *Cape Breton*, which is no Part of that Continent, but an Iſland diſtinct from it: The ſaid Earl further ſaith, He conceives, that the only Advantages in Trade ſtipulated for *Great Britain*, did not depend on Conditions to be made good by Act of Parliament; on the contrary, he doubts not to make it appear, that many Advantages in Trade were ſtipulated for *Great Britain*, in the late Treaties of Peace and Commerce, which have been enjoyed by the Subjects of *Great Britain* ſince the Concluſion of the ſaid Treaties, notwithſtanding the Parliament had not thought fit to make any Act to enforce the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Commerce with *France:* And the ſaid Earl denies, that, by his Counſels, the good Intentions of her Sacred Majeſty, to have obtained for her People advantageous Terms of Commerce, were fruſtrated, or the Trade or Manufactures of *Great Britain* rendered precarious, or at the Mercy of the Enemy, or any beneficial Branch of Trade yielded up to the Subjects of *France:* And as the ſaid Earl diſowns the being concerned in any Violation of Treaties, or in carrying on the Meaſures of *France*, or in any Negotiation which could terminate in the Sacrifice of the Commerce of *Great Britain* to *France*; ſo he obſerves, with great Satisfaction, the flouriſhing Condition of the Trade and Navigation of theſe Kingdoms, ſince the Concluſion, and by means, of the late Peace, in the great Increaſe of the Number and Tonage of Shipping; of the Exportation of the Woollen Manufactures, the Fiſh, and other Product of this Kingdom; in conſequence whereof, the Cuſtoms have been greatly advanced, near Three Millions of Gold and Silver has been coined, and the Exchange has all along been in favour of *England*, to and from all Parts of *Europe*.

In Anſwer to the Fourteenth Article; the ſaid Earl doth not admit, That he formed any Project or Deſign for diſpoſing the Kingdom of *Sicily* to the Duke of *Savoy* from the Houſe of *Auſtria*; or that he did adviſe her Majeſty to give any ſuch Inſtructions to *Henry* Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, as in the ſaid Article mentioned; or to conſent to any Treaty, wherein a Ceſſion is made of the ſaid Kingdom to his Royal Highneſs, without any Concurrence or Participation of his Imperial Majeſty; nor doth he admit, that her Majeſty was prevailed on, by his Advice, to aſſiſt his ſaid Royal Highneſs with her Fleet againſt the Emperor, in order to obtain the Poſſeſſion of that Kingdom: But, in Juſtification of her Majeſty's Proceedings in relation to the ſaid Kingdom, the ſaid Earl doth beg Leave to obſerve, That, by the Grand Alliance, it was agreed, among other things, That the Confederates ſhould uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to recover the Kingdom of *Sicily* out of the Hands of the Enemy; and that the principal Ends for endeavouring the Recovery of *Sicily* were, That his Imperial Majeſty might have a reaſonable Satisfaction for his Pretenſion to the *Spaniſh* Monarchy; and that the Trade and Navigation of the Subjects of *Great Britain* and *Holland* might thereby be better ſecured: Since, therefore, the Empire, and Hereditary Countries of *Auſtria*, were now fallen upon *Charles* the Third, who, at the time of that Treaty, was a younger Branch of that Houſe; ſince ſeveral Towns in the *French Flanders*, which were not in the Poſſeſſion of King *Charles* the Second at the time of his Death, together with *Spaniſh Flanders*, *Milan*, and *Naples*, might ſeem a reaſonable Satisfaction for his Imperial Majeſty's Pretenſions to the *Spaniſh* Succeſſion; and ſince the Trade and Navigation of the Subjects of *Great Britain*, and *Holland*, would be as effectually ſecured by the Diſpoſition of the Kingdom of *Sicily* to the Duke of *Savoy*, as if the ſaid Kingdom had fallen to the Share of the Emperor; and greater Difficulties would be likely to ariſe in obtaining the Diſpoſition thereof to the Houſe of *Auſtria* than to that Duke; inaſmuch as King *Philip* might be more eaſily induced to yield it to the Duke of *Savoy*, than to ſo potent a Prince as the Emperor; and there were Grounds to believe, that all, or moſt, of the Princes and States of *Italy* were ſo apprehenſive of the growing Power of the Houſe of *Auſtria* in *Italy*, that they would ſuffer any Extremities rather than ſubmit that *Sicily*, together with *Milan* and *Naples*, ſhould be in the Hands of the Emperor; the ſaid Earl doth not diſcern how any Project to diſpoſe of the ſaid Kingdom to that Duke could be thought unjuſt, diſhonourable, or pernicious, or any Act of Injuſtice to his Imperial Majeſty, or Violation of the grand Alliance; nor doth the ſaid Earl remember in what reſpect it was contradictory to any Declaration of her Majeſty, or the Inſtructions ſhe had given her Plenipotentiaries; and in caſe her Majeſty thought fit, afterwards, to employ any Part of her Fleet to aſſiſt that Duke, her good and faithful Ally, to take Poſſeſſion of that Kingdom from the Enemy, in Conſideration of the ſaid Duke's ſteady Adherence to the Confederacy, and great Sufferings by ſuch Adherence, he the ſaid Earl is not able to diſcover, why ſuch Aſſiſtance might not be given to the ſaid Duke, as well as to any other of her Allies whatſoever: And ſince it is allowed, by this Article, that the then Duke of *Savoy* never made any Application, in order to obtain the ſaid Kingdom for himſelf, it ſeems an Evidence, at leaſt, that the Perſon or Perſons, who adviſed the late Queen to agree to ſuch Allotment, did not act upon any private Intereſt, or had any other View than the Preſervation of a Balance of Power in *Europe*, and the Security of the Trade and Navigation of the Subjects of *Great Britain*, and *Holland*; and cannot reaſonably be thought, upon a fair and candid Interpretation, to have been guilty of betraying the National Faith, or Honour of the Crown, or employing the Naval Power of theſe Kingdoms, or the Supplies granted by Parliament, againſt any Ally of this Kingdom.

In Anſwer to the Fifteenth Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, He is, and always was, of Opinion, that the Word of the Sovereign is ſacred; and that all Communications from the Throne to Parliament ought to be true; and that it becomes all Miniſters of State, as far as in them lies, to maintain the Honour of the Crown in ſuch Caſes with the utmoſt Exactneſs: Nor doth the ſaid Earl know, that he hath, at any time, been defective in his Duty in this Particular; or ever took upon himſelf any arbitrary or unwarrantable Authority, much leſs the chief Direction and Influence in her Majeſty's Councils; nor did he ever proſtitute the Honour of the Crown, or Dignity of Parliament, by miſrepreſenting any Part of the late Negotiations of Peace, to deceive either her Majeſty, her Allies, her Parliament, or her People; nor did he ever prepare, form, or concert, or adviſe her Majeſty to make, any Speech or Declaration from the Throne to her Parliament that was not conformable to Truth: He believes, her Majeſty might make ſeveral Speeches from the Throne to her Parliament, at the ſeveral times in the ſaid Article mentioned; to which the ſaid Earl refers; and particularly, that her Majeſty did, on the 7th Day of *December* 1711, declare, That her Allies, eſpecially the States-General, had, by their ready Compliance for opening a Treaty of a general Peace, expreſſed their Confidence in her: But the ſaid Earl, not admitting there were ſuch Repreſentations as ſuggeſted in this Article, begs Leave, in Vindication of the Honour of his Royal Miſtreſs, who was a Princeſs of ſtrict Piety and Truth, to obſerve, That the States-General ſent over Monſieur *Buys* to her Majeſty, with Letters full of Aſſurances of their Reſpect to her Perſon, and their Reſolutions not to ſeparate themſelves from her; and likewiſe ſignified, by him, to her Miniſters, their Readineſs to concur with her Majeſty: And the ſaid Monſieur *Buys*, immediately upon his Arrival at *London*, delivered Paſſports for the *French* Miniſters to come to *Utrecht*; and, at a Meeting of ſeveral Lords of the Council, ſhewed his Approbation of ſending circular Letters, to invite the reſt of the Allies to the general Congreſs: And the ſaid Monſieur *Buys* exhibited full Powers for preparing, and ſigning, a new Treaty; whereby her Majeſty, and the States, ſhould be mutually engaged to each other in making War and Peace; to guaranty the Peace, when made;

made; and to invite the reſt of the Allies into ſuch Guaranty: All which Matters and Tranſactions being previous to the 7th of *December* 1711, her Majeſty might juſtly regard the aforeſaid authentick Acts, and Aſſurances, as greater Proofs of the Confidence the States had in her, and of their Readineſs to concur with her, than any Repreſentations or Reports before that time; and that the ſaid Declaration of her Majeſty from the Throne was founded upon the ſtricteſt Truth: And the ſaid Earl believes, that every one, who impartially conſiders the Steps taken in the late Negotiations of Peace; the Length of the Treaty; the ſeveral Letters from One of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State to her Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*; the Ratification of the Engagement, ſigned by her Miniſters, and Monſieur *Buys*, the 18th of *December* 1711; and her exhorting the States to ratify the ſame; her preſſing Inſtances to the Princes and States of the Empire; and the many other Acts which were done by her Majeſty's Orders, during that Tranſaction, for the Service and Satisfaction of her Allies; will readily acknowlege, that her Majeſty did her utmoſt to procure, for her Allies, and, in particular, for his Imperial Majeſty, all reaſonable Satisfaction; and to unite, with them, in the ſtricteſt Engagements, to render the Peace ſecure and laſting, agreeable to her Speech of the ſaid 7th Day of *December*, and her Meſſage of the 17th of *January* following, in this Article mentioned: And if, by any extraordinary Demands, or groundleſs Jealouſies, of any of the Allies, or other Accidents, her Majeſty was not able to obtain for them all the Advantages ſhe deſired, this will not derogate from the Truth and Sincerity of her Majeſty's Expreſſions: And it is evident, her Majeſty did procure them ſo great Satisfaction, that the Allies did all ſign the Peace at the ſame time with her Majeſty, excepting only the Emperor; and even his Intereſts were ſo far adjuſted, that what remained in Diſpute was not thought of Conſequence ſufficient to delay ſo great and good a Work; and it is well known, the Emperors of *Germany* have frequently declined ſigning their Treaties of Peace at the ſame time with their Allies: But that her Majeſty was induced, by any Influence of the ſaid Earl, to enter into any Negotiation with *France*, excluſive of her Allies; or that the ſaid Earl carried on any ſuch Negotiation; or that the Intereſt of the ſaid Allies, or, in particular, of the Emperor, were, by any Practices of his, given up to *France*; he utterly denies: And when it is conſidered, that much *Britiſh* Blood and Treaſure had been ſpent, to recover *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, from the Houſe of *Bourbon*; that an expenſive War had for many Years continued, which her Majeſty ſtill ſupplied with new Recruits, and redoubled Expence; that her Armies, and thoſe of the Allies, had been beaten in *Spain*; that Prince *Eugene* had declared, that Forty thouſand Men, and Four Millions of Crowns *per Annum*, would be neceſſary for carrying on that War; and that his Maſter could ſupply no more than a Fourth-part of that Charge; that it was found, by long Experience, how averſe the People of *Spain* in general were to ſubmit themſelves to the Houſe of *Auſtria*; that her Majeſty diſcerned, the Charge of renewing the War in *Spain* would be a Burden too great for her Subjects; and that there was little Probability of its being ſucceſsful; that the Hereditary Countries were then, by the Death of the Emperor *Joſeph*, fallen to King *Charles*, who was ſoon after choſen Emperor (by which Event, the Intereſt of the Princes and States of *Europe* were changed); it cannot be doubted, but that her late Majeſty had, at the time when ſhe made the aforeſaid Declaration, done her utmoſt to recover *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, by Force of Arms; and the moſt ſhe could do afterwards was, by way of Negotiation; wherein ſhe inſiſted with that Earneſtneſs on King *Philip*'s quitting *Spain*, that *France* complied with her Majeſty's Propoſals; but when King *Philip* could not be prevailed on to give up *Spain*, her Majeſty thought his Renunciation of the Crown of *France*, as Circumſtances then ſtood, the moſt practicable, if not the only, Method left, to prevent the Union of theſe Two Monarchies: But the ſaid Earl doth not think it probable, that the leaving *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, to the Houſe of *Bourbon*, was the Foundation of the Preliminary Articles ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, and of the Declaration annexed, which had been ſigned by the Lord *Dartmouth*, and Mr. *St. John*, with her Majeſty's Conſent (and which, the ſaid Earl ſuppoſes, is what is called the private Treaty in this Article); ſince he believes, it was then thought more likely, that the Crown of *Spain* might fall to ſome other Prince: And the ſaid Earl doth not obſerve, how her Majeſty can be charged with uttering any Falſity in her Meſſage of the 17th Day of *January*; wherein ſhe takes Notice, how groundleſs the Reports were, that had been ſpread, of a ſeparate Peace being treated; for which Report there was not then, nor at any other time, the leaſt Foundation; ſince only ſome few Points were adjuſted, relating to the particular Intereſt of her own Kingdoms; and even thoſe were to have no Effect, but upon the Concluſion of a general Peace; and were likewiſe, before ſuch Concluſion, communicated to the Allies: And the ſaid Earl denies, that thenceforth, or at any time, there were carried on by him any ſeparate Meaſures with the Miniſters of *France*: Nor doth he conceive, that the Propoſal about the Renunciation was merely ſpeculative; but that it was of ſuch a Nature as would execute itſelf, and keeps the Crowns of *France* and *Spain* more effectually divided than ever; if it be conſidered, that it did not conſiſt only in a Renunciation to be made by *Philip*, then in the Poſſeſſion of the Crown of *Spain*, of his contingent Right to that of *France*; but that there was a Title to the Crown of *France* thereby given to the Duke of *Orleans*, and, after him, to the reſt of the Princes of the Houſe of *Bourbon*; who could not be preſumed to want the Will, nor would be likely to want the Power, to take Poſſeſſion of the Crown of *France*, by virtue of ſuch Title, in Oppoſition to a Prince at ſuch a Diſtance, and who had ſolemnly renounced all his Pretenſions to it: Nor can the ſaid Earl think the Declaration of any Miniſter of *France* againſt ſuch Expedient (if any ſuch was made) a ſufficient Ground for her Majeſty to decline it: The ſaid Earl, therefore, muſt beg Leave to repeat, That he is not able to diſcover, from any thing that appears in thoſe Speeches, that, in the Particulars afore-mentioned, or any other, the eſſential Points relating to Peace and Commerce, or which concerned the Intereſts either of her Allies, or *Great Britain*, were miſrepreſented by her Majeſty: Nor doth he know, or believe, that any Inſtance can be given, wherein he abuſed the Favour of his Royal Miſtreſs; to whom he did always bear, and pay, the moſt ſincere Veneration and Duty; or wherein he did miſlead her Parliament into any groundleſs or fatal Reſolution; or prevented their Advice to her Majeſty; or obtained their Approbation to any dangerous Practices, or whereby her Majeſty could be ever deprived of the Confidence of her Allies, or expoſed to Contempt.

In Anſwer to the Sixteenth Article; the ſaid Earl doth inſiſt, That, by the Laws and Conſtitution of this Realm, it is the undoubted Right and Prerogative of the Sovereign, who is the Fountain of Honour, to create Peers of this Realm, as well in time of Parliament as when there is no Parliament ſitting, or in being; and that the Exerciſe of this Branch of the Prerogative is declared, in the Form or Preamble of all Patents of Honour, to proceed *ex mero motu*, as an Act of mere Grace and Favour; and that ſuch Acts are not done, as many other Acts of a publick Nature are, by and with the Advice of the Privy-Council; or as Acts of Pardon uſually run, upon a favourable Repreſentation of ſeveral Circumſtances; or upon Reports from the Attorney-General, or other Officers, That ſuch Acts are lawful, or expedient, or for the Safety or Advantage of the Crown; but flows intirely from the beneficent and gracious Diſpoſition of the Sovereign: He farther ſays, That neither the Warrants for Patents of Honour, the Bills, or other Ingroſſments of ſuch Patents, are, at any time, communicated to the Council, or the Treaſury, as ſeveral other Patents are: And therefore the ſaid Earl, either as High Treaſurer, or Privy-Counſellor, could not have any Knowlege of the ſame: Nevertheleſs, if her late Sacred Majeſty had thought fit to acquaint

him with her moſt gracious Intentions of creating any Number of Peers of this Realm; and had aſked his Opinion, whether the Perſons whom ſhe then intended to create were Perſons proper to have been promoted to that Dignity; he does believe, he ſhould have highly approved her Majeſty's Choice; and does not apprehend, that, in ſo doing, he had been guilty of any Breach of his Duty, or Violation of the Truſt in him repoſed, ſince they were all Perſons of Honour, and diſtinguiſhed Merit; and the Peerage thereby was not greatly increaſed, conſidering ſome of thoſe created would have been Peers by Deſcent, and many noble Families were then lately extinct: And the ſaid Earl believes, many Inſtances may be given, where this Prerogative hath been exerciſed by former Princes of this Realm, in as extenſive a manner; and, particularly, in the Reigns of King *Henry* the Eighth, King *James* the Firſt, and his late Majeſty King *William:* The ſaid Earl begs Leave to add, That, in the whole Courſe of his Life, he hath always loved the eſtabliſhed Conſtitution; and in his private Capacity, as well as in all publick Stations, when he had the Honour to be employed, has ever done his utmoſt to preſerve it, and ſhall always continue ſo to do.

In Anſwer to the further Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt the ſaid Earl: As to the Firſt of thoſe Articles; he ſaith, That he believes, in or about the Month of *January* 1710, an Expedition was projected for making a Conqueſt of the City *Quebeck*, on the River of *St. Lawrence*, *Canada*, or other Poſſeſſions of the *French* King, in *North America*; but denies, he adviſed her Majeſty either to conſent to the making ſuch Expedition, or to give Orders for detaching any Battalions of the Forces in her Majeſty's Service in *Flanders*, or to ſend any ſuch Battalions, or any Squadron of Men of War, on the ſaid Enterprize: But, having heard, that the ſaid Project, or ſome Expedition of the like Nature, had been, ſome time before, conſidered in a Committee of Council, and afterwards laid aſide for that time; and not being fully appriſed of the whole Project, nor ſo well verſed in the Affairs of that Part of the World, as others who had more Opportunity of knowing them; and leſt the Expedition might not, at that time, prove ſo feaſible, or advantageous, as others, of better Knowlege in thoſe Matters than himſelf, did expect; he did all that, he apprehends, his Duty required, to prevent the putting the ſame in Execution; and expreſſed his Concern at it to ſome Perſons about the Queen: And, having ſo far ſhewn his Opinion of the ſaid Deſign at that time, believes, it would not have been thought proper for him to have appeared at the Meetings, where the Methods, only, of carrying on the Expedition, were to be adjuſted; of which Meetings there had been but few, before a Misfortune befel him, which confined him to his Bed: But the ſaid Earl denies, that he knew the ſaid Expedition was dangerous or deſtructive; nor did he hear, that it was laid aſide, formerly, by a Committee of Council, as dangerous, or impracticable; but, only, as improper in the Circumſtances of Affairs at that time: Nor doth the ſaid Earl know, or believe, the ſaid Expedition was ſet on foot with any Deſign to promote the Intereſt of the *French* King, or to weaken the Confederate Army in *Flanders*, or to diſſipate the Naval Forces of this Kingdom: And when others of her Majeſty's Council, better acquainted with that Affair, did judge it to be proper, and practicable, he did not think it became him, upon the Strength of his own ſingle Judgment, further to oppoſe an Expedition, which, if it had ſucceeded, moſt certainly would have given a great and ſenſible Blow to the Settlements and Trade of *France* in that Part of the World: And the ſaid Earl, with good Reaſon, is perſuaded, your Lordſhips will not think it unfit, that her Majeſty ſhould take the Opinion of thoſe who better underſtood Affairs of that Nature; or that your Lordſhips can judge the ſaid Earl, in that reſpect, to have been any way wanting in his Duty to her Majeſty; but hopes, it will be rather an Evidence of his Fidelity to the Queen, and his Country, that he ſo far diſcouraged what, in his own Judgment, he was diffident of: However, he is ſatisfied, that thoſe of her Majeſty's Council, who did approve the Expedition, acted therein with a ſincere Deſire for the publick Good, notwithſtanding the ill Succeſs it was attended with; which might chiefly be owing to Delays by contrary Winds, and other unforeſeen Accidents: And he doth not believe, that her Majeſty's Allies did ſuffer any Prejudice, or the common Enemy receive any Advantage, by the Detaching of Forces from *Flanders* to ſerve on this Enterprize; and is informed, That, to prevent any ſuch Danger, her Majeſty's General who commanded at that time in *Flanders* had Orders for providing other Forces in their place, if he judged it neceſſary: And the ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, that the Sum of Twenty-eight thouſand Pounds, or thereabouts, was demanded at the Treaſury, about *June* 1711, on Account of Arms, Accoutrements, Goods, and Merchandize, ſaid to be ſent on the ſaid Expedition to *Canada:* But he ſaith, That he was ſo far from adviſing her late Majeſty, that the ſaid Sum ſhould be iſſued and paid, that, on the contrary, he put a Stop to the Payment of the ſame, until he had done all he could, at that time, to examine into the Expenditure of the ſaid Money; But, being then High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, and having received her Majeſty's Orders to pay the ſaid Sum, and not being able, with his utmoſt Precaution, then to diſcover any juſt Cauſe why it ſhould not be paid, he did afterwards, in Obedience to thoſe Orders, and according to the Duty of his Place, counterſign a Warrant to the Paymaſter of her Majeſty's Forces, for the Payment of the ſame; purſuant to which, he believes, the ſame was iſſued and received. And, as to that Part of the ſaid Article, which charges the ſaid Earl with employing his Arts, or Credit, to keep the Houſe of Commons from examining that Affair, he begs Leave to ſay, That, whatever Sulpicions he might entertain in his own Mind, he did not, upon Examination, find, that there was ſufficient Proof to juſtify the laying them before either Houſe of Parliament: And although he hath been informed, that the Papers relating to that Expedition were laid before the laſt, and have been all along in the Power of the preſent Houſe of Commons; yet he hath not heard, that any Fraud hath been made out in that Affair; notwithſtanding the Gentlemen who had them under their Inſpection neither wanted Ability to make the utmoſt Diſcoveries, nor could be ſuppoſed to be prevented therein by any Influence of the ſaid Earl: And he hopes, it will not be imputed to him as a Fault, if he had uſed any Skill, or Credit, to keep the Houſe of Commons from examining this Affair at that Juncture, when, by any unſeaſonable Inquiry, before a proper Proof could be had, the Fraud, if any ſuch there were, would be likely, for ever, to eſcape unpuniſhed: But the ſaid Earl denies, that he ever exerciſed, or had, any arbitrary Power, or Influence, either in her Majeſty's private Council, or the great Council of the Nation, or entertained any Deſign to prevent the Juſtice due to the Queen, or the Nation; or that any Diſcovery had been made to him, further than what might give Suſpicion to one who was always jealous (as became him) of any Miſapplication of the publick Treaſure: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he is not conſcious, that, by any Letter or Memorial to her Majeſty, he hath acted contrary to his Duty; but humbly hopes, he may be allowed to obſerve, that it would be a Matter of particular Hardſhip, and what ſeems to him inconſiſtent with the Rules of Honour and Decency, if the moſt ſecret and intimate Papers and Letters, wrote to that moſt renowned and pious Princeſs, her late Majeſty, by her own ſpecial Command, and for her own private Peruſal, ſhould be imputed to any as a Crime: And if any Quotation from any ſuch Letter or Paper could be alleged againſt the ſaid Earl, he doubts not but there might appear, from other of her Majeſty's private Papers, what would juſtify him in many Particulars wherewith he is charged; and would give further Proof, if it were needful, how tender and affectionate her Majeſty was to all her Subjects.

In Anſwer to the Second additional Article; the ſaid Earl doth admit, That, about *October* 1711, her late Majeſty

jeſty did ſign a Warrant, directed to him, then her Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, for the Iſſuing and Payment of the Sum of 13,000 *l.* to *John Drummond* Eſquire, in the Article named; and that, on or about the 24th of *November* following, in purſuance of the ſaid Warrant under her Majeſty's Sign Manual, he the ſaid Earl did ſign a Warrant for the Payment of the ſaid 13,000 *l.*; but, for more Certainty, begs Leave to refer to the ſaid ſeveral Warrants, when the ſame ſhall be produced: And the ſaid Earl takes the Words "for ſpecial Services of the War" to have been inſerted by Miſtake of the Clerks; for he abſolutely denies, that he gave any Direction for thoſe Words, or any other of like Import, to be inſerted; and he believes, all the Clerks of the Treaſury know, that the Monies which aroſe from the Sale of Tin was the Queen's proper Money, for the Support of her Houſhold, and ſuch Occaſions as ſhe ſhould pleaſe to direct, and not appropriated to the Services of the War; although ſometimes it hath been practiſed, that Loans have been taken upon Tin-Tallies, for the Services of the War, and other publick Services, and afterwards repaid to the Civil Liſt; which might poſſibly give Occaſion for ſuch Miſtake: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, that, having been acquainted with the Services the ſaid Mr. *Drummond* had performed, by Order of the late Earl of *Godolphin*, in borrowing Money upon Tin at a low Intereſt, the ſaid Earl aſked Mr. *Drummond*'s Conſent, that a Sum, in Tin-Tallies, might be ſtruck in his Name; and, with ſuch Conſent, did direct, that Orders, amounting to the Sum of 13,000 *l.* ſhould be charged, in the Regiſter of the Exchequer, on the Monies ariſing by the Sale of Tin, in the Name of the ſaid Mr. *Drummond*; who afterwards, before his going to *Holland*, indorſed the ſaid Orders, at the ſaid Earl's Requeſt, and left them in the Treaſury; but how long it was before the ſaid Orders were indorſed, or how long they remained afterwards in the Treaſury, the ſaid Earl doth not particularly remember; but doth acknowlege, that the ſaid Orders and Tallies came afterwards to his own Hands, and were diſpoſed for his own Uſe: But, in order to lay the true State of this Affair before your Lordſhips, the ſaid Earl humbly repreſents, That, upon attending the late Queen after his being wounded, her Majeſty had the Goodneſs to tell him, That ſhe deſigned him a Sum of Money: Upon which, he repreſented to her Majeſty the bad Condition of her Civil Liſt: But, ſeveral times after, her Majeſty aſked him, Why he did not find a Way for receiving Money ſhe intended him, and bring the neceſſary Warrants for that Purpoſe? He ſtill urged the ſame Reaſon againſt it; and, for near Six Months, made no Step in it; till at laſt her Majeſty was pleaſed to ſay, She was reſolved to have it done; and, as her Majeſty had, in Matters of her Bounty, made uſe of Tin-Tallies for other Perſons, ſhe was pleaſed to mention the ſame herſelf; and ordered proper Warrants to be prepared for the Sum, which her Majeſty, of her Royal Bounty, intended him: That, after her Majeſty had ſo poſitively ſignified her Royal Pleaſure to beſtow ſuch Mark of her Favour upon the ſaid Earl, the ſaid Tallies and Orders were ſtruck in Mr. *Drummond*'s Name, with her Majeſty's Knowlege, and at the ſaid Earl's Nomination; and, from that time, the ſame were kept under the ſaid Earl's Direction, for his Uſe; and the ſaid Earl was adviſed, that nothing further was requiſite to be done, after the Aſſignment of the ſaid Mr. *Drummond*, for ſecuring the ſaid Earl's Intereſt in the ſaid Tallies, till an Accident happened, which made it neceſſary, for further Security, to have the ſaid Warrant as a Declaration of Truſt; which was accordingly ſigned by her Majeſty; and is to the Effect following;

ANNE R.

Whereas, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven, in Conſideration of the many good, faithful, and acceptable, Services, which, before that time, had been performed unto us by our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *Robert* Earl of *Oxford*, then and now our High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*; which Services have tended to the Quiet, Safety, and Proſperity, of us, and our Realms; though the ſame were accompanied with great Difficulties upon himſelf, and Hazards to him, and his Family; and particularly reflecting upon the impious Attempt made upon his Life; we did then fully reſolve, as a particular Mark of our Favour, and of our gracious Acceptance of the ſaid Earl's Services, to beſtow upon him a Sum in ready Money: But, the ſaid Earl repreſenting to us, that the Arrears then due to our Servants, and Tradeſmen, chargeable upon our Civil Liſt, were very great and preſſing;

We did therefore agree and determine, that the ſaid Earl ſhould have, to his own Uſe, the ſeveral Sums, amounting to Thirteen thouſand Pounds, compriſed in certain Orders of Loan, bearing Date on or about the Eleventh Day of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven, in your Name, and charged upon the Regiſter in our Exchequer, on the Monies ariſing by Sale of our Tin; which Orders are not yet in Courſe of Payment:

Now, we do hereby declare, and make known, That the ſaid ſeveral Sums, amounting to Thirteen thouſand Pounds, contained in the ſaid Orders, and the Intereſt thereof due, and to be due, are, and ſhall be, the proper Monies of the ſaid Earl of *Oxford*:

And we do hereby direct and authorize you to transfer and aſſign the ſaid Orders, and the whole Right and Benefit thereof, to the ſaid Earl, and his Aſſigns, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he ſhall appoint in that behalf:

And in caſe any the Monies due, or to be due, or payable, upon the ſaid Orders, ſhall come to your Hands; in ſuch Caſe, our Pleaſure is, that you forthwith pay over the ſame to the ſaid Earl, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to his and their own Uſe and Behoof, without any Account to be therefore rendered to us, our Heirs or Succeſſors: And this our Warrant, or an atteſted Copy thereof, ſhall be your ſufficient Warrant, and Diſcharge, for ſo doing.

Given at our Court at *Windſor-Caſtle*, the Fourteenth Day of *December*, in the Twelfth Year of our Reign, *Annoque Dom.* 1713.

To our Truſty and Well beloved
John Drummond Eſq.

And the ſaid Earl believes the ſaid Warrant was drawn by Mr. *Lowndes*, Secretary to the Treaſury; and by what means the ſame was omitted to be entered in the Treaſury, he knows not; but, upon hearing there was a Diſcourſe about the ſaid 13,000 *l.* in Tin-Tallies, he ſent a Copy of the ſaid Warrant to the Officers of the Treaſury, without ſignifying any Deſire to have the ſame entered; well knowing it received its Authority from the Sign Manual, which wanted no additional Force from an Entry thereof in the Treaſury-Books: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That her Majeſty was pleaſed, of her mere Goodneſs and Bounty, and of her own free Will, to give him the ſaid Sum of Money, in Reward of his faithful Services, and for his Sufferings in her Service: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That the ſaid Grant, according to the Diſcount upon thoſe Tallies at that time, amounted to the Sum of 10,000 *l.* or thereabouts; wherein he acknowlegeth the great Bounty of her Majeſty; and takes notice, that Grants much larger have been made from the Crown to other Miniſters of State, while the Neceſſities of the Crown have been equally preſſing: And the ſaid Earl doth not know, that, in this, or any other, Part of his Adminiſtration, he ever was guilty of any Corruption, or any Breach of his Oath, or Truſt, as High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*; or that he did, in any manner, abuſe her Majeſty's Goodneſs, or make an ill Uſe of his Acceſs to her Majeſty, or embezzle the publick Treaſure, or did, at any time, knowingly injure or oppreſs her Majeſty's Subjects; but, on the contrary, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he managed the publick Money in the moſt frugal manner, in order to leſſen, as much as might be, the Charge of the War; and to eaſe, if he could, the Commons of *Great Britain* from all grievous Taxes: And, in further Vindication of himſelf againſt all the Imputation

putation of Avarice, or Corruption, inſinuated in this Article, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, in every Employment to which he was called by her Majeſty's Favour, he was always contented with the accuſtomed Incomes and Profits of the ſaid Employment, without endeavouring to increaſe his Gain by any unwarrantable or extraordinary Perquiſites; that, whilſt he was in any Office of Truſt about her late Majeſty, he never abuſed that Truſt, in making any manner of Profit or Advantage to himſelf, either by the Diſpoſal of Places in his own Gift, or by the Recommendation of Perſons to her Majeſty for ſuch as were granted immediately by herſelf; that, neither in, or out of Place, did he ever receive any Penſion from the Crown; that as he came with clean Hands into her Majeſty's Service, ſo went not only with clean, but almoſt empty, Hands out of it; having ſpent therein moſt Part of the Profits which accrued to him from the Places he enjoyed; ſo that, at this time, notwithſtanding all the Advantages he received from them, and the extraordinary Bounty of the Queen to him, in this Article mentioned, he can, with great Truth, affirm, that his private Fortune hath thereby received very inconſiderable Addition.

In Anſwer to the Third additional Article; the ſaid Earl ſays, That, *Matthew Prior* Eſquire being employed by her late Majeſty at the Court of *France*, Warrants were ſigned, in the uſual Form, for Payment of ſeveral Sums of Money to the ſaid Mr. *Prior*, which, he believes, from the 27th of *Auguſt* 1712 to the 10th of *July* 1714, might amount to the Sum of Twelve thouſand Three hundred and Sixty Pounds, as in the ſaid Article is ſet forth; and, he believes, he did pay, or cauſe to be paid, at ſeveral times, the ſaid Sums, purſuant to the Authority he had from her late Majeſty for that Purpoſe; which, he conceives, was not only lawful, but a Duty incumbent on him: He further ſaith, That he doth not know, that, by any Law, there ought to be certain Appointments, or Allowances, for the Maintenance and Support of Ambaſſadors, Envoys, Plenipotentiaries, or other publick Miniſters of the Crown, in foreign Courts; but that her Majeſty was at Liberty to vary ſuch Appointments, and the Manner of paying them, as ſhe in her Wiſdom ſhould think fit, out of any Funds appropriated to the Civil Liſt: He does believe, that there are ſeveral Inſtances, where Perſons employed to negotiate Matters of Importance, as Ambaſſadors, or Plenipotentiaries, have been allowed One thouſand Five hundred Pounds for their Equipage; One hundred Pounds a Week for their ordinary Entertainment; and One thouſand Six hundred Pounds for Extraordinaries; and likewiſe further Sums for Services performed by ſpecial Order; and, if the ſaid Mr. *Prior* had been paid upon that Foot, he would have been intitled to a greater Sum from the Crown, for the Time wherein he was employed by her Majeſty, as aforeſaid, over and above all Diſburſements for ſpecial Services: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That he takes the ſaid *Matthew Prior* to have been ſent by her Majeſty into *France* for her Majeſty's Service, and in order to carry on the Negotiations of a general Peace: But denies, that he was any Creature of the ſaid Earl; or ſent by the ſaid Earl into *France*; or that he carried on any Negotiations of the ſaid Earl; or that her Majeſty was prevailed on, by his Counſels, to ſend the ſaid *Matthew Prior* as her Plenipotentiary to the *French* King, without the Privity of, or any Communication with, her Allies; or that the ſaid Earl uſed the leaſt Contrivance for carrying on, or did carry on, or promote, any dangerous Practices with the Miniſters of *France*, or the Enemies of her Majeſty, or her Kingdoms; or that he did, at any time, combine with the ſaid *Matthew Prior* to defraud her Majeſty of any Sum of Money whatſoever, under colour of his Employment; or that the ſaid *Matthew Prior* was ſent into *France* with the Character aforeſaid, or without any ſettled Appointment, or Allowance, for any ſuch End; or that he the ſaid Earl did give the ſaid *Matthew Prior* an unlimited Credit; or promiſed to pay him any Bills whatſoever, other than what he ſhould be duly authorized to pay; or that any Bills of Exchange, in the ſaid Article mentioned, were drawn in purſuance of any ſuch Contrivance: The ſaid Earl ſaith, That, *Thomas Harley* Eſquire having been twice ſent by her late Majeſty to the Court of *Hannover*, he the ſaid Earl, being then High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, paid, or cauſed to be paid, to the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, the Sum of Five thouſand Five hundred and Sixty Pounds, or thereabouts, by Authority from her Majeſty, and according to the Duty of his Office, out of Monies appropriated to the Uſe of the Civil Liſt: And he believes, that, if Mr. *Harley* had received an Allowance in proportion to what hath been paid to Ambaſſadors, it would have amounted to a greater Sum: But denies, that the ſaid Sum of Five thouſand Five hundred and Sixty Pounds, or any Part of it, was paid without Authority, or for promoting any wicked Purpoſes of the ſaid Earl; or that he did, either illegally, or fraudulently, iſſue or direct, or adviſe the Direction or Payment of, any Sum or Sums of Money out of her Majeſty's Treaſury to any Perſon whatſoever; or that he ever entered into any Combination with the Perſons above-mentioned, or any other Perſon whatſoever, to defraud her Majeſty of any of the publick Money which .. was entruſted with the Management of.

In Anſwer to the Fourth additional Article; the ſaid Earl denies, that he ever held any Correſpondence with *Mary* the late Conſort of the late King *James* IId, either by the means of Mr. *Prior*, or by any other Means whatſoever; or that he ever intended, or had the leaſt Deſign, any way to promote the Intereſt of the Pretender: Nor doth the ſaid Earl know, or believe, that Monſieur *Gaultier*, in the ſaid Article named, was entruſted, or employed, as an Agent between any of the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, in tranſacting any Affairs relating to the Pretender: And denies, that he the ſaid Earl had any Conferences with him the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* on that Subject: Nor doth the ſaid Earl know, or believe, that he the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* was impowered to concert with him the ſaid Earl particularly the ſettling any Payment, or Remittance, of the Annuities hereafter mentioned, or any other yearly Sum to be paid, or remitted, out of her Majeſty's Treaſury, into *France*; neither had the ſaid Earl the leaſt Deſign, that any of the Fruits, or Advantages, of the Peace ſhould be made an Offering to any Adherent of the Pretender; nor did he agree, or undertake, to procure the Payment of the yearly Sum of Forty-ſeven thouſand Pounds, or any other yearly Sum, to the Uſe of the ſaid late Conſort, during her Life: But the ſaid Earl doth admit, That the late King *James* the IId, by Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing Date on or about the 28th Day of *Auguſt* in the Year 1685, granted unto *Laurence* Earl of *Rocheſter*, *Henry* Earl of *Peterborough*, *Sidney* Lord *Godolphin*, *Robert Worden* Eſquire, and Sir *Edward Herbert* Knight, who are all ſince deceaſed, divers Annuities, or yearly Sums of Money, amounting to Thirty-ſeven thouſand Three hundred Twenty-eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, payable out of the Hereditary Duty of Exciſe, and the Poſt-Office, and other Revenues, in the ſaid Letters Patents mentioned, to hold to them, and their Heirs, during the Life of the ſaid Conſort, in Truſt for her; and, by other Letters Patents, bearing Date on or about the 3d Day of *December* in the Year 1686, alſo granted unto the ſaid Conſort a further Penſion, or yearly Sum, of Ten thouſand Pounds, to hold during her natural Life; whereby the ſaid Revenues, ariſeing from the Hereditary Exciſe, and Poſt-Office, and other the Revenues in the ſaid Letters Patents mentioned, became charged with, and were liable to, the ſaid Annuities, or yearly Sums, as in this Article is mentioned: And the ſaid Earl doth admit, That the ſaid Revenues were, by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, granted and ſettled, during the Life of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, for the Uſe and Service of his Houſhold and Family, and for other his neceſſary Expences and Occaſions; and, after his Demiſe, during the Life of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, were appointed to be for the Support of her Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown: But ſaith, That, in the ſame Act of Parliament, whereby the ſaid Revenues are ſo appointed, there is a general Saving to all and every Perſon and Perſons, of all ſuch Rights, Titles, Eſtates, Intereſts,

Intereſts, Claims, and Demands, whatſoever, of, in, or to, or out of, the ſaid Revenues and Hereditaments, or any of them, as they, or any of them, had, or ought to have had, before the making the ſaid Act, as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſaid Act had never been made: And the ſaid Earl doth admit, That an Act of Parliament was made in the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, whereby the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, for the Cauſes therein mentioned, was to be applied, in Aid of the Revenues, or Branches, which were appointed for the Support of her Majeſty's Houſhold, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, for or towards the Paying of ſuch Arrears of Salaries, Wages, Diet-money, and other Allowances, and ſuch Debts for Emptions, Proviſions, and other Cauſes, as ſhould appear to be due and owing to her Majeſty's Servants, Tradeſmen, and others: But the ſaid Earl ſaith, He hath heard, That the ſaid late Conſort of the late King *James* the IId, eſteeming herſelf to be intitled, by the Laws of *England*, by virtue of the ſaid Letters Patents, to the ſeveral yearly Sums of Money therein mentioned, did, by Letter of Attorney, impower and authorize the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* to demand and receive, for her only Uſe, Benefit, and Behoof, all Sums of Money, which, from and after the Feaſt of the Annunciation of the Bleſſed Virgin 1713, were become due and payable upon the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, amounting to Thirty-ſeven thouſand Three hundred Twenty-eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, and the other Annuity, or yearly Sum, of Ten thouſand Pounds; and to give Acquittances and Diſcharges for the Monies he ſhould ſo receive to her only Uſe and Behoof, as aforeſaid; and that thereupon he the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* applied himſelf to her Majeſty for the Payment of the Monies which were incurred, or grown due, on the ſaid ſeveral Annuities, from the ſaid 25th Day of *March* 1713; and that her Majeſty was pleaſed to ſign a Warrant, directed to him the ſaid Earl, being then her Majeſty's High Treaſurer, or to the High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, for the Time being, in the Words, or to the Effect, in the ſaid Article ſet forth; but, for more Certainty, refers himſelf to the ſaid Warrant, when the ſame ſhall be produced: And that, in Obedience to her Majeſty's Commands, ſignified by the ſaid Warrant, he the ſaid Earl did direct Two ſeveral Warrants to the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, to the Effect in the ſaid Article ſet forth; but, for more Certainty, refers to the ſaid ſeveral Warrants, when the ſame ſhall be produced: But he denies he adviſed her Majeſty to ſign the ſaid Warrant, of the 23d of *December* 1713; but when ſuch Warrant was brought to him, and he knew, that the Jointure of the ſaid Conſort had been confirmed by Act of Parliament; and had heard, that, by ſome private Article, or Agreement, at the Treaty of *Ryſwick*, Proviſion had been made in relation to it; and the Legality of the Demand not being doubted by her Majeſty's Counſel learned in the Law, the ſaid Earl thought it his Duty to pay Obedience to it; and the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, intended to be raiſed by the ſaid Act of the 12th Year of her Majeſty's Reign, together with a great additional Sum in Tallies, being deſigned for Diſcharge of her Majeſty's Debts, the ſaid Earl thought himſelf ſufficiently authorized to direct, that the ſaid Sum of Money, mentioned in the ſaid Warrants, which, he was adviſed, was a Debt from her Majeſty, ſhould be paid out of the ſaid Five hundred thouſand Pounds; yet the Sum in the ſaid Warrants mentioned, or any Part thereof, was not paid out of the ſaid appropriated Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds, or otherwiſe; but the whole Sum of Five hundred thouſand Pounds was applied to other Uſes, for which it was appropriated: And the ſaid Earl humbly hopes, that he hath not hereby betrayed the Honour of her late Majeſty, or the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, or acted contrary to his Duty: And the ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, That, the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* coming into *England* with Letters of Credence from the *French* King to her late Majeſty, after having reſided ſome time in *England*, her Majeſty was pleaſed, before his Departure hence, to direct a Preſent ſhould be made to the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier*, as hath been uſual, in like Caſes, to publick Miniſters; and he believes her ſaid Majeſty was the rather inclined to make ſuch Preſent to the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier*, becauſe the ſaid Earl hath heard, and takes it to be true, that the ſaid *Gaultier* had been inſtrumental with the *French* King to obtain the Delivery and Releaſe of thoſe poor Proteſtants who had ſuffered aboard the Gallies, on account of their Religion; whoſe Reſcue from Slavery her Majeſty, out of her known Zeal to the Proteſtant Religion, and out of her wonted Piety and Compaſſion to the Confeſſors in ſo good a Cauſe, had much at Heart; and had prevailed therein beyond Expectation; it being what by his Majeſty King *William* had been attempted in vain, and was thought, by many, impoſſible ever to be obtained; and the good Offices of the ſaid *Gaultier*, in that Affair, having been very acceptable to her Majeſty, ſhe was pleaſed to increaſe his Preſent, in reſpect thereof; and therefore ordered it to be paid in the ſame manner as had been done to others, whoſe Preſents her Majeſty thought fit to augment; and, for this End, her Majeſty, about the time in this Article mentioned, did ſign a Warrant, directing the Payment of One thouſand Pounds Sterling to *Daniel Arthur* Eſquire, in the ſame Article mentioned, to the Intent it might be paid to the ſaid Mr. *Gaultier* on the Account aforeſaid: And the ſaid Earl believes the ſaid Monies were iſſued and paid accordingly; and doth not apprehend he hath therein acted contrary to his Duty.

In Anſwer to the Fifth additional Article; the ſaid Earl doth admit the Sovereign of this Realm may refuſe to receive any natural-born Subject, who hath committed, and is under the Guilt of, High Treaſon, as a publick Miniſter, or with any Character, from any foreign Prince, State, or Potentate; and that, where ſuch Perſon is known to be guilty of ſuch Crime, it may, in moſt Caſes, be fit ſo to do: But he the ſaid Earl apprehends, that the Sovereign is the proper Judge whom to refuſe, or receive, with ſuch Character: The ſaid Earl believes, that a Perſon, ſtiling himſelf, or commonly known by the Name of, *Lilcott*, or *Lawleſs*, did, about the Year 1712, or 1713, come into *England* with Letters of Credence to her Majeſty from the King and late Queen of *Spain*, and Authority to treat about carrying *Britiſh* Merchandizes to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; and that her Majeſty was pleaſed to admit ſuch Perſon with ſuch Letters of Credence; and, before his Return to *Spain*, was pleaſed to order, for the Uſe of ſuch Perſon, the Sum of One thouſand Pounds, to be paid out of the Monies appropriated to the Civil Liſt; which the ſaid Earl, in Obedience to ſuch Orders, cauſed to be paid; and humbly apprehends, it was his Duty ſo to do: But the ſaid Earl believes, that when the ſaid *Lilcot*, or *Lawleſs*, was ſo admitted, he was generally thought to be a natural *Spaniard*; and that, from the Advantages of thoſe Licences which he brought for carrying the *Britiſh* Merchandizes to the *Weſt-Indies*, he expected a much larger Preſent: However, the ſaid Earl denies, that he knew, or was informed, before the Arrival of the ſaid *Lawleſs* in *England*, any thing of his coming hither; nor, after his Arrival, did he ſee him, or know of his being here, before he had been introduced to her Majeſty; it being uſual for publick Miniſters to be introduced by thoſe Servants of her Majeſty to whoſe Office it belongs, as Matter of Duty, and common Diſpatch, without conſulting therein other Miniſters of State: And, upon the Notice taken of this Affair formerly in the Houſe of Peers, it appeared, that the Noble Lord who introduced the ſaid *Lawleſs* to the Queen, by virtue of his Office, did it as of Courſe; and did not then know he was other than a Native of *Spain*: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, of a long time after he had been ſo introduced, the ſaid Earl neither knew, nor heard, that he was other than a natural *Spaniard*; but, when the ſaid Perſon had continued in *England* a conſiderable time, there was a Rumour, and the ſaid Earl was afterwards informed, he was a Native of *Ireland*, and departed out of that Kingdom in his Youth, and had ſince been in the *Spaniſh* Service; but doth not know, nor was informed, that he had committed, or been guilty of, High

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Treaſon; or that he had ſerved the late King *James* the IId, in the War in *Ireland*, againſt King *William* the IIId; or had followed the ſaid King *James* the IId into *France*, or been in his Intereſt or Service; or had been in Rebellion againſt King *William*; or in Arms againſt the late Queen: And the ſaid Earl, having no Notice of the ſaid Perſon's Arrival, before his being admitted to her Majeſty, nor any Knowlege of any Crime he was guilty of, ſubmits, whether it ſhall be imputed to him as any want of Duty, that he did not adviſe her Majeſty againſt admitting or receiving him in the Character aforeſaid; or that he did, by her Majeſty's Authority, meet, confer, or negotiate, with him, concerning any Affairs, about which he was authorized to treat, in caſe he had ſo done, which, however, the ſaid Earl doth not admit; or that, by Authority from her Majeſty, he paid the ſaid Sum of One thouſand Pounds to the ſaid *Daniel Arthur*, which after came to his Uſe: But the ſaid Earl doth deny, that he adviſed her Majeſty to ſign the Warrant for Payment of the ſaid One thouſand Pounds; or gave any Directions for Payment thereof, contrary to what was intended by her Majeſty: And the ſaid Earl admits, That ſome other Sums of Monies, which might amount in the Whole to Nine hundred and Fifteen Pounds, or thereabouts, were paid in Satisfaction of Monies advanced to the ſaid *Lawleſs*, as Part of the Monies agreed to be advanced to his Catholick Majeſty by the *Aſſiento* Contract: But denies, that he directed the Payment of any other Monies whatſoever, out of her Majeſty's Treaſury, to the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*; or knows, that any other Monies were paid to him, beſide the aforementioned Sum of One thouſand Pounds, and the Monies paid in Satisfaction of what was advanced to him, towards the Part due to his Catholick Majeſty by the ſaid *Aſſiento* Contract: And the ſaid Earl never aſſumed the ſupreme Direction in her Majeſty's Councils; neither was he adviſing, that the ſaid Perſon ſhould be introduced to her Majeſty, or ſhould be received, or treated, by her Miniſters, under the diſguiſed Name of *Don Carlo Moro*, or ſhould at all be received as a publick Miniſter here: And the ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, That the Houſe of Lords, with commendable Zeal, made ſuch Addreſs, and came to ſuch Reſolution, and that her Majeſty made ſuch Anſwer, and iſſued ſuch Proclamation, as in the ſaid Article is mentioned: And as the ſaid Earl had always the higheſt Regard to the Safety of her Majeſty's Perſon, the Security of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and Advice and Reſolutions of the Houſe of Peers; ſo he denies, that he had the leaſt Knowlege that the ſaid *Lileſh*, alias *Lawleſs*, had ever been Miniſter, or Agent, of the Pretender at the Court of *Madrid*; or the leaſt Suſpicion, that he was ſent into *England* to promote the Intereſt of the Pretender in theſe Kingdoms: Nor is he conſcious to himſelf, that he hath done any thing to expoſe the Perſon of her moſt Sacred Majeſty; to enervate, or render ineffectual, the Advice of Parliament, or her Majeſty's Declarations; to countenance any Emiſſary of the Pretender, or encourage his Adherents, to the Danger of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, as by Law eſtabliſhed, in the Serene Houſe of *Hannover*; but, on the contrary, is perſuaded, his Conduct in that Affair is ſo well known, as not to need any further Juſtification; but, if it ſhould at any time be thought neceſſary, he is able to produce thoſe Proofs of it, which are the beſt Authority in the World for his Vindication.

In Anſwer to the Sixth additional Article; the ſaid Earl hath been informed, and doth believe it may be true, That, after ſeveral unſucceſsful Attempts by her late Majeſty, in Conjunction with her Allies, to eſtabliſh his preſent Imperial Majeſty upon the Throne of *Spain*, Inſtructions, in Writing, were given to *Mitford Crow* Eſquire, about the 7th Day of *March* 1705, taking notice, That her Majeſty had been informed, the People of *Catalonia* were inclined to caſt off the Yoke impoſed on them by the *French*, and to return to the Obedience of the Houſe of *Auſtria*; and that her Majeſty, deſiring to maintain and improve that good Diſpoſition in them, and to induce them to put the ſame ſpeedily in Execution, had made choice of him to carry on ſo great a Work, for the Advantage of her Service, and the Good of the common Cauſe, as was the making a Treaty with the *Catalans*, or any other People of *Spain*, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and that the ſaid *Mitford Crow* was thereby impowered to give the *Catalans*, or other *Spaniards*, Aſſurances of her Majeſty's utmoſt Endeavours to procure the Eſtabliſhment of all ſuch Rights and Immunities as they had formerly enjoyed under the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and the Confirmation of ſuch Titles as had been conferred on any of them by the Duke of *Anjou*; and that, for their further Satisfaction, her Majeſty had ſent to King *Charles* the Third for Powers for confirming the ſame to them; and was willing, if they inſiſted on it, to become Guarantee that it ſhould be done: And the ſaid Earl hath been likewiſe informed, That her Majeſty, in a Commiſſion granted to the ſaid *Mitford Crow*, expreſſed, That ſhe thought fit to enter into a Treaty with the Principality of *Catalonia*, or any other Province of *Spain*, on Condition they would acknowlege, and receive, *Charles* the Third as lawful King of *Spain*, and utterly abdicate the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and join their Forces with her Majeſty's; and that her Majeſty was pleaſed alſo to ſign, and deliver to the ſaid *Mitford Crow*, Credential Letters, directed to the Nobility, Magiſtracy, and other Officers, of *Catalonia*, or any other Province of *Spain*, deſiring them to give Faith to every thing the ſaid *Mitford Crow* ſhould tell them in her Majeſty's Name; and that Inſtructions were likewiſe given to the Earl of *Peterborough*, and Sir *Cloudeſly Shovel*, about the Time, and to the Effect, in the ſaid Article mentioned; and that a Manifeſto, or Declaration, was afterwards publiſhed by the ſaid Earl of *Peterborough*, to the Effect in the ſaid Article ſet forth: But the ſaid Earl denies, that ſuch Manifeſto, or Declaration, was prepared by his Advice, or Privity: And the ſaid Earl believes it may be true, that ſome Part of the Nobility, Clergy, and Inhabitants, of the Principality of *Catalonia*, and alſo of the Inhabitants of the Iſland of *Majorca*, did afterwards acknowlege King *Charles* the Third, now Emperor, for their lawful Sovereign; and did join their Arms with thoſe of her Majeſty, and her Allies, againſt the preſent King of *Spain*; but, by what Motives they were induced thereunto, the ſaid Earl does not know: And the ſaid Earl does acknowlege, that, for ſome time, the Arms of her Majeſty, and her Allies, in *Spain*, were attended with conſiderable Succeſſes, in which the Bravery of the *Catalans* appeared; and the Forces of the Confederates twice entered the capital City of that Kingdom; by which ſignal Conqueſts, and the great Supplies that have been granted by Parliament for their Aſſiſtance, the ſaid People were under the higheſt Obligations of Gratitude to her Majeſty: But, the Advantages thoſe Succeſſes had given King *Charles* the Third being loſt, her Majeſty found the Burden of that War very heavy to her Subjects; the Conqueſt of *Spain* for the preſent Emperor impracticable; and, after the Acceſſion of the Empire, and Deſcent of the Hereditary Countries to him, eſteemed inconſiſtent with the Intereſts of many of her Allies; and therefore thought it neceſſary, for the Good of her People, and the Tranquillity of *Europe*, to enter into Negotiations for a general Peace: But the ſaid Earl denies, that he entered into any Conſpiracy for ſubjecting the *Spaniſh* Monarchy to the Houſe of *Bourbon*; or ever had the leaſt Deſign of the Ruin or Deſtruction of any of the Rights, Liberties, or Privileges, of the *Catalans*; or that he ever formed any Contrivance for abandoning them to the Fury or Revenge of the Duke of *Anjou*, or his Adherents; or for the Extirpation of any of their Rights, Liberties, or Privileges; or that he adviſed her Majeſty to give Directions to the Lord *Lexington* to acknowlege the Duke of *Anjou* King of *Spain*, before any Negotiation of Peace was ſet on foot, in due Form of Law, between the Crowns of *Great Britain* and *Spain*: On the contrary, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, by Letters and Papers ſent by One of her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State to the Lord *Lexington*, it will appear, that, after her Majeſty had hearkened to the Propoſals for a general Peace, for the Good of her own People, and her Allies, ſhe uſed her beſt Endeavours for obtaining the Liberties of the *Catalans*, at the Concluſion

ſion of the Peace; and that his Lordſhip was directed, peremptorily and abſolutely, to inſiſt thereon: Nor doth the ſaid Earl know, or believe, that any Orders were ever ſent from, or given by, her Majeſty, to any of her Miniſters, to recede from that Demand; or that the ſaid Lord *Lexington* ever deſiſted from making the utmoſt Efforts he could for obtaining it: And if, from any Meaſures of the *Catalans*, or of his Imperial Majeſty, or from any other Cauſe, her Majeſty's Endeavours had not their full Effect, the ſaid Earl conceives it cannot be imputed to any Neglect of her Majeſty, or any Want of Duty in him the ſaid Earl: He believes, that, about the time in the ſaid Article mentioned, his Imperial Majeſty did enter into a Convention, or Agreement, for evacuating *Catalonia*; and that her Majeſty, out of Inclination to perform her beſt Offices to the Emperor, was prevailed on to become One of the Guarantees thereof; but denies, that his Imperial Majeſty was neceſſitated, by any Practices of the ſaid Earl, to make any ſuch Convention; and is ignorant, for what Cauſes his Imperial Majeſty, whom it moſt concerned, omitted, in ſuch Convention, to make expreſs and poſitive Stipulations for the Liberties of the *Catalans:* If it proceeded from any Dependence upon the Declaration of her Majeſty, to interpoſe her beſt Offices on their behalf; and the Promiſes of the *French* King to join his Endeavours therein; he is confident it will appear, her Majeſty's beſt Offices were employed in that Affair, when it is conſidered what repeated Inſtances ſhe made, by her Miniſters, and in the moſt pathetick Manner, to obtain for them the Privileges they deſired; and that her Majeſty, by her earneſt Interpoſition, did obtain a Grant, and Confirmation, to all the Inhabitants of *Catalonia*, of a perpetual Amneſty, and Oblivion, of all that was done in the late War; the full Poſſeſſion of all their Eſtates and Honours; and a farther Grant of all the Privileges, which the Inhabitants of both *Caſtiles*, who, of all the *Spaniards*, were moſt dear to the King of *Spain*, enjoyed, or might, at any time after, have or enjoy; whereby the *Catalans*, if they obtained not all the ancient Privileges they pretended to, received, however, in Compenſation thereof, the Advantage of trading directly to the *Weſt Indies*, and other Privileges, to which they were never before intitled: And the Houſe of Peers, upon Conſideration of ſeveral Papers, laid before them, relating to this Affair, in purſuance of their Addreſs to her Majeſty in that behalf, expreſſed their utmoſt Thankfulneſs, and Satisfaction, for her Majeſty's repeated and earneſt Endeavours for preſerving to the *Catalans* the full Enjoyment of all their juſt and ancient Liberties: And it is probable, her Majeſty had prevailed to obtain for them their ancient Privileges and Liberties, in the largeſt Extent, if they had waited the Event of her gracious Interpoſitions in their favour, and not determined to carry on the War by themſelves againſt King *Philip*, after the Emperor had ſigned the Convention for evacuating their Country; which incenſed the King of *Spain* in the higheſt Degree, and was looked upon by him as the moſt obſtinate Rebellion: However, the ſaid Earl ſaith, he never amuſed the *Catalans* with any Expectations whatſoever; nor, in any Degree, contributed to engage them in any obſtinate Defence againſt the Duke of *Anjou*; nor adviſed her Majeſty to conclude a Peace with *Spain*, without Security for the ancient Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, of that People; or to ſend Sir *James Wiſhart*, with a Squadron of Men of War, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Article mentioned; but believes, her Majeſty might think herſelf obliged, by being Guarantee to the ſaid Convention for the Evacuating of *Catalonia*, to ſend the ſaid Sir *James Wiſhart* into the *Mediterranean*, with a Squadron of Men of War; although he knows not the Orders, or Inſtructions, given on that Occaſion; and humbly apprehends, that he cannot in Juſtice be charged with any Conſequences from that unhappy People's Refuſal to comply, in their Submiſſion to the King of *Spain*, upon the Terms her Majeſty had ſtipulated for them.

Thus the ſaid Earl has laid his Caſe before your Lordſhips; wherein, he hopes, he hath fully anſwered the ſeveral Articles exhibited againſt him: Yet, leſt there ſhould be any Omiſſion in his Anſwer, which may be made uſe of to his Prejudice, he ſays, he is not guilty of all or any the Matters contained in the ſaid Articles, or any of them, in Manner and Form as they are therein charged againſt him; and humbly hopes, that your Lordſhips will excuſe any Imperfections, or Defects, in the ſaid Anſwer, with regard to Expreſſion or Form; and impute whatever of that kind may appear to the great Weakneſs of Body, and ill State of Health, which the ſaid Earl now labours, and hath for ſome Months paſt laboured, under; and that your Lordſhips will be induced to make all further due Allowances in his favour, from the following Conſiderations, which relate to the Nature of the Charge in general, and the Difficulties with which his Defence of himſelf, againſt the Particulars contained in that Charge, is, and muſt be, attended: Moſt of the Articles, with which he ſtands charged, relate intirely to the Negotiations of the Peace lately concluded at *Utrecht:* He doubts not but your Lordſhips will conſider, that he muſt, of Neceſſity, be under great Difficulties in giving a full and particular Account of ſuch a great Variety of Facts, as are contained in theſe Articles: That ſeveral of thoſe Facts concern Tranſactions with the Miniſters of foreign States, who cannot be produced as Witneſſes in his Defence, be their Teſtimony never ſo material: That many Steps and Proceedings, in an Affair of this Nature, where the Intereſts of ſeveral Parties, not only ſeparate from, but ſome of them alſo contrary to, each other, are to be adjuſted, do require great Secrecy and Addreſs in the Management; and that, in Treaties between Enemies, ſuch Terms are often propoſed, and ſuch Arguments uſed, as carry a different Appearance from the real Intentions of thoſe that treat: Upon which Accounts, it muſt be very difficult to ſet every thing that paſſed in the late Negotiations, with regard to the Enemy, and to the Allies, in a clear Light; and to juſtify every Step that was taken towards conducting them to the End propoſed; eſpecially, ſince the Account of thoſe Tranſactions, and of the Reaſons on which they were founded, cannot, as he conceives, be duly cleared, but by inſpecting the intire Series of Letters and Papers which paſſed during the Continuance of thoſe Tranſactions; and by comparing together ſuch Paſſages in them, as might give Light to each other, and to the Whole: All which Letters and Papers are, as he is informed, now in the Poſſeſſion of the Honourable Houſe of Commons; nor was it thought fit, upon his humble Application to your Lordſhips, that he ſhould be indulged with a Copy of any of them: He hopes, it may not misbecome him, on this Occaſion, to obſerve to your Lordſhips, That the Houſe of Commons, by being poſſeſſed of thoſe Papers, have a fuller View of the whole Progreſs, and of all the ſecret Steps, of that Negotiation, than perhaps was ever, in the like Caſe, imparted to any Houſe of Parliament: And they have therefore all the Advantage poſſible towards forming the Charge againſt him, upon the Articles of his Impeachment; whereas he the ſaid Earl, being deſtitute of all Aſſiſtance from thoſe Papers, is under great and particular Diſadvantages towards making his Defence in the Points whereof he there ſtands accuſed: And he is therefore humbly aſſured, that as your Lordſhips, on the one Side, will not expect from him any ſuch Proofs of his Innocence, as can only be drawn from a Peruſal of thoſe Papers; ſo, on the other, you will not admit of all or any of thoſe Articles, as made good againſt him, unleſs the Accuſations therein contained be ſupported by the cleareſt and moſt unqueſtionable Evidence of which the Nature of the Facts is capable: He ſubmits it likewiſe to your Lordſhips Conſideration, whether, in a Negotiation drawn out into a great Length, where the Advice of all thoſe in high Truſt about her Majeſty was to be taken, and where ſeveral Perſons were to be entruſted with the Management of what was agreed upon, he can, with any Colour of Equity, be made anſwerable for adviſing and conducting the Whole: He deſires alſo farther to obſerve, That every thing, with which he is charged, was done in the Reign of a gracious Princeſs,

ceſs, now deceaſed; who, by reaſon of the perfect Knowlege ſhe had of the ill State of Affairs at home; of the Advances made towards Peace from abroad; and of the Commands which ſhe had ſeveral times laid on her Servants; had been the beſt, and, indeed, could be the only competent, Judge, whether ſhe was fraudulently dealt with; led, by ill Advice, into Meaſures which ſhe did not direct and approve; or made any Inſtrument of ſacrificeing the Intereſts of her Kingdoms to the Enemy: It is with great Grief that he finds ſuch Things ſuggeſted, as ſeems to lay a Stain upon the Character of ſo excellent a Queen, whoſe Memory, he is confident, will be for ever dear to this Country: And therefore he takes Leave, in the moſt ſolemn manner, to aſſure your Lordſhips, That, as far as he knows, or can remember, every thing relating to the Tranſactions of Peace was communicated to her late Majeſty, and maturely conſidered by her, before any thing was determined thereupon; nor was any Step taken, but in purſuance of ſuch Determination. As to the Peace in general, he the ſaid Earl thinks he has very good Reaſon to ſay, That the Queen had nothing more at heart than to procure ſo great a Bleſſing for her People; and that, when it was obtained, ſhe had this Satisfaction in herſelf, That ſhe had taken the moſt proper Meaſures to juſtify her Conduct, both towards her Allies, and toward her own Subjects; for, upon a Review of her Majeſty's whole Proceeding in relation to War and Peace, he believes it will appear, and hath in Part appeared by the Anſwer of the ſaid Earl to the ſaid Articles, That, as her Majeſty entered further into the War than ſhe was obliged by any Treaties ſubſiſting at the time of her Acceſſion to the Throne; ſo ſhe contributed more Men and Money towards the carrying it on afterwards than ſhe was engaged to provide by any ſubſequent Treaties: That her earneſt Deſires of Peace being twice fruſtrated, when ſuch Conditions might have been obtained as would have fully anſwered all the Ends for which War was at firſt declared; that all our Succeſſes and Victories ending in the annual Increaſe of the Charge of *England*, without any further Aſſiſtance from our Allies; and her Kingdoms being exhauſted to ſuch a Degree, notwithſtanding the great Advantages obtained by her Arms, that ſhe was not able to continue the War, upon the Foot it then ſtood, one Year longer, whilſt her Allies refuſed to continue it upon thoſe equal Conditions to which they were by Treaties obliged; ſhe was at laſt conſtrained, in Compaſſion to her People, to hearken to the Overtures of Peace then made her from *France*, without relying farther on the vain Hopes of gaining more advantageous Terms, by protracting the War a Year longer: She had carried it on, for ſome time, under that Proſpect, without reaping the Benefits propoſed, even at Junctures that ſeemed moſt favourable to her Demands, and to the Pretenſions of her Allies: She had indeed, by that means, raiſed the Glory of her Arms; but ſhe could not think this a ſufficient Recompence for the increaſing Miſeries of her People; and therefore reſolved to lay hold of the Opportunity then offered to her, of ending the War by a Peace, if it might be obtained upon Terms every way juſt, ſafe, and honourable; and thoſe who were then employed in her Majeſty's Councils, thought themſelves obliged to ſecond her good Intentions in this Caſe, and to obey her Commands with all Readineſs: The ſaid Earl preſumes, on this Occaſion, to mention to your Lordſhips the Saying of as wiſe a Man, and as great a General, as the laſt Age produced, the Duke of *Parma*; when *France* was in a far lower Condition than now, being almoſt equally divided between Two contending Parties, and *Spain* was at the Height of its Glory, and he himſelf at the Head of a *Spaniſh* Army, ſupporting One of thoſe Parties; after *Paris* itſelf had been beſieged by the other; it was his Opinion (and the Advice he gave to his Majeſty the King of *Spain* was grounded upon it), That, if *France* were to be got only by reducing its Towns, the World would be ſooner at an End than ſuch a War: The Queen ſeemed, at this time, with better Reaſon, to frame the like Judgment: And it was therefore her Pleaſure, and a great Inſtance, as the ſaid Earl conceives, of her Wiſdom and Goodneſs, to think of ſecuring a Peace, while ſhe appeared able to carry on the War, her Armies being full and numerous; and before the exhauſted Condition of her Kingdoms, and the Impoſſibility, on her Side, of maintaining ſo diſproportioned an Expence, was diſcovered by her Enemies: At this Juncture, the Queen entered upon a Negotiation of Peace, with Circumſtances of great Honour to herſelf; *France* applying to her firſt on this Account, previouſly owning her Title, and acknowleging the Right of the Proteſtant Succeſſion; Two chief Grounds upon which the Declaration of the laſt War was built. As to the Allies, it was conducted in the ſame manner as all Treaties of Peace in Confederacies have ever been, and according to the known Laws of Nations in ſuch Caſes; the Firſt Motion, and the ſeveral Steps, of it, as faſt as they ripened into Propoſals fit for Conſideration, being, without Delay, communicated to the States-General: By the Terms of this Peace, as all reaſonable Satisfaction, and Security, due to any of the Allies by Treaty, were obtained for them by the Queen, and their juſt Pretenſions effectually ſupported; ſo larger Advantages were actually procured for *Great Britain*, in particular, than ever had been demanded before in any Treaty or Negotiation between this and any other foreign State. The ſaid Earl craves Leave, on this Occaſion, to appeal to your Lordſhips, whether all the Ends, for which the War was entered into, have not, by this Treaty, been fully attained; whether it does not appear by the beſt . . Proofs, Experience, That the Kingdoms of *France* and *Spain* are, by the Conventions of this Treaty, moſt effectually ſeparated; and whether any other Expedient could have been ſo ſucceſsful to this Purpoſe, as that whereby it is now happily brought about; whether the Balance of Power in *Europe* be not now upon a better Foot than it has been for an Hundred Years paſt; whether the Advantages that have accrued to *Great Britain* by this Treaty, do not appear, and have not appeared, in the Security of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and in his Majeſty's peaceable Acceſſion to the Throne, with the univerſal Applauſe of his Subjects; in the Additions made to our Wealth, by the great Quantities of Bullion lately coined at the Mint; by the vaſt Increaſe of Shipping employed ſince the Peace in the Fiſhery, and in Merchandize; and by the remarkable Riſe of the Cuſtoms upon Import; and of our Manufacture, and the Growth, of our Country, upon Export: For the Proof of which Particulars, he refers himſelf to thoſe Offices and Books wherein an authentick Account of them is contained. And as the Terms of the Peace were, in theſe and other reſpects, manifeſtly profitable to *Great Britain*; ſo the ſaid Earl begs Leave humbly to remind your Lordſhips, That they were communicated to the Parliament, and, with their Concurrence, agreed on: That the Peace, thus concluded, was afterwards highly approved by both Houſes: That ſolemn Thanks were rendered to God for it in all our Churches, as well as in the Churches of the *United Provinces*; and that her Majeſty received, on this Subject, the hearty and unfeigned Congratulations of her People from all Parts of her Dominions.

Theſe being the real Effects, and this a true Repreſentation, of her Majeſty's Conduct in the Affairs both of War and Peace, the ſaid Earl ſees not how he, or any others then in her Majeſty's Service, can be juſtly charged with betraying the Intereſts of their own Country, and of the Allies, by negotiating, and promoting, that Peace, which then was, and, as he has good Grounds to believe, ſtill continues to be, very acceptable and advantageous to theſe Kingdoms: And if the Peace itſelf be not condemned, and it be not even charged upon the ſaid Earl as a Crime, That he adviſed her Majeſty to conclude that Peace (neither of which appear to him from the ſaid Articles), he humbly conceives, it is a particular and extraordinary Hardſhip upon him, that rough Draughts and Eſſays towards a Peace, with other preliminary Steps in a Negotiation, all leading to an End which he looks upon to be juſt and profitable, and which is not, in any of the Articles, alleged to be otherwiſe, ſhould be brought into ſo

many diſtinct Heads of Accuſation againſt him: For, ſuppoſing, that in the Proceſs of ſo nice and difficult an Affair, ſubject to divers unforeſeen Obſtructions and Events, any improper Steps had been taken; which the ſaid Earl doth not admit, but altogether on his Part denies; yet, if Things were at laſt conducted to a right Iſſue, and ended in an honourable and advantageous Peace, there can be, as he conceives, no juſt Ground to find fault with the Meaſures made uſe of to compaſs it, becauſe they ſeemed, before the Accompliſhment, to have a different Tendency; eſpecially if it be conſidered, that ſcarce any Peace hath been made by a Confederacy where leſs Occaſion was adminiſtred for Jealouſy among the ſeveral Parties, and leſs Reaſon given to complain, that every Nicety, required by the Letter of ſuch an Alliance, was not ſtrictly obſerved: And therefore he humbly hopes, that no Steps taken for obtaining a Peace, approved by the Wiſdom of former Parliaments, ſhall, by any ſucceeding Parliament, be accounted criminal, unleſs it can be made appear, that thoſe Steps were taken contrary to the Queen's Orders, or upon corrupt Views of private Advantage: But that no Charge of this Nature can be made good againſt him, he preſumes to affirm with great Aſſurance; nor does he know of any other Perſons juſtly chargeable upon either of theſe Accounts. And, as a farther Proof, that thoſe who had the Honour to ſerve her Majeſty in the Negotiations of Peace acted with upright Views and Intentions, and without being conſcious to themſelves of any Failure in their Duty, either to their Queen, or their Country, the ſaid Earl craves Leave to obſerve to your Lordſhips, That they never attempted to cover their Actions from publick Cenſure, by any Pardon or Indemnity, though they had very good Reaſon to believe, that, had they judged or imagined themſelves to have wanted ſuch Security, it might, through the Goodneſs of the Queen, have eaſily been obtained: Nor can he think it an Obſervation unfit to be made, That, in few of the Articles which concern the Negotiations of Peace, the Charge is founded on any Breach of the Laws of *Great Britain*; but it is, in moſt of them, built chiefly on the ſuppoſed Infraction of certain Treaties and Alliances with foreign Princes, or States: And he conceives, that ſuch Infractions of publick Treaties, where they do not particularly affect the Intereſts of *Great Britain*, being cognizable by the Laws of Nations only, and not by thoſe of the Realm, are not wont to be examined into here at home, and proſecuted as criminal, but upon the Complaint of ſome Prince, or State, pretending, by that means, to be injured; and lodging ſuch Complaint, in ſome reaſonable time, with the Prince, by the Advice of whoſe Miniſters and Servants ſuch Injury is ſuppoſed to have been done: But he knows not, that any ſuch Steps have been taken ſince the Peace, by any of the Powers concerned; on the contrary, he believes, that all the Allies, except the Emperor, and Empire, made their Peace with the Enemy at the ſame time the Queen did; and that none of them did afterwards complain to her Majeſty, who ſurvived the ſaid Peace a Year, and almoſt Four Months, of any Hardſhips impoſed upon them in it: That the Princes of the Empire, who contributed very little to the War, might have concluded their Peace, upon reaſonable Terms, at the ſame time the other Allies did; and would probably have done it, if the Emperor, on his Part, had been willing to ſign together with them; which, he is informed, at the Concluſion of any general Peace, has been ſeldom done; and, particularly, at the ſeveral Concluſions of the Peace of *Munſter*, that of *Nimeguen*, and that of *Ryſwick*, was not practiſed: And he ſubmits it to your Lordſhips Conſideration, whether the Emperor, having had all reaſonable and equitable Satisfaction made him for his Pretenſions to the Succeſſion of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, according to the Terms of the Grand Alliance, could have any juſt Reaſon to complain of the Queen's Miniſters, or thoſe of her Allies, for concluding a Peace without inſiſting, on his Account, upon impoſſible Conditions; eſpecially, when no Proviſion was made, or offered to be made, to reimburſe her Majeſty any Part of thoſe vaſt Sums ſhe had already expended in Support of his Pretenſions, whilſt he failed of ſupplying his Quota almoſt in every Part of the War, notwithſtanding his new and great Acquiſitions: But whether the Emperor, or any other of the Allies, had any juſt Ground of Complaint, or not, ſtill the ſaid Earl preſumes to inſiſt, That it ought to have been ſignified to the Queen; who, upon ſuch Complaint, had ſhe found any of her Servants juſtly blameable, as diſobeying her Orders, or miſleading her, by their Advice, into unjuſtifiable and diſhonourable Meaſures, might have puniſhed them forthwith, as their Offences deſerved: But, nothing of this kind having been done, he humbly leaves it to be conſidered by your Lordſhips, whether the Silence of the Powers concerned doth not carry in it a ſtrong Preſumption, either that they had no real and juſt Ground of Complaint, in relation to the Terms of the Peace itſelf, or, at leaſt, did not look upon the Miniſters of the Queen as any-ways liable to blame on that Account: And therefore he muſt again beg Leave to expreſs to your Lordſhips his Concern, that he ſhould be charged, as a Criminal, by the Laws of this Land, for ſuppoſed Breaches of Treaties with foreign States, which never were complained of, as ſuch, by the States themſelves, during the Life of her Majeſty. He deſires farther to obſerve, to your Lordſhips, That wherever he is charged with carrying on a private and ſeparate Negotiation, it is all along underſtood with regard only to the States of the *United Provinces*; no Step that was communicated to them, being cenſured upon this Account: Whereas all the other Allies had, by virtue of their Treaties with the Queen, a like Right to a Communication of Councils; and her Majeſty was under no Stipulations to act more in Concert with any one than with all of them: He does, indeed, allow it to have been moſt agreeable to Reaſon, and to the Intereſts of State, that the Queen ſhould act in a cloſer Conjunction with *Holland* than with any other of her Allies; becauſe that, next to *Great Britain*, *Holland* bore the greateſt Share in the Charge of the War: But then he hopes it will be allowed alſo, That the States, being more intereſted in the Succeſs of the War than *England*; and that *England* having ſubmitted to a greater Share of the Burden, in order to procure not only a fitting Security for the States, but ſuch as brought great Advantages to them, though no Benefit to *England*; it was very reaſonable for the Queen to take care of the Intereſt of her own Kingdoms ſome other Way: And, ſince the Advantages ſhe demanded from the Enemy were ſuch as ſhe might obtain without any Prejudice to the States, it was as lawful for her to negotiate this Matter, without communicating it originally, and in the Firſt Riſe of it, to them, as it was for her and the States to concert their mutual Intereſts together, without the immediate and expreſs Participation of the other Allies; which, being known to be done without a Deſign to defeat any of the main Ends of the Alliance, was never complained of by any of the Confederates: And as for the Matters concerted previouſly with *France* for the particular Intereſt of *England*, without the original Intervention of *Holland*, the States were ſo far from proteſting againſt her Majeſty's Meaſures, and condemning her conduct in this reſpect, that their Miniſter proffered, ſeveral times, in their Name, to have led the Way, in the moſt difficult Part of the whole Negotiation; and to have done his utmoſt to facilitate the Concluſion of it; provided his Maſters might have a Share in the *Aſſiento* Contract, and Trade to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; one of thoſe Advantages which *France* had diſcovered its Willingneſs ſhould be allowed previouſly, and intirely, to *England*.

Theſe few general Obſervations the ſaid Earl has thought fit to add in the Cloſe of his Anſwer to the ſeveral Articles of his Impeachment, not only in his own neceſſary Vindication, but alſo in Defence of her late Majeſty's Conduct in the negotiating and concluding a Peace, the Perfecting of which ſhe eſteemed as the greateſt Happineſs of her Reign. Upon Review of the Two-and-twenty Articles with which he is charged; as he is not conſcious of any Offence committed by him with reſpect to

any one of them; ſo it is with a particular Concern and Surprize, that he reflects on thoſe Two, wherein he is accuſed of High Treaſon, for endeavouring to procure *Tournay* to *France*, and ſo deprive the States of that intended Part of their Barrier; and for procuring *Spain*, and ... *Weſt-Indies*, to the Duke of *Anjou*, upon his Renunciation of the Crown of *France*: Referring himſelf to what he has ſaid in his Anſwer to both theſe Articles, he here further aſſures your Lordſhips, and thinks it is ſufficiently known both at Home and Abroad, that his Opinion and Endeavour, as Occaſion offered, always were for *Tournay*'s remaining, as it now does, to the States-General: And, as to the latter, he doubts not, but that what has lately happened in *France*, is a convincing Proof to your Lordſhips, and to all the World, that the Renunciation was the beſt Expedient that could have been propoſed towards hindering the Two Kingdoms from being united under one and the ſame Monarch; that that Branch of the Treaty which relates to this Expedient has fully anſwered its End, and made good the Character given of it by the Queen, That it would execute itſelf; and, therefore, that whoever adviſed this Method of ſeparating the Two Crowns, was ſo far from being guilty of any traiterous Deſign, that he eminently promoted the Welfare of *Great Britain*, and the Good of *Chriſtendom*. The ſaid Earl, with all the Aſſurances of an innocent Man, begs Leave to repeat, That, as well in this as in all other Affairs of State in which he had the Honour to be employed by her late Majeſty, he ever acted according to the beſt of his Skill and Judgment, with ſincere Deſires and Intentions to ſerve the Publick, and without any View to his own private Advantage: As he was in ſeveral great Stations under her Majeſty, he came into all of them, by her own ſpecial Command, without his ſeeking or deſiring them; and he ſerved her, in all, with the utmoſt Reſpect, Zeal, and Faithfulneſs: And, while he continued in theſe Stations for many Years, it was with great Wonder and Pleaſure, that he obſerved how her Majeſty's whole Thoughts, Endeavours, and Time, were divided between her Duty to God, and her Love to her People; whoſe Good and Security ſhe preferred always to her own Eaſe; and often hazarded her Health, and Life itſelf, to procure it: He knew, that the moſt effectual Way for any one to recommend himſelf to her good Opinion, was, to act upon the ſame Principles of Juſtice, and Love to his Country, that ſhe did: And as ſhe abhorred the Thoughts of any thing burdenſome or injurious to her People; ſo ſhe often expreſſed herſelf with the greateſt Satisfaction and Delight, when ſhe reflected on the Advantages obtained by her for her own Subjects, and the Quiet and Repoſe ſhe had gained for *Europe*, by that juſt and honourable Peace: For which, as the preſent Age does, ſo Generations to come will, bleſs the Memory of that excellent and renowned Queen.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer be referred to the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the impeached Lords.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do prepare a Replication to the ſaid Anſwer.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 13° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Yonge* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to make a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife; and a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee: And that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. Speaker taking Notice, That it was not reported, That the Committee had examined, whether publick Notice had been given in *Ireland*, purſuant to the Standing Order of the Houſe;

And the Houſe being informed, That there were Two Perſons at the Door, who can prove, that the Order was obſerved;

They were called in; and examined in relation thereunto; and gave the Houſe Satisfaction therein.

And then they withdrew.

Then the ſaid Amendments were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows;

Pr. 2. L. 32. To leave out "his Grace *James* Duke of "*Ormond*:"

In the Title, L. 3. To leave out "make," and inſert "ſettle:"

L. 4. After "and," to inſert "make."

Then the Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 16° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to make a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife; and a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, without Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; without Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army, without Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the capital Stock, and yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence to publick Uſes; and for raiſing One hundred ſixty-nine thouſand Pounds, for the like Uſes, by Sale of Annuities, upon divers Encouragements therein mentioned; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk

Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Worceſter*, in the room of *Thomas Wyld* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid City, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Revenue in *Ireland*.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the impeached Lords, That they had, according to Order, drawn up a Replication to the Anſwer of the Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

The Commons Replication to the Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

THE Commons have conſidered the Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled; and do, with Aſtoniſhment, obſerve, That the ſaid Earl, inſtead of giving a reaſonable and pertinent Anſwer to the juſt and heavy Charge brought againſt him by the Commons of *Great Britain*, has preſumed not only to deny his adviſing, and being concerned in, any Matters of State, in the Articles charged againſt him, though confeſſed to be done under an Adminiſtration wherein he was notoriouſly the Firſt Miniſter, and chief Director; but has alſo joined therewith a falſe and malicious Libel, laying upon his Royal Miſtreſs the Blame of every thing, which, by impoſing upon her, he had effected againſt her Honour, and the Good of his Country; thereby attempting to reflect upon the Honour and Juſtice of the Houſe of Commons, and to caſt an Odium upon their Proceedings againſt him, as tending to aſperſe the Memory of the late Queen:

But the Commons are of Opinion, That, if it were poſſible to add to the heavy Load of Guilt, in which the Treaſons, and other moſt flagitious Crimes, committed by the ſaid Earl, have already involved him, this baſe and ungrateful Attempt, to impute them to his Royal Miſtreſs, muſt bring ſuch a new Weight of Infamy upon him, and ſo juſtly provoke the Indignation of the Commons, that they might think themſelves obliged to demand your Lordſhips immediate Juſtice for this unwarranted Attempt upon the Honour of the late Queen, and the Proceedings of Parliament:

But the Commons being ſenſible, that the Treaſons, and other Crimes, whereof the ſaid Earl ſtands impeached, and the Neceſſity of bringing him to ſpeedy and exemplary Juſtice, require, that all Occaſions of Delay ſhould be avoided; and not doubting, that your Lordſhips will, in due time, vindicate the Honour of the late Queen, and the Commons of *Great Britain*, and the Juſtice of their Proceedings; the Commons do aver their Charge againſt the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, to be true; and that the ſaid Earl is guilty of all and ſingular the Articles, and Charges, therein reſpectively contained, in ſuch manner as he ſtands impeached; and that the Commons will be ready to prove their Charge againſt him at ſuch convenient Time as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Replication be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Kent*, in the room of the Honourable *Mildmay Fane* Eſquire, deceaſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for ſhortening the Time of the *Yule* Vacance, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*:

And the ſame were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follows; *viz.*

In the Bill, L. 12. Leave out "the Length of:"

L. 21. Leave out from "that" to the End of the Bill, and inſert "the aforeſaid Act, paſſed in the "10th Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, ſhall be, "and is hereby, repealed, and made void:"

In the Title of the Bill, L. 1ſt, Leave out from "for" to the End of the Title, and inſert "repealing an "Act, intituled, An Act for repealing Part of an Act, "paſſed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, An Act "for diſcharging the *Yule* Vacance."

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Glaſgow* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 19° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE ingroſſed Replication to the Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him was read.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* do carry the ſaid Replication to the Lords.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 20° *die Septembris*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Lord *Coningsby* reported, That he had, according to Order, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, delivered to their Lordſhips the Replication of the Commons to the Anſwer of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited by the Commons againſt the ſaid Earl.

Mr. *Walpole* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and to prepare Evidence, againſt the impeached Lords, to whom it was referred to lay before the Houſe ſo much as they ſhould think proper of the Evidence of Mr. *Prior*; and alſo the State and Circumſtances of his Confinement; the Report which they had directed him to make to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

THAT, in the Peruſal and Examination of the ſeveral Books and Papers referred to the Committee of Secrecy, Mr. *Prior* appeared, through the whole Progreſs of the ſeparate and pernicious Negotiations carried on between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, to have been principally concerned, as an Agent and Inſtrument of thoſe evil and traiterous Counſellors, ſome of which are already attainted, and others ſtand impeached, of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: And the Committee conceiving there were Matters contained in the Firſt general Report, from which Crimes of a very high Nature might be juſtly charged and imputed to the ſaid Mr. *Prior*, whenever the Houſe ſhould think proper to enter into that Conſideration; as likewiſe, that Mr. *Prior* was able to give great Lights into all thoſe dark and ſecret Tranſactions, when he ſhould be called upon by the Great Council of the Nation, or any Committee appointed by

by them, to give an Account of the Negotiations in which he was concerned as a publick Miniſter; the Houſe, upon a Motion from the Committee for that Purpoſe, was pleaſed to order, before the Report was made, That Mr. *Prior* ſhould be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to prevent his making his Eſcape upon Notice of what was contained in the Report:

That this Method of confining Mr. *Prior* is not only agreeable to former Precedents upon the like Occaſions, but neceſſary, and eſſential to that great Duty and Privilege of the Houſe of Commons, of redreſſing Grievances, and bringing great Offenders to Juſtice:

That the Committee did, ſome time after, purſuant to the Powers given them by the Houſe, proceed to examine Mr. *Prior* concerning ſeveral Matters, of which there can be no Doubt but he was fully appriſed, and acquainted with; in which Examination, Mr. *Prior* did behave himſelf with ſuch Contempt of the Authority of Parliament, and prevaricate in ſo groſs a manner, as moſt juſtly to deſerve the higheſt Diſpleaſure of the Houſe:

But, finding at laſt, after an Examination of ſeveral Hours, that it was impoſſible for him to diſguiſe, or conceal, ſome Facts that were before the Committee, he was induced to declare, upon Oath, ſome Truths, which will be very material Evidence upon the Tryals of the impeached Lords:

And the Committee, having Notice, That Mr. *Prior* had, during his Firſt Confinement, met, and conferred with, the Earl of *Oxford*, and his neareſt Relations and Dependents, which Mr. *Prior* confeſſed to be true, thought it their Duty to move the Houſe, That Mr. *Prior* might be committed to cloſer Cuſtody.

From this ſhort State of the Proceedings relating to Mr. *Prior*, the Committee ſubmits it to the Wiſdom of the Houſe, whether his Behaviour has ſo far merited the Favour and Mercy of the Houſe, as to make that Confinement more eaſy to him, which his Contempt of the Commons of *Great Britain*, and his notorious Prevarication, moſt juſtly brought him into: And it ſeems worthy of Conſideration, how far it may be thought adviſeable for the Houſe of Commons to ſet at Liberty a Perſon in their Cuſtody, and committed, according to the ancient Methods and Practice of Parliament, who is a material Evidence againſt high Offenders, under Proſecution of the Commons of *Great Britain*; and who, there is great Reaſon to apprehend, would immediately withdraw himſelf, and, as far as in him lay, defeat the Juſtice of the Nation.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and to prepare Evidence, againſt the impeached Lords, be impowered to ſit, notwithſtanding any Adjournment of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 21° die Septembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he was commanded by the King to communicate to this Houſe, That his Majeſty, having juſt Cauſe to ſuſpect, that Sir *William Wyndham*, Sir *John Packington*, Mr. *Edward Harvey* ſenior, of *Combe*, Mr. *Thomas Forſter* junior, Mr. *John Anſtis*, and Mr. *Corbet Kynaſton*, are engaged in a Deſign to ſupport the intended Invaſion of this Kingdom, hath given Order for apprehending them: And his Majeſty deſires the Conſent of this Houſe, to his cauſing them to be committed, and detained, if he ſhall judge it neceſſary ſo to do, in purſuance of the late Act of Parliament for impowering his Majeſty to commit, and detain, ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, returning the Thanks of this Houſe for his gracious Meſſage this Day; and for his tender Regard to the Privileges of this Houſe; and to deſire, That he will be pleaſed to give Orders for the committing, and detaining, the ſeveral Members named in the ſaid Meſſage, purſuant to the Act, of this Seſſion of Parliament, for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips having addreſſed his Majeſty, humbly to deſire, That he would be pleaſed to cauſe Directions to be given to the proper Officers, for preparing a Scaffold in *Weſtminſter-hall*, for the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, who now ſtands impeached, by this Houſe, of High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; his Majeſty had been graciouſly pleaſed to ſay, He would give Directions to the proper Officers, purſuant to the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Report made Yeſterday, from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and to prepare Evidence againſt the impeached Lords, relating to the Confinement of Mr. *Pryor*, be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do appoint the Printer thereof: And that no other Perſon preſume to print the ſame.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the ſeveral publick and private Bills following; *viz.*

An Act to enable his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales:*

An Act for inlarging the capital Stock, and yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby Eight hundred twenty-two thouſand Thirty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, to publick Uſes; and for raiſing One hundred ſixty-nine thouſand Pounds, for the like Uſes, by Sale of Annuities, upon divers Encouragements therein mentioned; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty:

An Act for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof; and for rebuilding and finiſhing the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Woolnoth*, in the ſaid City of *London:*

An Act to prevent Diſturbances by Seamen, and others; and to preſerve the Stores belonging to his Majeſty's Navy Royal; and alſo for explaining an Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of his Majeſty's Stores of War; and for preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuſes, in paying Seamens Wages; and for reviving, and continuing, an Act for the more effectual Suppreſſing of Piracy:

An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army:

An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent:

An Act for continuing ſeveral Laws, therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, and Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scotch* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſey*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned:

An Act for repealing an Act, intituled, An Act for repealing Part of an Act, paſſed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, An Act for diſcharging the *Yule* Vacance:

An Act for allowing a Time for Two hundred and Thirteen Families of Proteſtant *Palatines*, now ſettled in *Ireland*, to take the Oaths, in order to intitle them to all the Benefits intended them by the Act, paſſed in the Seventh Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for naturalizing foreign Proteſtants:

An Act to make the River *Kennet* navigable from *Reading* to *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks:*

An Act for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex:*

An Act to enable *Richard* Lord Viſcount *Roſſe*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, notwithſtanding his Nonage, to ſettle a Jointure on *Mary* Viſcounteſs *Roſſe* his Wife, and make a Settlement on his Iſſue Male, with Proviſion for younger Children; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:

An Act for the Relief of *Anne Milner*, *Thomas Colmore*, *William Hunt*, *William Parrott*, and others, as to Cuſtoms of Goods burnt or deſtroyed by the late Fire in *Thames-ſtreet*, *London:*

An Act to enable Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns* Baronet to raiſe Monies to diſcharge his Brothers and Siſters Portions; and to ſettle a Jointure on a Wife:

An Act for the Sale of Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and other Lands there; and for laying out the Money, ariſing thereby, in the Purchaſe of other Lands in the County of *Lincoln*, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes as the ſaid Part of the Manor of *Low-Laiton* is ſettled:

An Act to enable *Robert Cope* Eſquire to ſettle an additional Jointure, out of his Eſtate, on *Elizabeth* his now Wife; and alſo to raiſe Portions and Maintenances for his Daughters and younger Children by her; and to enable thoſe in Remainder to do the ſame:

An Act to naturalize *Frederica* Counteſs of *Holderneſs*, *Peter Grævier*, *Theodore Boucher*, and *Francis Maſſon:*

An Act to naturalize *Robert de Ulieger*, *George Chriſtian Luders*, and others.

After which, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to declare from the Throne, That he had ordered the Lord Chancellor to deliver his Majeſty's Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, in his Majeſty's Name and Words: And that the Lord Chancellor did accordingly read a Speech, delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty, from the Throne: And that, to prevent any Miſtakes, Mr. Speaker ſaid, He had procured a Copy thereof; which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am perſuaded, you are all, by this time, very deſirous of ſome Receſs; and that it cannot be deferred longer, without great Inconvenience to your private Affairs.

But, before I can part with you, I muſt return you my moſt ſincere Thanks for your having finiſhed, with ſo much Wiſdom and Unanimity, what I recommended to your Care: And particularly I muſt thank you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, for the Proviſion you have made, as well for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, as for the other neceſſary Occaſions of the Publick; eſpecially for your having done it by means ſo little burdenſome to my People; which, I aſſure you, recommends the Supplies to me above any other Circumſtance whatſoever.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The open and declared Rebellion, which is now actually begun in *Scotland*, muſt convince all, who do not wiſh to ſee us given up into the Hands of a Popiſh Pretender, of the Dangers to which we have been, and are ſtill, expoſed. I thought it incumbent upon me to give you the earlieſt Notice of the Deſigns of our Enemies; and I cannot ſufficiently commend the Zeal and Diſpatch, with which you impowered me, at a time when the Nation was in ſo naked and defenceleſs a Condition, to make ſuch Preparations as I ſhould think neceſſary for our Security. You ſhall have no Reaſon to repent of the Truſt and Confidence you repoſe in me, which I ſhall never uſe to any other End, than for the Protection and Welfare of my People.

It was ſcarce to be imagined, that any of my Proteſtant Subjects, who have known and enjoyed the Benefits of our excellent Conſtitution, and have heard of the great Dangers they were wonderfully delivered from by the happy Revolution, ſhould, by any Arts and Management, be drawn into Meaſures, that muſt at once deſtroy their Religion and Liberties, and ſubject them to Popery, and arbitrary Power; but ſuch has been our Misfortune, that too many of my People have been deluded, and made inſtrumental to the Pretender's Deſigns, who had never dared to think of invading us, or raiſing a Rebellion, had he not been encouraged by the Succeſs his Emiſſaries and Adherents have already had in ſtirring up Riots and Tumults, and by the farther Hopes they entertain of raiſing Inſurrections in many Parts of my Kingdoms.

The endeavouring to perſuade my People, that the Church of *England* is in Danger under my Government, has been the main Artifice employed in carrying on this wicked and traiterous Deſign. This Inſinuation, after the ſolemn Aſſurances I have given, and my having laid hold on all Opportunities to do every thing that may tend to the Advantage of the Church of *England*, is both unjuſt and ungrateful; nor can I believe ſo groundleſs and malicious a Calumny can make any Impreſſion upon the Minds of my faithful Subjects; or that they can be ſo far miſled as to think, the Church of *England* is to be ſecured by ſetting a Popiſh Pretender on the Throne.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Proofs this Parliament has given of their unſhaken Duty and Affection to me, and of their Love and Zeal for the Intereſt of their Country, will recommend you to the good Opinion and Eſteem of all, who have their Religion and Liberty truly at Heart, and has laid a laſting Obligation upon me; and I queſtion not, but, by your farther Aſſiſtance in the ſeveral Countries to which you are going, with the Bleſſing of Almighty God, who hath ſo frequently interpoſed in favour of this Nation, I ſhall be able to diſappoint and defeat the Deſigns of our Enemies.

Our meeting again to do Buſineſs early in the next Winter, will be uſeful on many Accounts; particularly, that the Sitting of Parliaments may be again brought into that Seaſon of the Year which is moſt convenient; and that as little Delay may be given as is poſſible to your judicial Proceedings: And I ſhall, at preſent, give ſuch Orders to my Lord Chancellor, as may not put it long out of my Power to meet you on any ſudden Occaſion.

And that afterwards the Lord Chancellor ſignified his Majeſty's Pleaſure, that both Houſes ſhould ſeverally adjourn until *Thurſday* the Sixth Day of *October* next.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned till *Thurſday* the Sixth Day of *October* next, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 6° die Octobris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, Nemine contradicente, That Mr. Speaker's Speech, upon his preſenting the Money-Bills to his Majeſty, which paſſed the Royal Aſſent on the Twenty-firſt of *September* laſt, be entered upon the Journals of this Houſe: And the ſame is as follows;

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, have now finiſhed the Supplies granted to your Majeſty for the Service of this preſent Year. Your Commons had much ſooner offered theſe Supplies to your Majeſty, had not their Zeal for your Majeſty's Service, and the Duty they owe to their Country, led them into Inquiries, which have drawn this Seſſions to an unuſual Length.

But your Commons could not ſee, without the utmoſt Indignation, the Glories of her late Majeſty's Reign tarniſhed by a treacherous Ceſſation of Arms; the Faith of Treaties violated; that ancient Probity, for which the *Engliſh* Nation had been juſtly renowned throughout all Ages, expoſed to Scorn and Contempt; and the Trade of the Kingdom given up, by inſidious and precarious Treaties of Commerce; whilſt the People, amuſed with new Worlds explored, were contented to ſee the moſt advantageous Branches of their Commerce in *Europe* loſt or betrayed.

Such was the Condition of this Kingdom, when it pleaſed the Divine Providence to call your Majeſty to the Throne of your Anceſtors; under whoſe auſpicious Reign, your Commons, with Pleaſure, behold the Glories of the *Plantagenets*, your Majeſty's Royal Anceſtors, revive; and have an unbounded Proſpect of the Continuance of this Happineſs, even to the lateſt Poſterity, in a Race of Princes lineally deſcended from your Majeſty.

And that nothing might be wanting, on the Part of your Commons, to eſtabliſh your Majeſty's Throne on ſolid and laſting Foundations, they have applied themſelves, with unwearied Diligence, to vindicate the Honour of the *Britiſh* Nation, and to reſtore a mutual Confidence between this Kingdom and its ancient and faithful Allies, by detecting the Authors of theſe pernicious Counſels, and the Actors in theſe treacherous Deſigns, in order to bring them to Juſtice by the Judgment of their Peers, according to the Law of the Land, and the Uſage of Parliament.

It was not to be expected, but that the Enemies to the Nation's Peace would uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to obſtruct your Commons in theſe Inquiries; but, deſpairing of any Succeſs in the Repreſentative Body of the Kingdom, they fomented Tumults among the Dregs of the People at home, and ſpirited up the Pretender to an Invaſion from abroad. This gave your faithful Commons freſh Opportunities of ſhewing their Affection to your Majeſty's Perſon, and their Fidelity to your Government, by their unanimous Concurrence in granting ſuch Supplies, as were ſufficient to diſappoint the one; and by their paſſing ſuch Laws as were neceſſary to ſuppreſs the other; and, in every reſpect, to expreſs their Abhorrence of a Popiſh Pretender, concerning whom nothing remains unſuſpected, but his Bigotry to Superſtition, and his Hatred to our Holy Religion; for the Advancement of which, your Majeſty has expreſſed your pious Care, by recommending to your Commons the providing a Maintenance for the Miniſters who are to officiate in the new Churches. This your Commons readily complied with, truſting, that the Prayers, there offered to the Almighty, will bring down a Bleſſing on all your Majeſty's Undertakings; and not doubting, but that the Doctrines, there taught, will be a means to ſecure the Quiet of your Kingdoms, and the Obedience of your People.

The Revenues, ſet apart for the Uſes of the Civil Government, your Commons found ſo much entangled with Mortgages, and Anticipations, that what remained was far from being ſufficient to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of the Crown: This your Commons took into ſerious Conſideration; and, being truly ſenſible, that, on your Majeſty's Greatneſs, the Happineſs of your Subjects entirely depends, they have put the Civil Revenues into the ſame State in which they were granted to your Majeſty's Glorious Predeceſſor King *Wm.* of immortal Memory; and thereby enabled your Majeſty to make an ample Proviſion for the Prince of *Wales*, whoſe heroic Virtues are the beſt Security of your Majeſty's Throne, as his other perſonal Endowments are the Joy of all your faithful Subjects.

I ſhould but ill diſcharge the Truſt repoſed in me by the Commons, did I not lay before your Majeſty with what Chearfulneſs they received your Majeſty's gracious Intentions for her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs; and with how much Readineſs and Unanimity they enabled your Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue ſuitable to the Dignity of a Princeſs, whoſe Piety, and ſteady Adherence to the Proteſtant Religion, is the Glory of the preſent Age, and will be the Admiration of all future Generations.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

The Bills, which the Commons have prepared to complete the Supplies for this Year's Service, and for the other Purpoſes I have mentioned, are ſeverally intituled,

An Act to enable his Majeſty to ſettle a Revenue for ſupporting the Dignity of her Royal Highneſs, in caſe ſhe ſhall ſurvive his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales:*

An Act for inlarging the capital Stock, and yearly Fund, of the *South-Sea* Company; and for ſupplying thereby 822,032 *l.* 4 *s.* 8 *d.* to publick Uſes; and for raiſing 169,000 *l.* for the like Uſes, by Sale of Annuities, upon divers Encouragements therein mentioned; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty:

An Act for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof; and for rebuilding and finiſhing the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, in the ſaid City of *London:*

Which they, with all Humility, now preſent to your Majeſty, for your Royal Aſſent.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That it was his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned for a Fortnight: And therefore deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Thurſday* the Twentieth of *October* inſtant.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned till *Thurſday* the Twentieth of *October* inſtant.

Jovis, 20° die Octobris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the Reverend Mr. *John Wright*, Reſidentiary Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of *Chicheſter*, be deſired to preach before this Houſe, at *Saint Margaret's, Weſtminſter*, upon the Fifth Day of *November* next, being appointed for a Day of Thankſgiving for the happy Deliverance of King *James* the Firſt, and the Three Eſtates of *England*, from the moſt traiterous and bloody intended Maſſacre by Gunpowder; and alſo for the happy Arrival of his late Majeſty King *William* for the Deliverance of this Church and Nation: And that Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, Mr. *Tho. Pelham*, and Mr. *Naylor*, do acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Lynn-Regis*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in the

room of the Right Honourable *Robert Walpole* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Offices of Firſt Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Treaſurer of the Exchequer, and of Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer of the Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Rutland*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Daniel Finch* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Finch*; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of the Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Wenlock*, in the County of *Salop*, in the room of the Honourable *Thomas Newport* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of the Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Peterſfield*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of *Leonard Bilſon* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That it is his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned until *Saturday* Fortnight, the Fifth Day of *November* next: And therefore deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Saturday* Fortnight, the Fifth Day of *November* next.

And the Houſe adjourned accordingly until *Saturday* the Fifth Day of *November* next, Twelve of the Clock.

Sabbati, 5° die Novembris;

Anno 2do Georgii Regis, 1715.

NO Prayers were read this Day, becauſe the Houſe came from *St. Margaret's* Church.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Mr. *John Wright*, Reſidentiary Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of *Chicheſter*, for the Sermon by him this Day preached before this Houſe at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter:* And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, Mr. *Naylor*, and Mr. *Weſterne*, do acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Wincheſter*, in the room of the Right Honourable the Lord *William Powlet*; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid City, hath accepted the Office of One of the Tellers of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Salop*, in the room of *Thomas Jones* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That, it being his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned until *Monday* Fortnight, the One-and-twentieth Day of *November* inſtant, his Majeſty deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Monday* Fortnight, the Twenty-firſt of *November* inſtant.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned until *Monday* Fortnight, the Twenty-firſt of *November* inſtant, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 21° die Novembris;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Surry*, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir *Richard Onſlow* Baronet; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of One of the Tellers of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Downton*, in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *John Eyre* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Blechingley*, in the County of *Surrey*, in the room of *Thomas Onſlow* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Out-Ranger of his Majeſty's Foreſt of *Windſor*.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *William Stevens*, *James Langley*, and *Edward Cooke*, by *James Harriſon*, their Attorney, have ſued *George Evans* Eſquire (now Lord *Carberry* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*), a Member of this Houſe, at Common Law, and proceeded to Tryal, and threaten to ſign Judgment againſt him; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and to report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bedford*, in the County of *Bedford*, in the room of *William Farrer* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Maſter, Keeper, and Governor, of the Hoſpital, or Free Chapel, of *St. Catharine*, near the *Tower* of *London*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do deliver back to the Lord Chamberlain's Office the Book, which was laid before this Houſe, intituled, *Anno Nono Regis Jacobi*, a Book of Diet, *&c.* for the Prince's Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he was commanded by his Majeſty to communicate to this Houſe, That his Majeſty, having received Information of treaſonable Practices carrying on by ſome Members of this Houſe, has thought it for his Service, and neceſſary for the Preſervation of the Peace of the Kingdom, to cauſe them to be ſecured: And that his Majeſty has given Orders for apprehending them accordingly; *viz.* Sir *Copleſtone Warwicke Bampfylde*, Sir *William Carew*, and Sir *John Bland*; and deſires the Conſent of this Houſe for committing and detaining them in Cuſtody.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Order for committing, and detaining, the ſeveral Members of this Houſe, named in his Majeſty's gracious Meſſage, purſuant to the Act of this Seſſion of Parliament for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That it being his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned until *Wedneſday* the Fourteenth of *December* next, his Majeſty deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Wedneſday* the Fourteenth of *December* next.

And the Houſe, accordingly, adjourned until *Wedneſday* the Fourteenth of *December* next, Nine of the Clock.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION:

Requiring the Attendance of the Members of both Houſes of Parliament.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS the Two Houſes of our Parliament ſtand adjourned unto *Wedneſday* the Fourteenth Day of *December* next enſuing: We, with the Advice of our Privy-Council, do hereby publiſh and declare our Pleaſure, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid Fourteenth Day of *December* next, be held, and ſit, for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs, of the Houſe of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly, at *Weſtminſter*, on the ſaid Fourteenth Day of *December* next.

Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty-ſecond Day of *November* 1715, and in the Second Year of our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Mercurii, 14° *die Decembris*;

Anno 2do Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being met, according to their laſt Adjournment, and purſuant to his Majeſty's Royal Proclamation for that Purpoſe;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Carmarthen*, in the room of *Richard Vaughan*, of *Derwith*, Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Town, hath accepted the Office of One of his Majeſty's Juſtices for the Counties of *Carmarthen*, *Pembroke*, and *Cardigan*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town of *Newark upon Trent*, in the County of *Nottingham*, in the room of the Honourable *Conyers Darcy* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Town, hath accepted of being One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Maſter of the Horſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer be added to the Committee of Secrecy.

Ordered, That *Daniel* Lord *Finch* be added to the Committee of Secrecy.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General be added to the Committee of Secrecy.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do write circular Letters to all the Sheriffs of this Kingdom, to ſummon the Members, in their reſpective Counties, to attend the Service of this Houſe upon *Tueſday* the Tenth Day of *January* next.

Which Letter is as follows; *viz.*

From the Houſe of Commons, 14th *December* 1715.

Sir,

I Am commanded by the Houſe of Commons to require you, immediately, to ſummon the Repreſentatives of your County, and of the Boroughs within the ſame, to attend their Service in Parliament on *Tueſday* the Tenth Day of *January* next: And you are to give an Account of the Receipt of this, and what you have done thereupon, to,

Sir,

Your humble Servant.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage from his Majeſty to this Houſe, ſigned by his Majeſty; which he delivered to Mr. Speaker; who read the ſame; and is as follows; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty underſtanding, that many, both of the Houſe of Lords and Commons, are detained in the Country, as well by their private as the publick Buſineſs; and the Holidays being ſo near, during which there is uſually a Receſs; it is his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament adjourn to *Monday* the Ninth Day of *January* next: At which time his Majeſty intends the Parliament ſhall ſit, to do Buſineſs.

And then the Houſe, accordingly, adjourned till *Monday* the Ninth of *January* next, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 9° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2do Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that the Lord Chancellor acquainted both Houſes, That he had received his Majeſty's Commands, to declare his Majeſty's Reaſons for cauſing both Houſes to meet at this time to do Buſineſs, as they were contained in a Speech delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne; which Speech the Lord Chancellor read to both Houſes: And that, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy thereof; which Mr. Speaker read to the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal and Affection to my Government, and the vigilant Care for the Safety of the Nation, which you have ſhewn in your reſpective Counties, have not only fully anſwered my Expectations, but give me Aſſurances, that you are met together, reſolved to act with a Spirit becoming a Time of common Danger, and with ſuch a Vigour as will end in the Confuſion of all thoſe who have openly engaged in this Rebellion, and in the

Shame and Reproach of ſuch as, by ſecret and malicious Inſinuations, have fomented, or, by an avowed Indifference, encouraged, this traiterous Enterprize.

It is, I doubt not, a great Satisfaction to you to have obſerved, that the Powers you entruſted me with, for the Preſervation of the publick Safety, have been employed in the moſt proper and effectual Manner, and made ſtrictly ſubſervient to thoſe Purpoſes only, for which you intended them; and you muſt have had the Pleaſure to reflect, with me, that, as the Meaſures taken for our Defence have been juſt and neceſſary, ſo it has pleaſed the Divine Providence to bleſs them with a Series of ſuitable Succeſs: And I cannot but take this Opportunity of doing Juſtice to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army, whoſe brave and faithful Diſcharge of their Duty has diſappointed our Enemies, and contributed ſo much to the Safety of the Nation.

I did hope, the detecting, and preventing, the deſigned Inſurrections in ſome Parts of the Kingdom, and the defeating, in others, thoſe who had taken up Arms againſt me, would have put an End to this Rebellion: But it is plain, that our Enemies, animated by ſome ſecret Hopes of Aſſiſtance, are ſtill endeavouring to ſupport this deſperate Undertaking; and the Pretender, as I have Reaſon to believe, is now landed in *Scotland*.

It is, however, with Pleaſure I can acquaint you, That, notwithſtanding theſe inteſtine Commotions, *Great Britain* has, in ſome meaſure, recovered its Influence and Reputation abroad: The Treaty for ſettling the Barrier for the *Netherlands* is now fully concluded between the Emperor and the States-General, under my Guaranty: The King of *Spain* has agreed to a Treaty, by which that valuable Branch of our Commerce will be delivered from the new Impoſitions and Hardſhips, to which it was ſubjected by the late Treaties; and will ſtand ſettled, for the future, on a Foot more advantageous and certain than it ever did in the moſt flouriſhing Time of any of my Predeceſſors; and the Treaty for renewing all former Alliances between the Crown of *Great Britain* and the States-General is brought very near to its Concluſion.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I muſt rely on your Affection to me, and your Care and Concern for the Safety of the Nation, to grant me ſuch Supplies as may enable me to reſtore, and to ſecure, the Peace of the Kingdom; and I will order Eſtimates of the neceſſary Expences to be laid before you.

Among the many unavoidable ill Conſequences of this Rebellion, none affects me more ſenſibly, than that extraordinary Burden, which it has and muſt create to my faithful Subjects: To eaſe them as far as lies in my Power, I take this Firſt Opportunity of declaring, That I will freely give up all the Eſtates that ſhall become forfeited to the Crown by this Rebellion, to be applied towards defraying the extraordinary Expence incurred on this Occaſion.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is Matter of the greateſt Uneaſineſs to me, That the Firſt Years of my Reign, the whole Courſe of which I wiſhed to have tranſmitted to Poſterity diſtinguiſhed by the fair and endearing Marks of Peace and Clemency, ſhould be clouded and overcaſt with ſo unnatural a Rebellion; which, however impotent and unſucceſsful a due Care may render it in all other reſpects, does moſt ſenſibly afflict me, by the Calamities it has brought on many of my faithful Subjects, and by thoſe indiſpenſable Returns of Severity, which their Sufferings, and the publick Safety, do moſt juſtly call for. Under this Concern, my greateſt Comfort is, that I cannot reproach myſelf with having given the leaſt Provocation to that Spirit of Diſcontent and Calumny that has been let looſe againſt me; or the leaſt Pretence for kindling the Flame of this Rebellion.

Let thoſe whoſe fatal Counſels laid the Foundation of all theſe Miſchiefs, and thoſe whoſe private Diſcontents and Diſappointments, diſguiſed under falſe Pretences, have betrayed great Numbers of deluded People into their own Deſtruction, anſwer for the Miſeries in which they have involved their Fellow-Subjects. I queſtion not, but that, with the Continuance of God's Bleſſing, who alone is able to form Good out of Evil, and with the chearful Aſſiſtance of my Parliament, we ſhall, in a ſhort time, ſee this Rebellion end, not only in reſtoring the Tranquillity of my Government, but in procuring a firm and laſting Eſtabliſhment of that excellent Conſtitution in Church and State, which it was manifeſtly deſigned to ſubvert; and that this open and flagrant Attempt in favour of Popery, will aboliſh all other Diſtinctions among us, but of ſuch as are zealous Aſſertors of the Liberties of their Country, the preſent Eſtabliſhment, and the Proteſtant Religion, and of ſuch as are endeavouring to ſubject the Nation to the Revenge and Tyranny of a Popiſh Pretender.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return him the Thanks of this Houſe for his moſt gracious Speech from the Throne; and for his tender Regard and Concern for the Peace and Tranquillity of the Nation: To expreſs our juſt Reſentment and Indignation at this unnatural Rebellion; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That this traiterous and deſperate Attempt of the Pretender, to invade his Dominions, ſhall have no other Effect on the Minds of his faithful Commons, but to incite in them ſuch a Spirit of Reſolution and Unanimity as may confound, and extirpate for ever, all future Hopes of the Pretender, his open and ſecret Abettors: That, in order to this, the Commons will grant his Majeſty ſuch Supplies as may effectually enable him to put an End to this Rebellion, and to ſecure the Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom: To thank his Majeſty for his great Grace and Goodneſs, in being willing to give up, in Eaſe of his People, all ſuch Eſtates as ſhall be forfeited by this Rebellion; and for his great Care in ſettling and concluding ſuch Alliances as were neceſſary for preſerving the Peace of *Europe*; and, in particular, for obtaining ſo advantageous a Treaty of Commerce with *Spain*: And to declare, That this Houſe, being ſenſible that the preſent Calamities are the neceſſary Conſequences of the late Mal-adminiſtration, will not only exert themſelves in bringing to ſpeedy and exemplary Juſtice the open and declared Inſtruments of this Rebellion, but will alſo purſue, in the moſt vigorous manner, the Authors of thoſe evil Counſels, which have drawn down theſe Miſeries upon their Country.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. *Edgcomb*, Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bayly*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Aiſlaby*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Methwen*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Chancellor of Exchequer, Sir *Joſ Jekyll*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Micklethwait*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Morris*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Cowper*, Lord *Stanhope*, General *Erle*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Jo. Ruſhout*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, That this Houſe having Matters to communicate to them of great Conſequence to the King, and the Kingdom, they deſire that their Lordſhips will continue ſitting for ſome time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lechmere* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported, That he had delivered the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords: And that the Lords anſwered, That they do agree to continue ſitting ſome time, as is deſired.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *James* Earl of *Derwentwater* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *William* Lord *Widdrington* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *George* Earl of *Winton* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *William* Viſcount *Kenmure* of High Treaſon.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will impeach *William* Lord *Nairn* of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lechmere* do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a great Peer of this Houſe, *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *William* Lord *Widdrington*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a great Peer of this Houſe, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *William* Lord *Widdrington* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *William* Lord *Widdrington* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a Peer of this Realm, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *George* Earl of *Winton*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a Peer of this Realm, *George* Earl of *Winton*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *George* Earl of *Winton* of High Treaſon: And I do, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach *George* Earl of *Winton* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That the Lord *Finch* do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a Peer of this Realm, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Hertford* do carry up an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a Peer of this Realm, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *William* Viſcount *Kenmure* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *William* Viſcount *Kenmure* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wortley* do carry an Impeachment to the Lords againſt *William* Lord *Nairn*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, having received Information of divers Treaſons committed by a Peer of this Realm, *William* Lord *Nairn*, have commanded me to impeach the ſaid *William* Lord *Nairn* of High Treaſon: And I do here, in their Names, and in the Names of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *William* Lord *Nairn* of High Treaſon: And I am further commanded by the Houſe of Commons to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they will, with all convenient Speed, exhibit Articles, to make good the Charge againſt him.

Reſolved, Whereas the ſaid Peers are already under Commitment, That therefore this Houſe will not deſire the Lords, That they may be committed to ſafe Cuſtody, as hath been uſual in Caſes of like Nature.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *James* Earl of *Derwentwater* of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire, That their Lordſhips will continue ſitting ſome time longer.

Ordered, That Sir *John Ruſhout* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *William* Lord *Widdrington* of High Treaſon.

Mr. Comptroller reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale* of High Treaſon.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *George* Earl of *Winton* of High Treaſon.

The Lord *Finch* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath* of High Treaſon.

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The Earl of *Hertford* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *William* Viſcount *Kenmure* of High Treaſon.

Mr. *Wortley* reported, That he had, purſuant to the Commands of the Houſe, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, impeached *William* Lord *Nairn* of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the ſaid Seven Lords:

And it is referred to Mr. *Lechmere*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Pitt*, Lord *Finch*, the Earl of *Hertford*, General *Earl*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. Attorney-General: And that they do withdraw, immediately, into the Speaker's Chamber; and make their Report, with all convenient Speed.

Sir *John Ruſhout* reported, That he having been at the Lords, to deſire that they will continue ſitting ſome time longer, they have anſwered, That they do agree to continue ſitting ſome time longer.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the Seven Lords impeached, That they had drawn up Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Lords accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*.

WHEREAS, for many Years laſt, a moſt wicked Deſign and Contrivance has been formed, and carried on, to ſubvert the ancient and eſtabliſhed Government, and the good Laws, of theſe Kingdoms; to ſuppreſs the true Proteſtant Religion therein eſtabliſhed, and to extirpate and deſtroy its Profeſſors; and, inſtead thereof, to introduce and ſettle Popery, and arbitrary Power; in which unnatural and horrid Conſpiracy great Numbers of Perſons of different Degrees and Qualities have concerned themſelves, and acted, and have joined themſelves with profeſſed Papiſts; uniting their Endeavours to accompliſh and execute the aforeſaid wicked and traiterous Deſigns:

And whereas it pleaſed Almighty God, in his good Providence, and, in his great Mercy and Goodneſs to theſe Nations, to crown the unwearied Endeavours of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, of ever-glorious Memory, by making him the Inſtrument to procure the Settlement of the Crown of theſe Realms in the illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, as the only Means, under God, to preſerve our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, and to ſecure the Proteſtant Intereſt of *Europe*; ſince which happy Eſtabliſhment, the ſaid Conſpirators have been indefatigable in their Endeavours to deſtroy the ſame, and to make Way for the vain and groundleſs Hopes of a ſpurious Impoſtor, and Popiſh Pretender to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms:

And, to accompliſh theſe Ends, the moſt immoral, irreligious, and unchriſtian-like, Methods have been taken; but more particularly in the laſt Years of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*; during which time, all imaginable Endeavours were uſed, by the ſaid Conſpirators, to prejudice the Minds of the Subjects of this Realm againſt the Legality and Juſtice of the ſaid Settlement of the Crown; and, for that Purpoſe, the holy Scriptures were wreſted, and the moſt wholſome Doctrines of the Church of *England* perverted and abuſed, by Men in holy Orders, in the moſt publick and ſcandalous manner, in order to condemn the Juſtice of the late happy Revolution; and thereby to ſap and undermine the Foundation of the ſaid happy Eſtabliſhment; and the moſt notorious Inſtruments of theſe wicked Purpoſes were countenanced by particular Marks of publick Favour and Diſtinction; falſe and dangerous Notions of a ſole hereditary Right to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms were propagated, and encouraged, by Perſons in the higheſt Truſt and Employments, contrary to the ancient, undoubted, and eſtabliſhed, Laws of theſe Kingdoms; Jeſuitical and ſcandalous Diſtinctions were invented, and publickly inculcated, to enervate the Force and Obligation of thoſe Oaths which have been contrived, in the plaineſt and ſtrongeſt Terms, by the Wiſdom of Parliament, for the Security of the ſaid Eſtabliſhment; and, to conceal their Deſigns, and thereby the better to enable them to carry on the ſame, great Numbers of the ſaid Conſpirators, of all Ranks and Conditions, pretending a Zeal for the Proteſtant Succeſſion, openly and voluntarily took the ſaid Oaths; groundleſs Fears of the Danger of the Church of *England* were fomented throughout theſe Kingdoms, to diſorder the Minds of well-diſpoſed Proteſtants:

By all which, and many other ſuch-like, ungodly Practices of the ſaid Conſpirators, the moſt cauſeleſs and dangerous Jealouſies and Diſſatisfactions were created in the Minds of the good People of this Kingdom; and great Numbers of well-meaning, but deluded, Proteſtants, were much diſquieted; but, nevertheleſs, theſe diſhoneſt Methods were purſued by the ſaid Conſpirators with indefatigable Induſtry, as the only Means to weaken the Foundations of the ſaid happy Eſtabliſhment:

And whereas the Diſſolution of the late glorious Confederacy againſt *France*, and the Loſs of the Balance of Power in *Europe*, were further Steps neceſſary to complete the Deſigns of the ſaid Conſpirators; and, the ſame being effected by the late ignominious Peace with *France*, the *French* King was rendered formidable, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion was thereby brought into the moſt imminent Danger; and, by theſe and other pernicious Meaſures, the Deſtruction, ſo long intended by the ſaid Conſpirators for theſe poor Nations, ſeemed near at hand:

At which time, and under which moſt deplorable Circumſtances, it pleaſed Almighty God, in his infinite Wiſdom, to call to himſelf the late Queen *Anne*; and, by a Concurrence of many moſt wonderful Providences, to give a quiet and peaceable Acceſſion to his preſent moſt gracious Majeſty to the Throne of his Anceſtors; to which he was received with one full Voice and Conſent of Tongue and Heart, and the united Joy and Acclamation of every good Subject, and good Proteſtant, as their only lawful and rightful Liege Lord: And although, from the Moment his Majeſty aſcended the Throne to this Day, his Reign has been one Series of Wiſdom, Juſtice, and Clemency; his Labours conſtant, unwearied, and ſucceſsful, to retrieve the Honour and Reputation of theſe Nations, to re-eſtabliſh the Trade, and recover the Wealth, of his Kingdoms; and although all imaginable Encouragement has been given to the Church of *England*, and all Tenderneſs ſhewn even to his Popiſh Subjects; and his conſtant Care has been to procure the univerſal Good of his People; nevertheleſs, the ſaid Conſpirators have, by the moſt vile and impious Methods, renewed their Endeavours to throw theſe Kingdoms into the utmoſt Confuſion, and to entail endleſs Miſeries on us, and our Poſterities: For theſe Ends, many of the above-mentioned moſt wicked and dangerous Practices have been repeated, with the utmoſt Induſtry and Inveteracy, to delude, diſorder, and corrupt, the Minds of his Majeſty's good Subjects; the moſt groundleſs Jealouſies have been fomented againſt his wiſe and happy Adminiſtration; and, in many Parts of his Kingdoms, the moſt unnatural, unexampled, Riots and Tumults, by the ſecret and malicious Endeavours of the ſaid Conſpirators, have been procured, ſtirred up, and encouraged, againſt his peaceable Proteſtant Subjects, under falſe Pretences of Zeal for the Church of *England*; and thereby more effectually to delude his good Subjects, and ſeduce them from their Allegiance, and prepare them for an open Rebellion:

And the ſaid Conſpirators having, at length, reſolved to deprive theſe Nations of the invaluable Bleſſings which they now enjoy, under the wiſe and gentle Reign of his preſent

preſent moſt gracious Majeſty King *George*, and of the certain Proſpect of Happineſs, which they have for their Poſterity, in a Succeſſion of Princes derived from himſelf, did contrive, confederate, and reſolve, to put their moſt malicious, wicked, and traiterous, Deſigns into immediate Execution: For which Purpoſe, *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, together with *Thomas Forſter* junior, the Lord *Charles Murray*, *Edward Howard*, *Thomas Errington*, *John Clavering*, *William Shaftoe*, Sir *Francis Anderton*, *Ralph Standiſh*, *Richard Townley*, *Thomas Butler*, *Thomas Walton*, *Gabriel Heſket*, *Richard Gaſcoigne*, and divers other Perſons, as falſe Traitors to his preſent moſt Sacred Majeſty King *George*, the only lawful and undoubted Sovereign of theſe Kingdoms, having withdrawn their Allegiance, and cordial Love, and true and due Obedience, which they, as good and faithful Subjects, owed to his ſaid Majeſty, did, in or about the Months of *September*, *October*, or *November*, laſt, moſt wickedly, maliciouſly, falſly, and traiterouſly, imagine and compaſs the Death of his ſaid moſt Sacred Majeſty:

And, for the accompliſhing and executing their ſaid traiterous Purpoſe, they the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Geo.* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, did, in or about the ſaid Months, or ſome of them, and at divers other Days and Times, and in divers Places within this Kingdom, wickedly and traiterouſly agree, confederate, conſpire, and reſolve, together with many other evil-diſpoſed Perſons, to raiſe, excite, and levy, within the Counties of *Teviotdale*, *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, and the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and elſewhere within this Kingdom, a moſt cruel, bloody, and deſtructive, War againſt his Majeſty, in order to depoſe and murder his Sacred Majeſty, and to deprive him of his Royal State, Crown, and Dignity:

And the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, Conſpirators, their Complices and Confederates, in or about the Months aforeſaid, in the Counties aforeſaid, or ſome of them, did gather together great Numbers of his Majeſty's Subjects; and, with them, did aſſemble in a warlike and traiterous manner, in order to raiſe Tumults and Rebellions within this Kingdom; and, having procured great Quantities of Arms, Ammunition, and warlike Inſtruments, at the Times and Places aforeſaid, or ſome of them, did form and compoſe, or did aſſiſt in the forming and compoſing, an Army of Men, conſiſting of his Majeſty's Liege Subjects, in order to wage War againſt his ſaid Majeſty, for and in behalf, and in favour, of the ſaid Pretender to the Crown of theſe Realms: And the ſaid laſt-mentioned Conſpirators, their Accomplices and Confederates, at the Time and Times and Places aforeſaid, and at divers other Times and Places within this Kingdom, did maliciouſly and traiterouſly make, levy, and raiſe, War and Rebellion againſt his moſt Sacred Majeſty; and, in a warlike and hoſtile manner, did march through, and invade, ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom; and did unlawfully take and ſeize the Horſes, and other the Goods and Chattels, of many of the peaceable and good Subjects of his Majeſty; and, in other Places, did take and ſeize from his Majeſty's faithful Subjects Guns, and other warlike Inſtruments, for the carrying on their traiterous Purpoſes:

And the ſaid laſt-mentioned Conſpirators, their Accomplices and Confederates, during their March and Invaſion aforeſaid, in open Defiance of his moſt Sacred Majeſty's juſt and undoubted Title to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, did wickedly and traiterouſly cauſe and procure the ſaid Pretender to be proclaimed, in the moſt publick and ſolemn manner, as King of theſe Realms; and in ſeveral Places in the Counties aforeſaid, or ſome of them, did unlawfully take and ſeize from his Majeſty's Officers of the Revenue the publick Money, for the Uſe and Service of the ſaid Pretender:

And though many of the ſaid Conſpirators are avowed Profeſſors of the Popiſh Religion; yet, the more effectually to cover and diſguiſe their moſt wicked and traiterous Deſigns, and to delude his Majeſty's Subjects, they did prevail on, and procure, ſeveral Men in holy Orders, Miniſters of the Church of *England*, and who had before that time abjured the ſaid Pretender, to accompany, countenance, and abet, the ſaid moſt traiterous Enterprize; and, in ſeveral Places in the Counties aforeſaid, where the ſaid Conſpirators, their Accomplices and Confederates, then were, to pray for the ſaid Pretender in the publick Churches, as King of theſe Realms:

And the ſaid laſt-mentioned Conſpirators, their Accomplices and Confederates, did, on or about the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, or 13th, of *November* laſt, traiterouſly ſeize and poſſeſs themſelves of the Town of *Preſton*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, againſt his Majeſty; and did then and there, in a warlike and hoſtile manner, levy War, oppoſe, engage, and fight againſt his Majeſty's Forces; and did then and there cauſe and procure a miſerable and horrid Slaughter and Murder of many of his Majeſty's faithful Subjects:

All which Treaſons and Crimes above-mentioned were contrived, committed, perpetrated, acted, and done, by the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Wintoun*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, and other the Conſpirators aforeſaid, againſt our Sovereign Lord the King, his Crown, and Dignity, and againſt the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom:

Of all which Treaſons and Crimes, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, do, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, impeach the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Wintoun*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, and every of them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be read a Second time, Paragraph by Paragraph.

And the Firſt Paragraph being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſame, by leaving out the Word "ſuppreſs," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert the Word "extirpate:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Paragraph, by leaving out the Words "extirpate "and:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Paragraph, by inſerting, between the Words "acted "and," and the Words "have joined," theſe Words, "many Proteſtants, pretending an uncommon Zeal for "the Church of *England*:"

And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then the ſaid Paragraph of the ſaid Articles, ſo amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The reſt of the Paragraphs of the ſaid Articles, being read a Second time, Paragraph by Paragraph, as far as the laſt Paragraph but one, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The laſt Paragraph but one being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereto, by inſerting, between the Words "and Dignity," and the Words "and againſt," theſe Words, "contrary to the "Duty of their Allegiance:"

And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid Paragraph, ſo amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The laſt Paragraph, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Articles, ſo amended, be the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Articles be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to offer a Clauſe for ſaving Liberty to the Commons to exhibit any other Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Lords.

A Clauſe was offered accordingly; which was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows:

And the ſaid Commons, by Proteſtation, ſaving to themſelves the Liberty of exhibiting, at any time hereafter, any other Accuſations, or Impeachments, againſt the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Wintoun*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, or any of them; and alſo of replying to the Anſwers, which the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Wintoun*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, or any of them, ſhall make to the Premiſes, or any of them, or to any Impeachment, or Accuſation, that ſhall be by them exhibited, according to the Courſe and Proceedings of Parliament: And do pray, That the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Geo.* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, be put to anſwer all and every the Premiſes: And that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgments, may be, upon them, and every of them, had and uſed, as ſhall be agreeable to Law and Juſtice.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be ingroſſed with the ſaid Articles of Impeachment.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Midhurſt*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of *John Forteſcue Aland* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Sollicitor-General to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Malmsbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *Joſeph Addiſon* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

The ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *Wm.* Lord *Nairn*, were read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lechmere* do carry the ſaid Articles of Impeachment to the Lords.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine a Clock.

Martis, 10mo *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Lechmere* reported, That he did, Yeſterday, carry to the Lords, and leave with their Lordſhips, the ingroſſed Articles of Impeachment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Berealſton*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of *Laurence Carter* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of his Majeſty's Counſel learned in the Law.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Act of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government: And that Mr. *Lechmere*, Lord *Coningsby*, and Mr. *Hampden*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Edgcomb* reported from the Committee appointed, Yeſterday, to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, return your Majeſty our unfeigned Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

We beg Leave moſt heartily to congratulate your Majeſty upon the Succeſs that has attended your Arms: And it is with the greateſt Satisfaction we obſerve, that the juſt and neceſſary Meaſures, taken for ſtrengthening your Majeſty's Hands, have had ſo good an Effect in preventing Inſurrections in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom.

The wiſe and ſeaſonable Proviſion, which your Majeſty has made, both at home, and from abroad, for the Safety of the Nation; your Goodneſs in giving all ſuch Eſtates as ſhall be forfeited by this Rebellion in Eaſe of your People; and the tender Regard and Concern which you have been pleaſed to expreſs for their Sufferings; call for all the Returns of Duty, Zeal, and Affection, which faithful and loyal Subjects can owe, or pay, to the beſt of Kings.

This Rebellion, for which not the leaſt Colour of Provocation has been given, as it ought very juſtly to be the Object of your Majeſty's Contempt; ſo it raiſes in your truly loyal Commons the higheſt Reſentment and Indignation againſt thoſe ungrateful deſperate Rebels, whoſe pernicious Principles, private Diſcontents, and Diſappointments, have engaged them to involve their Country in Blood and Confuſion.

We look with Pity upon thoſe unhappy deluded People, who, by falſe Pretences, and malicious Inſinuations, have been betrayed into their own Deſtruction: But we deteſt, and will do our utmoſt to confound, the Devices of thoſe, who, profeſſing an unlimited Obedience, have ſtirred up a Rebellion againſt your Majeſty; and, under the Diſguiſe of the Danger of the Church, are endeavouring to introduce Popery: And when we reflect, that nothing leſs than our holy Religion, your Majeſty's Crown, and the Liberties of our Country, are concerned in the Event of this wicked Undertaking, we cannot but with Aſtoniſhment obſerve the Indifference of ſome in this great and important Juncture.

But

But your faithful Commons, with Hearts full of a due Senſe of the invaluable Bleſſings which they enjoy under your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Government, offer their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your undoubted Title to the Crown, in Support of the Proteſtant Religion, and in Maintenance of the Liberty and Property of the Subject; which, as they were wonderfully preſerved to us by your Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Throne, can only be ſecured to Poſterity by the Eye of Heaven watching over, and guarding, your Sacred Perſon, and your Royal Family.

And, that this Nation may long continue to be a Proteſtant and a free People, your moſt dutiful and loyal Commons do moſt readily promiſe to grant ſuch early and effectual Supplies, as may enable your Majeſty to put an End to this unnatural Rebellion; to confound, and extinguiſh for ever, all Hopes of the Pretender, his open and ſecret Abettors; and ſecure the future Peace and Tranquillity of your Kingdoms; being well aſſured, that your good People will think no Burden grievous, that is neceſſary for the Preſervation of all that is dear and valuable to them.

But your Majeſty's Care and Concern for the publick Welfare has not been confined to your own Kingdoms; and however your Enemies might flatter themſelves, that theſe inteſtine Commotions would leſſen the Influence of *Great Britain* in foreign Parts, your Commons with Admiration ſee, and with Gratitude acknowlege, the Effect of your Wiſdom, which has been able to ſurmount theſe Difficulties, in ſettling the Barrier-Treaty for the *Netherlands* between the Emperor and the States-General, under your Majeſty's Guaranty; in having made ſo great a Progreſs towards renewing all former Alliances between *Great Britain* and the States-General; and particularly in delivering that valuable Branch of our Commerce with *Spain* from thoſe grievous Impoſitions and Hardſhips, to which it was ſubjected by the Treachery of the late Mal-adminiſtration.

And as the ſame fatal and pernicious Counſels have been the Cauſe and Source of all the Miſchiefs and Calamities that muſt attend this unnatural Rebellion; and as your faithful Commons, deſirous to teſtify their Zeal and Duty to your Majeſty, and their Abhorrence of this treaſonable Enterprize, have already exerted themſelves in endeavouring to bring to ſpeedy and exemplary Juſtice the open and declared Inſtruments of this Rebellion; they think themſelves obliged, in Juſtice to their injured Country, to continue, in the moſt vigorous and impartial manner, to proſecute the Authors of thoſe evil and deſtructive Counſels, which have drawn down theſe Miſeries upon the Nation.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by inſerting, in the 2d Paragraph, after the Word "obſerve," theſe Words, "that the Officers and Soldiers of the Army have, by a brave and faithful Diſcharge of their Duty, deſerved your Majeſty's Approbation; and:"

And the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree with the Committee to the ſaid Addreſs, ſo amended, to be preſented to his Majeſty:

And the ſame is as followeth;

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, return your Majeſty our unfeigned Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

We beg Leave moſt heartily to congratulate your Majeſty upon the Succeſs that has attended your Arms: And it is with the greateſt Satisfaction we obſerve, that the Officers and Soldiers of the Army have, by a brave and faithful Diſcharge of their Duty, deſerved your Majeſty's Approbation; and that the juſt and neceſſary Meaſures, taken for ſtrengthening your Majeſty's Hands, have had ſo good an Effect in preventing Inſurrections in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom.

The wiſe and ſeaſonable Proviſion, which your Majeſty has made, both at home, and from abroad, for the Safety of the Nation; your Goodneſs in giving all ſuch Eſtates as ſhall be forfeited by this Rebellion in Eaſe of your People; and the tender Regard and Concern which you have been pleaſed to expreſs for their Sufferings; call for all the Returns of Duty, Zeal, and Affection, which faithful and loyal Subjects can owe, or pay, to the beſt of Kings.

This Rebellion, for which not the leaſt Colour of Provocation has been given, as it ought very juſtly to be the Object of your Majeſty's Contempt; ſo it raiſes in your truly loyal Commons the higheſt Reſentment and Indignation againſt thoſe ungrateful deſperate Rebels, whoſe pernicious Principles, private Diſcontents, and Diſappointments, have engaged them to involve their Country in Blood and Confuſion.

We look with Pity upon thoſe unhappy deluded People, who, by falſe Pretences, and malicious Inſinuations, have been betrayed into their own Deſtruction: But we deteſt, and will do our utmoſt to confound, the Devices of thoſe, who, profeſſing an unlimited Obedience, have ſtirred up a Rebellion againſt your Majeſty; and, under the Diſguiſe of the Danger of the Church, are endeavouring to introduce Popery: And when we reflect, that nothing leſs than our holy Religion, your Majeſty's Crown, and the Liberties of our Country, are concerned in the Event of this wicked Undertaking, we cannot but with Aſtoniſhment obſerve the Indifference of ſome in this great and important Juncture.

But your faithful Commons, with Hearts full of a due Senſe of the invaluable Bleſſings which they enjoy under your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Government, offer their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your undoubted Title to the Crown, in Support of the Proteſtant Religion, and in Maintenance of the Liberty and Property of the Subject; which, as they were wonderfully preſerved to us by your Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Throne, can only be ſecured to Poſterity by the Eye of Heaven watching over, and guarding, your Sacred Perſon, and your Royal Family.

And, that this Nation may long continue to be a Proteſtant and a free People, your moſt dutiful and loyal Commons do moſt readily promiſe to grant ſuch early and effectual Supplies, as may enable your Majeſty to put an End to this unnatural Rebellion; to confound, and extinguiſh for ever, all Hopes of the Pretender, his open and ſecret Abettors; and ſecure the future Peace and Tranquillity of your Kingdoms; being well aſſured, that your good People will think no Burden grievous, that is neceſſary for the Preſervation of all that is dear and valuable to them.

But your Majeſty's Care and Concern for the publick Welfare has not been confined to your own Kingdoms; and however your Enemies might flatter themſelves, that theſe inteſtine Commotions would leſſen the Influence of *Great Britain* in foreign Parts, your Commons with Admiration ſee, and with Gratitude acknowlege, the Effect of your Wiſdom, which has been able to ſurmount theſe Difficulties, in ſettling the Barrier-Treaty for the *Netherlands* between the Emperor and the States-General, under your Majeſty's Guaranty; in having made ſo great a Progreſs towards renewing all former Alliances between *Great Britain* and the States-General; and particularly in delivering that valuable Branch of our Commerce with *Spain* from thoſe grievous Impoſitions and Hardſhips, to which it was ſubjected by the Treachery of the late Mal-adminiſtration.

And as the ſame fatal and pernicious Counſels have been the Cauſe and Source of all the Miſchiefs and Calamities that muſt attend this unnatural Rebellion; and as your faithful Commons, deſirous to teſtify their Zeal and Duty to your Majeſty, and their Abhorrence of this treaſonable Enterprize, have already exerted themſelves in endeavouring to bring to ſpeedy and exemplary Juſtice the open and declared Inſtruments of this Rebellion; they think themſelves obliged, in Juſtice to their injured Coun-

try, to continue, in the moſt vigorous and impartial manner, to proſecute the Authors of thoſe evil and deſtructive Counſels, which have drawn down theſe Miſeries upon the Nation.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe who ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Reverend Doctor *Blackburn*, Dean of *Exeter*, be deſired to preach before this Houſe upon the Thirtieth Day of *January* inſtant: And that Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Drake*, do acquaint him therewith.

Reſolved, That *Thomas Foſter* junior, Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, having been taken in open Rebellion, bearing Arms againſt his Majeſty, be expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Northumberland*, in the room of *Thomas Foſter* junior, Eſquire, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up Articles, and prepare Evidence, againſt the Seven Lords impeached Yeſterday, have Leave to ſit *de die in diem*: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records: And that all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe be added to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 11° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller reported, That he having humbly waited upon his Majeſty, to know his Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon, at Half an Hour after Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *St. James's*.

The Houſe being informed, That the Earl of *Carnwath*, and the Lord Viſcount *Kenmure*, Two of the Lords impeached of High Treaſon by this Houſe, deſired, That *George Baillie* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, might come to them in the *Tower*;

Ordered, That *George Baillie* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Leave to go to *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, and *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, who are Priſoners in the *Tower* of *London*.

Mr. *Lechmere* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

Ordered, That the Inſtruction given to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Seventeenth Day of *May* laſt, not to proceed on any more of the Petitions before them, complaining of undue Elections, be diſcharged.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do meet upon this Day Three Weeks.

The Houſe being informed, That the Days formerly appointed for hearing the ſaid Petitions are elapſed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be impowered to appoint other Days for the hearing the Merits of the Petitions, relating to controverted Elections, now before them.

Ordered, That any Five of the Committee appointed to draw up Articles, and prepare Evidence, againſt the Seven impeached Lords, be a *Quorum*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 12° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty with their Addreſs: And that his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Return you my hearty Thanks for the kind and warm Aſſurances of Loyalty contained in this Addreſs, from which I promiſe myſelf the moſt happy Conſequences; ſince nothing can ſo effectually reſtore the Peace and Tranquillity of the Kingdom, as the commendable Zeal you have expreſſed upon this Occaſion.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech from the Throne:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And a Motion being made, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris,

Veneris, 13° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do direct the printing the ſaid Articles: And that no other Perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent illegal Impriſonments; and for the better ſecuring the Liberty of the Subject in Caſes not within the Purport of the ſaid Act;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Lechmere* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion made Yeſterday, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 14° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

A Petition of *Frederick Guliker* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but having conſtantly profeſſed the true Proteſtant Religion, and given Teſtimony of his Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, and the Good of the Kingdom of *Great Britain:* And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London*, and Mr. *James Smith*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That an Account of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year 1715; and of the Deficiencies of the Parliamentary Funds; be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Ordinary of the Navy, for the Year 1716, with the Half-Pay of the Officers of the Navy, and the Marines; and what will be further neceſſary for the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy for the Year 1716; be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charges for Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces, for the Year 1716, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service, for the Year 1716, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a State of the Debt of the Navy to *Chriſtmas* laſt be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Liſt of the Regimental and Warrant-Officers that are to be in Half-Pay, or Half-Pay made up whole Pay, for the Year 1716, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account of the ſeveral Officers in Half-Pay, or in Half-Pay made up whole Pay, for the laſt Year, that have been provided for, or are ſince dead, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſaid ſeveral Accounts, State, and Eſtimates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Bill for giving Liberty to Perſons, who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town, be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

Mr. *Lechmere*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government, was committed, the Amendment they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 16° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* reported, That their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt had been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before the Houſe the Eſtimates, State, and Accounts, therein mentioned: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers accordingly.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen; and of the Deficiency of the Parliamentary Funds; contained in Three Papers, intituled,

Supplies for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, and the Uſes thereof; ſhewing the Deficiencies of the Grants for that Year:

An Eſtimate of the Money which will be wanting to make good to the Services of the Navy ſo much as, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen, is to be paid, by the Treaſurer of the Navy, for the Complement of the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company: And,

An Account of the Deficiencies of all Lottery-Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Accounts and Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

SUP.

SUPPLIES granted in Parliament Anº 1715. — Dr.

Land-Tax of 2 *ſh. per libra*', with a Credit at 4 *l. per Cent.*			—	940,000 0 0
Malt-Act (*ultra* the Transfer) at Dº			—	406,270 19 8
By Annuities at 5 *l. per Cent.* redeemable			—	910,000 0 0
The like			—	169,000 0 0
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
South-Sea Stock for a Year's Fund to the Company	583,339	0	8	
Ditto for the Publick	238,693	4	0	
				822,032 4 8
				3,247,303 4 4
Deficiency, beſides converting Half-Pay into whole Pay, will be			—	50,886 11 10½
				3,298,189 16 2½

Voted.	The Uſes.			Cr.		
10° *May* 1715.	Ordinary of the Navy		197,896 17 5			
Dº	Half-Pay to Sea-Officers		35,574 3 6			
2° *Apr.*	Victual, Wages, Wear and Tear, and Ordnance, Sea-Service for 10,oood Men	*l.* 520,000 0 0				
11° *Auguſt.*	*Ditto* for 6,oood Men for 6 Months	156,000 0 0				
			676,000 0 0			
10° *May.*	Extraordinary Repairs and Stores		237,277 0 0			
Dº	Ordnance Land-Service		90,797 11 3			
31°	To complete ½ Pay for military Officers, *et al'*, of Ordnance		2,832 8 6			
9° *Apr.*	For Guards, *&c.*		425,900 14 6			
Dº	Forces in *Minorca*		57,759 14 7			
Dº	Forces in *Gibraltar*		37,192 14 9½			
31° *May*	An Arrear for Officers Servants in *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*		8,183 9 4			
Dº	An Arrear to 3 Regiments to 25th of *December* 1714		8,461 13 8			
9 *Apr.*	Pay of thoſe 3 Regiments to 25th of *December* 1715		35,912 19 2			
31° *May*	Pay of 7 Regiments till transferred to *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment		33,525 1 8			
Dº	Bounty-money to diſbanded Men		468 0 0			
25° *July.*	For 3,oood Dragoons, and 4,oood Foot, additional		265,754 7 6			
Dº	4 Companies added to the *Coldſtream* Regiment		5,458 10 0			
31° *May*	For the Hoſpital and Out-Penſioners (*ultra* Poundage) *&c.*		20,000 0 0			
18° *June.*	For Pay, or Half-Pay, as directed	123,698 10 0				
Dº	The like for *Hamilton*'s Officers	2,591 10 0				
26° *July.*	To be made whole Pay		126,290 0 0			
				1,146,748 0 11		
	And for anſwering other extraordinary Services, or Augmentations, relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces			93,629 19 9		
				1,024,907 5 2½		
18° *June*	For Debts on Subſidies, and Arrears to Land-Forces			250,000 0 0		
31 *May*	Deficiency of *Claſſis* Lottery of 1711 to *Michaelmas* 1714			53,322 0 0		
Dº	The like——— of 1712 to *Ditto*——— 1714			52,938 9 8		
21 *July*	Deficiency on former Act for Hops, *per* Clauſe in Bank-Act			86,805 0 0		
Dº	Fund for *South-Sea* Company, *Anno* 1715, *per* Clauſe in *South-Sea* Act			583,339 0 8		
1° Geº P.	Commiſſioners of Accounts for Salaries		3,500 0 0			
412.	Dº for Incidents		3,000 0 0			
				6,500 0 0		
				3,298,189 16 2½		

Examined 16° *January* 171⅞.
Wm. Lowndes.

16th *January* 171⅝. AN Eſtimate of the Money which will be wanting to make good to Services of the Navy ſo much as, in the Year 1716, is to be paid by the ſaid Treaſurer for the Complement of the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*		
The Fund of the *South-Sea* Company for Ten Millions, for the Year 1716, is, at 6 *l. per Cent.*	600,000	—	—	608,000	— —
And for Charges of Management	8,000	—	—		
The Money ariſen in the Year 1715, upon ſuch of the Duties appropriated to anſwer the ſaid Fund, as took place within that Year, or ſome Part thereof, and were enacted, 1° *Geor.* Pag. 398. to go in Part of the ſaid Fund, firſt growing due after *Chriſtmas* 1715, doth amount to				30,500	— —
				577,500	— —
All the Duties appropriated to anſwer the ſaid 577,500 *l.* as well thoſe in being, as thoſe to take Effect from the laſt of *July* 1716, have, by a Medium of Three Years ended at *Michaelmas* 1715, produced, in net Money, into the Exchequer, the Sum of 538,114 *l.* 19 *s.* 3½ *d. per Annum*; whereby, eſtimating the net Produce thereof for the Five laſt Months of the Year 1716, the ſame will produce	224,214	11	4		
The Duties on Salt, Candles, and Apprentices, now in being, by a Medium of Three Years, ended at *Michaelmas* 1715, produced, in net Money, into the Exchequer, the Sum of 99,570 *l.* 13 *s.* 0¼ *d. per Annum*; whereby, eſtimating the net Produce thereof for the Firſt Seven Months of the Year 1716, the ſame will produce	58,082	17	7	282,297	8 11
So the Complement which will be wanting, by Eſtimation, amounts to Two hundred ninety-five thouſand Two hundred and Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and a Peny				295,202	11 1

Wm. Lowndes.

AN Account of the Deficiencies of all the Lottery-Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer; which, by Eſtimate, amounts to the ſeveral Sums following; *viz.*

				Total Sums deficient.		
Upon the annual Sum of 135,000 *l.* granted for the Lottery, *Anno* 1710, in the Eighth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, being more than One Year, ended at *Michaelmas* laſt	144,263	6	2			
For Salaries to Officers and Clerks, *&c.* One Year	2,400	0	0	146,663	6	2
Upon the annual Sum of 186,670 *l.* granted for the Claſs-Lottery, *Anno* 1711, in the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* laſt	48,489	13	0			
For Salaries to Officers and Clerks, *&c.*	1,000	0	0	49,489	13	0
Upon the annual Sum of 168,003 *l.* given as a yearly Fund, for clearing off the principal Sum of 2,341,740 *l.* with Intereſt at 6 *l. per Cent.* upon certain ſtanding Orders in the Lotteries, N° 1. N° 2. and N° 3. *Anno* 1712, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1713	*l.* 29,001	*s.* 18	*d.* 5½			
For Officers and Clerks, *&c.*	1,050	0	0	30,051	18	5½
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1714	11,563	15	0½			
For Officers and Clerks, *&c.*	1,050	0	0	12,613	15	0½
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1715	39,353	19	5			
For Officers and Clerks, *&c.*	1,050	0	0	40,403	19	5
For the incident Expences to the Managers, and others, within the Three Years before-mentioned				7,047	4	6
				90,116	17	5
Upon the annual Sum of 168,003 *l.* granted for the Claſs-Lottery, *Anno* 1712, in the 10th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* laſt	45,568	18	9½			
For Officers and Clerks, *&c.*	1,050	0	0	46,618	18	9½
Upon the annual Sum of 160,000 *l.* to the *Eaſt-India* Company, for the Years ended at *Michaelmas* 1714, and *Michaelmas* 1715				54,678	1	11½
Upon the low Wines, granted in the Year 1705, which expired 24th *June* 1714, the principal Sum of	61,707	3	2			
Intereſt, eſtimated to *Chriſtmas* 1715	1,850	0	0	63,557	3	2
Upon the Duties on Malt, granted for the Year 1714, the principal Sum of	170,435	11	10¼			
Intereſt, eſtimated to *Chriſtmas* 1715	4,260	17	9	174,696	9	7¼
Upon the Duties on Candles, for Loans, which ended the 1ſt *May* 1715, the principal Sum of	314,219	11	2¼			
Intereſt, eſtimated to *Chriſtmas* 1715	18,853	3	5	333,072	14	7¼
Upon the 3d 2 *ſh.* Aid, *Anno* 1713, the principal Sum of	11,363	17	2¼			
Intereſt, eſtimated to *Chriſtmas* 1715	284	1	11	11,647	19	1¼
				970,541	3	9¾

Exchequer, 13th *January* 1715.

Halifax.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts, and Eſtimate, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, of *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1716:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Eſtimates are as follow; *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, for the Year 1716.

		Pay of Troops and Regiments for 366 Days. *l.* *s.* *d.*	Tot' Charge.
Horſe.	First Troop of Guards, conſiſting of 181 Men, Officers included	16,592 — —	
	Second Troop of Guards, *ditto*	16,592 — —	
	Third Troop of Guards, *ditto*	16,592 — —	
	Fourth Troop of Guards, *ditto*	16,592 — —	
	First Troop of Grenadier-Guards, conſiſting of 176 Men, Officers included	10,772 12 —	
	Second Troop of Grenadier-Guards, *ditto*	10,900 14 —	
	Royal Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of 49 Men in each, Officers included	29,420 6 —	
	General *Lumley*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of 47 Men in each, Officers included	28,596 16 —	
	Colonel *Pitt*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Six Troops, of 47 Men in each, Officers included	19,391 18 —	
	Lord *Windſor*'s Regiment, *ditto*	19,391 18 —	
			184,842 4 0
Dragoons.	Royal Regiment of Dragoons, conſiſting of Six Troops, of 49 Men in each, Officers included	12,849 13 —	
	Earl of *Portmore*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Earl of *Stair*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Ker*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Major-General *Evans*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Major-General *Pepper*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Brigadier *Dormer*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Sir *Robert Rich*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Stanhop*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Brigadier *Bowles*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Brigadier *Honywood*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Major-General *Wynn*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Brigadier *Gore*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Tyrrel*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Churchill*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Brigadier *Munden*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Moleſworth*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
	Colonel *Newton*'s, *ditto*	12,849 13 —	
			244,143 7 —
Foot.	First Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of 28 Companies, of 81 Men in each, Officers included	52,139 15 —	
	Second Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of 18 Companies, of 81 Men in each, Officers included	33,858 1 —	
	Third Regiment of Guards, *ditto*	33,858 1 —	
	Colonel *Kirk*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Twelve Companies, of 61 Men in each, Officers included	13,996 9 —	
	Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Lord *Irwin*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Lord *Shannon*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Harriſon*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Grove*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Montagu*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Earl of *Orrery*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Major-General *Sabine*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Lieutenant-General *Wills*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Preſton*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Fane*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Stearne*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Handaſdy*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Stanwix*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Sir *Charles Hotham*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Grant*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Dubourgay*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Cbudleigh*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Pocock*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Colonel *Lucas*'s, *ditto*	13,996 9 —	
	Brigadier *Morryſon*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Ten Companies, of 61 Men in each, Officers included	11,812 13 —	
	Colonel *Egerton*'s, *ditto*	11,812 13 —	

		Pay of the Regiments, &c. for 366 Days.			Total Charge.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
	Major-General *Wightman*'s, *ditto* — — —	11,812	13	—			
	Colonel *Clayton*'s, *ditto* — — — — —	11,812	13	—			
	Three Independent Companies in *North-Britain*, conſiſting of 81 Men in each, Officers included — — — —	4,108	7	—			
					465,140	5	—
General Officers, *&c.*	General Officers — — — — —	23,994	19	8			
	Gariſons, with Fire and Candle — — — —	27,926	6	9			
	28 Companies of Invalids, to do Duty in Gariſon — —	26,968	2	—			
	Contingencies, upon Account — — — —	20,000	—	—			
					98,889	8	5
	Wm. Pulteney. Total,				993,015	4	5

ESTIMATE of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1716.

In the Plantations.	Pay of the Regiments and Companies for 366 Days.			Tot' Charge.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Colonel *Alexander*'s Regiment — — — — —	9,680	14	—			
4 Independent Companies at *New-York* — — — —	7,112	12	—			
4 *ditto* at *Annapolis Royal* — — — — —	5,697	8	—			
4 *ditto* at *Placentia* — — — — — —	5,697	8	—			
1 *ditto* at *Bermudas* — — — — — —	994	6	—			
2 *ditto* at *Jamaica* — — — — — —	3,638	13	—			
				32,821	1	—
Gariſons at *Annapolis-Royal* and *Placentia* — — — —				2,016	16	$10\frac{1}{2}$
In *Minorca.*						
Royal Regiment of Fuziliers — — — — —	12,904	11	—			
Colonel *Phillips*'s Regiment — — — — —	12,703	5	—			
Major-General *Whetham*'s — — — — —	12,703	5	—			
Lieutenant-General *Sankie*'s — — — — —	12,703	5	—			
				51,014	6	—
Officers of the Gariſon, Contingencies, *&c.* — — — —				6,903	13	6
In *Gibraltar.*						
Major-General *Pearce*'s Regiment — — — — —	11,178	5	—			
Colonel *Cotton*'s — — — — — —	11,178	5	—			
Lieutenant-General *Meredyth*'s — — — — —	11,178	5	—			
				33,534	15	—
Officers of the Gariſon, Contingencies, *&c.* — — — —				3,759	17	9
Wm. Pulteney. Total,				£. 130,050	10	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Aſh* preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Office of Ordnance Charge for the Year 1716, for Land-Service:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year 1716, for Land-Service.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The Ordinary of the Office, compriſing Salaries, Rents, Repairs of Storehouſes, Barracks, Platforms, Carriages, Stores for Gariſons, and other incident Charges — — —	38,835	7	6
The Eſtabliſhments of *Portmahon*, *Gibraltar*, *Annapolis*, and *Placentia* — — —	9,962	3	9
The Charge of Materials for the Fortifications ſent to *Mahon* — — — —	2,965	10	—
The Charge of 1,000 *l. per* Month, for Continuance of the ſaid Fortifications, in purſuance of his Majeſty's Orders; which, reckoned for Six Months in the Year 1716, is — —	6,000	—	—
For ſupplying the Stores with Arms, in the room of thoſe delivered on the Occaſion of the Rebellion	22,467	15	—
The extraordinary Charge of repairing Fortifications, fitting out a Train of Artillery; as alſo of Ammunition, and other Stores of War, provided upon account of the Rebellion — —	39,660	10	$3\frac{1}{2}$
For Half-Pay of the Officers and Chaplains who have ſerved well in the Trains of Artillery of *Flanders*, *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions — — — — —	2,605	11	8
Tho. Erle, *Edw. Aſh*, *M. Richards*, *Tho. Frankland*, *John Armſtrong.*	£. 122,496	18	$2\frac{1}{2}$

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure, and detain, ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government, was read a Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Act, of

of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure, and detain, ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lechmere* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 17° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Henry Corneliſon* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but conſtantly profeſſed the true Proteſtant Religion; and hath given Teſtimony by his Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, and the Good of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Petitioner's Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Morrice*, and Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *Charles Turner* preſented to the Houſe the Ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy for the Year 1716:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtimate is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That the Earl of *Strafford* hath put in his Anſwer to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him; and have alſo commanded us to carry down a true Copy thereof, and leave the ſame with this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being informed, That there were Two Perſons at the Door, who could acquaint the Houſe with the Proceedings of the Earl of *Mar*, and other Lords, now in Rebellion, in *North Britain*; *viz.* * *Whittle*, and Doctor *Blair*;

They were ſeverally called in; and examined at the Bar: Where they gave an Account of the Earl of *Mar*, Lord *Tullibardine*, Lord *Linlithgow*, and Lord *Drummond*, being in Arms in *Scotland*, in open Rebellion, in favour of the Pretender; whom the Earl of *Mar* had cauſed to be proclaimed King, and ſet up his Standard; and that the Earl of *Mar* acted as Commander in Chief of the Pretender's Forces.

And then withdrew.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *Wm. Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon: And that Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, the Lord *Coningsby*, and Mr. *Lechmere*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 18° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for giving Liberty to Perſons who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Eyles*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Mr. *Micklethwait*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Wykes*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Gold*, Colonel *Churchill*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Pelham*, Colonel *Townſend*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Mr. *Hampden*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Aiſlaby*, Mr. *Weſton*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Erle*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Thompſon*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Suffolk*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account of Supplies for the Year 1715, and the Uſes thereof; ſhewing the Deficiencies of the Grants for that Year; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Money which will be wanting to make good to the Services of the Navy, ſo much as, in the Year 1716, is to be paid by the Treaſurer of the Navy for the Complement of the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of Deficiencies of all Lottery-Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year 1716, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, of *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1716, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year 1716, for Land-Service, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy for the Year 1716 be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 19° die Januarii;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Frederick Guliker took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That 10,000d Men be allowed for the Sea-Service for the Year 1716, beginning from the 1ſt Day of *January* 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four Pounds *per* Man *per* Month, be allowed for maintaining the ſaid Ten thouſand Men for 13 Months, including the Ordnance for Sea-Service.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred thirty-three thouſand Eight hundred Forty-nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year 1716, including Half-Pay.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred ninety-five thouſand Two hundred and Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and a Peny, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good for Services of the Navy, ſo much as, in the Year 1716, is, by Eſtimation, to be paid by the Treaſurer of the Navy for the Complement of the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Nine hundred ninety-three thouſand Fifteen Pounds Four Shillings and Five Pence be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, and 28 Companies of Invalids, and Three Independent Companies, in *North Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-four thouſand Eight hundred Thirty-ſeven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces in his Majeſty's Plantations in *America* for the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty-ſeven thouſand Nine hundred and Seventeen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces, and Gariſon, in *Minorca*, for the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-ſeven thouſand Two hundred Ninety-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, be granted to his Majeſty for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces, and Gariſon, at *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred twenty-two thouſand Four hundred Ninety-ſix Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance, for Land-Service, for the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty thouſand Eight hundred Eighty-ſix Pounds Eleven Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good the Deficiency of the Grants for the Year 1715.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into the Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. *Lechmere* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 20° die Januarii;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Six thouſand Men taken into his Majeſty's Service from the States-General of the *United Provinces:*

And the Title thereof was read:

And the ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the 6000d Men taken into his Majeſty's Service from the States-General of the *United Provinces.*

	Pay of the Regiments, &c.	Total Charge *per Annum.*
For the Pay of Lieutenant-General *Slippenbach*'s Regiment of diſmounted Dragoons, Lieutenant-General *Pallant*'s Regiment of Foot, Brigadier *Welderen*'s Regiment of Foot, Brigadier *Cronſtrom*'s Regiment of Foot, Colonel *Jacot*'s and *Rantzau*'s Regiment of Foot, Brigadier *Mey*'s Regiment of Foot, *Sturler*'s Regiment of Foot, Brigadier *Chambrier*'s Regiment of Foot, and Colonel *Schmidt*'s Regiment of Foot, amounting, in all, to 6000d Men	119,276 4 9	
General and Staff-Officers — — — — — — — —	6,757 — —	
		126,033 4 9

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Morice* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Henry Corneliſon:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being informed, That the Earl of *Carnwath* deſired, That *James Grahme* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, might come to him in the *Tower*;

Ordered,

Ordered, That *James Grahme* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Leave to go to *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, Priſoner in the *Tower* of *London*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, have ſeverally pleaded guilty, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, to the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon, exhibited againſt them by this Houſe; which Pleas their Lordſhips have ordered to be recorded: And, upon the Petition of *George* Earl of *Winton*, their Lordſhips have allowed him Time till *Monday* next, to put in his Anſwer to the ſaid Articles.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will demand Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, with Mr. Speaker, and the Mace, go up to the Bar of the Lords Houſe, and, in the Name of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, demand Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, impeached of High Treaſon, of which they have confeſſed themſelves guilty.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Lechmere* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 21° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Pynſent*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Diſton*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Micklethwait*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Weaver*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Biſs*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Newport*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure, and detain, ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Juſtices of Peace for the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* do take care, that the Scavengers keep the Paſſages through the Streets between the *Royal Exchange* and *Weſtminſter-hall* free and open from all Nuiſances whatſoever; and that there be no Obſtruction to hinder the Paſſage of the Members to and from this Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do give Notice of this Order to the Juſtices aforeſaid.

The Houſe taking Notice of the Miſeries of the Poor in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality; and alſo of the great Annoyances and Obſtructions which are, at this preſent Seaſon, in the Streets, by reaſon of the great Heaps of Dirt, Ice, and Snow;

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and the Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality:

And it is referred to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Newport*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. Recorder, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Offley*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Liſter*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Eyles*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Lord *Sonds*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Methuen*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*, Mr. *Aſh*, General *Erle*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Lord *Harvey*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Major-General *Pepper*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Liſter*, Mr. Sollicitor-General; and all that ſerve for the County of *Middleſex*, and the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure, and detain, ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall ſuſpect are conſpiring againſt his Perſon and Government:

And that, afterwards, the Lord Chancellor acquainted

both Houſes, That he had received his Majeſty's Command, to declare, in his Majeſty's Name and Words, his Majeſty's Reaſons for his coming to his Parliament at this time (beſides the paſſing the ſaid Act), as they were contained in a moſt gracious Speech delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne; which Speech the Lord Chancellor read to both Houſes: And that, to prevent Miſtakes, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had obtained a Copy thereof; which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Had Reaſon to believe, when I ſpoke laſt to you, that the Pretender was landed in *Scotland:* The Accounts I have received ſince do put it beyond all Doubt, that he is heading the Rebellion there, and does aſſume the Stile and Title of King of theſe Realms: His Adherents do likewiſe confidently affirm, That Aſſurances are given them of Support from abroad: This Parliament hath, on all Occaſions, expreſſed ſo much Duty to me, and ſo true a Regard for the Religious and Civil Rights of my People, that I am perſuaded this daring Preſumption of our Enemies will heighten your juſt Indignation againſt them, and beget ſuch further Reſolutions, as, with the Bleſſing of God, will enable me to defeat their Attempts.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The moſt effectual Way to put a ſpeedy End to theſe Troubles will be, to make ſuch a Proviſion as may diſcourage any foreign Power from aſſiſting the Rebels: I do therefore hope, that every ſincere Proteſtant, and true *Briton*, will look upon the extraordinary Expence, which a timely Preparation may require, to be the beſt Husbandry; ſince it will, in all human Probability, prevent that Deſolation, and thoſe Calamities, which would unavoidably enſue, if the Rebellion ſhould be ſuffered to ſpread, and be ſupported by Popiſh Forces from abroad.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The World muſt be convinced, by all you have already done, that you have nothing but the Honour and Intereſt of your Country at heart: And, for my own Part, I rely intirely upon you; and doubt not, but you will take ſuch Reſolutions, at this Juncture, as will be moſt for the preſent Safety, and future Eaſe, of my People.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return the Thanks of this Houſe for his moſt gracious Speech from the Throne; and for his great Goodneſs in communicating thoſe Advices, which do ſo highly concern the Safety of theſe Kingdoms: That this Houſe has a grateful Senſe of his Majeſty's Care and Tenderneſs for his People on all Occaſions; and from the Experience they have of the happy Effects of the Confidence which this Houſe has already repoſed in his Majeſty's Wiſdom, for making ſuch Augmentation of Troops, as ſhould be neceſſary for the common Safety; by the juſt and prudent Diſtribution whereof, the Deſigns of our Enemies have been intirely fruſtrated in many Parts of this Kingdom, and the Peace and Tranquillity of theſe Nations, in a great meaſure, preſerved: That the Indignation of this Houſe is juſtly heightened at the daring Preſumption of the Enemies of this Kingdom: That this Houſe is reſolved to ſpare no Expence, and decline no Hazard, for the Preſervation of his Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, and Government; whereon all that is valuable to theſe Nations, under God, intirely depends; and doth moſt humbly beſeech his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, from time to time, for ſuch farther Augmentations of Troops, as the Exigency of Affairs ſhall render neceſſary; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will grant ſuch Supplies, as ſhall be ſufficient not only to maintain ſuch additional Forces, and to defeat all the Attempts of his Enemies both at home and abroad, and to prevent thoſe Calamities which muſt enſue, if this unnatural Rebellion ſhould be ſuffered to ſpread; but alſo to enable his Majeſty, with the Bleſſing of God, effectually to ſhew his Reſentment againſt any Power that ſhall be ſo audacious to diſturb the Peace of his Majeſty's Reign.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, General *Erle*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Baylie*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Lord *Stanhope*, Lord *Finch*, Sir *Wm. Humfryes*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Deacle*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Hampden*, the Earl of *Hartford*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. Recorder, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters: And that Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Cater*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, demand Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 23° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

HEnry *Corneliſon* took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, That the Commons, with their Speaker, do intend, immediately, to come to the Houſe of Lords, to demand Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*; and therefore deſire, that the Painted Chamber, and Paſſages to the Houſe of Lords, may be cleared.

Ordered, That the Lord *Stanhope* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

The Lord *Stanhope* reported, That he had delivered the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords; and that the Lords gave Anſwer, That they would give Orders, that the Painted Chamber, and the Paſſages to their Houſe, ſhould be cleared.

Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went to the Lords Houſe.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe, with Mr. Speaker, and the Mace, had been at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords; where the Speaker, in the Name of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, demanded Judgment of their Lordſhips againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, impeached by the Commons of High Treaſon; and of which they had confeſſed themſelves guilty.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the Reſolution of *Saturday* laſt, to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him

to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, do, with all Humility, return our unfeigned Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne; and for your great Goodneſs in communicating to us thoſe important Advices, which ſo highly concern the immediate Safety of your Kingdoms.

We can never ſufficiently expreſs our grateful Senſe of your Majeſty's conſtant Care and Tenderneſs for your People, on every Occaſion, ſince your Acceſſion to the Throne of your Anceſtors: But it is with the utmoſt Satisfaction of Heart, that we now experience the happy Effects of that juſt Confidence, which your loyal and affectionate Commons have already repoſed in your great Wiſdom, for making ſuch Augmentation of Troops as your Majeſty ſhould find neceſſary for our common Safety:

And though the Growth of this Rebellion has already neceſſitated an Increaſe of Forces; yet we muſt ever acknowlege your wiſe and tender Concern for your People, in having made Proviſion for our Defence, in ſuch manner, at this time of common Danger, as muſt convince the World, that it is with the utmoſt Reluctancy to your Majeſty that any farther Burdens are brought on your Subjects; and that your Majeſty has nothing at heart but the Security and Welfare of your People.

Your dutiful Commons do likewiſe acknowlege, with the higheſt Gratitude to your Majeſty, that, to the prudent Diſpoſition of your Forces, not only the Deſigns of our Enemies to have raiſed Inſurrections in many Parts of the Kingdom have been intirely fruſtrated, and the Peace and Tranquillity of theſe Nations thereby, in a great meaſure, preſerved; but to that we owe, under God, thoſe ſignal Succeſſes, which have checked the Progreſs of the Rebellion, and which have given us, your faithful Commons, ſo early and juſt an Occaſion to exert ourſelves, in the moſt vigorous and effectual manner, for bringing ſome of the chief Actors in it to condign Puniſhment.

We are aſtoniſhed at the daring Preſumption of the Pretender, and his Adherents; and do moſt ſincerely and heartily aſſure your Majeſty, that our Indignation is thereby heightened againſt them; and that we cannot ſo far forget our Duty and Affection to your Majeſty, and our Concern for our Religion and Liberties, as not to take, at this critical Juncture, ſuch farther Reſolutions as will effectually enable your Majeſty, with the Bleſſing of God, to defeat their Deſigns.

Your faithful Commons, being therefore firmly and unalterably reſolved to ſpare no Expence, and to decline no Hazard, for the Support of your Majeſty's Title, and Government, whereon all that is dear and valuable to us, and our Poſterities, under God, intirely depends; and being moſt earneſtly deſirous to give all imaginable Proofs of our conſtant and unſhaken Zeal and Affection for your Sacred Perſon; and being thoroughly convinced, that we cannot more effectually conſult our own Security, than by teſtifying our intire Confidence in your Majeſty's known Juſtice, Wiſdom, and Goodneſs; do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, That you will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, from time to time, for ſuch further Augmentation of Troops, as the Exigency of Affairs ſhall render neceſſary:

And we do farther aſſure your Majeſty, That we will grant ſuch Supplies as ſhall be ſufficient, not only to maintain ſuch additional Forces, and to defeat all the Attempts of your Enemies both at home and abroad, and to prevent thoſe Calamities which muſt enſue, if this unnatural Rebellion ſhould be ſuffered to ſpread; but alſo to enable your Majeſty, with the Bleſſing of God, effectually to ſhew your Reſentment againſt any foreign Power that ſhall preſume, directly or indirectly, to abet or ſupport the Pretender, or his Adherents.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move the Houſe, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to conſent, that the Two Third-parts of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Leaſes, and Farms, of all and every Perſon and Perſons, who is, are, or ſhall be, a Popiſh Recuſant, or Popiſh Recuſants, convict, which, by any the Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in Force, are or may be ſeized or taken into his Majeſty's Hands for ſuch Recuſancy, and the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits, thereof, may be raiſed, levied, and applied, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty for ſuppreſſing the preſent unnatural Rebellion, and re-eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to conſent, that the Two Third-parts of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Leaſes, and Farms, of all and every Perſon and Perſons, who is, are, or ſhall be, a Popiſh Recuſant, or Popiſh Recuſants, convict, which, by any the Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in Force, are or may be ſeized or taken into his Majeſty's Hands for ſuch Recuſancy, and the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, may be raiſed, levied, and applied, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty for ſuppreſſing the preſent unnatural Rebellion, and re-eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe being informed, That the Lord Viſcount *Kenmure* deſired, That the Honourable *John Stewart* of *Sorbie*, a Member of this Houſe, might come to him in the *Tower*;

Ordered, That the Honourable *John Stewart* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Leave to go to *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, Priſoner in the *Tower* of *London*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis,

Martis, 24° *die Januarii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been waited upon, humbly to know when he would pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon, at Half an Hour after One of the Clock, at his Palace of *St. James's*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Glamorgan*, in the room of *Robert Jones* Eſquire, deceaſed.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon, was committed, be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 25° *die Januarii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for naturalizing *Henry Corneliſon* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Pynſent*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Deacle*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Micklethwait*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. Recorder, Sir *Hen. Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Erle*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Boroughs of *Rutherglen*, *Glaſgow*, *Dumbarton*, and *Rentfrew*, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, do go, with the Mace, into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and the Courts there, and the Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned;

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Browning* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That *George* Earl of *Winton* hath put in his Anſwer to the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited againſt him by this Houſe; and, having thereby pleaded Not Guilty, and put himſelf upon his Tryal, their Lordſhips have likewiſe commanded them to leave a true Copy of the ſaid Anſwer with this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer be now read.

The ſaid Anſwer was read accordingly; and is as follows; *viz.*

The Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him by the Honourable Houſe of Commons for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors.

THE ſaid Earl, ſaving to himſelf all Benefit of Exception to the Incertainties and Inſufficiencies in the ſaid Articles of Impeachment contained, and alſo all Advantages and Privileges belonging to him as a Peer of *Great Britain*; for Anſwer to the ſaid Articles ſays, That he cannot but eſteem it the greateſt Addition to his Afflictions, to fall under the Diſpleaſure of the Honourable Houſe of Commons: Yet as his Innocence, under theſe Misfortunes, is his Support; ſo he hopes it will be his Security: He, being taken with Perſons that were in Arms againſt the Government, might reaſonably be preſumed to be equally guilty, and to be juſtly joined with them in the ſame Impeachment: But, when it ſhall appear how much the Circumſtances of his Caſe differ from others, he does not doubt but your Lordſhips great Juſtice will diſtinguiſh him in Judgment; and that it will be as pleaſing to that Honourable Body, who are his Accuſers, to have an innocent Man acquitted, as one that is guilty condemned: He begs Leave to take Notice, That he is deſcended from a very ancient noble Family, in whoſe Blood the Streams of Loyalty were always pure, never corrupted or polluted with Treaſon or Sedition; and he never degenerated ſo much from his loyal Anceſtors, as to form or carry on any Deſign to ſubvert or alter the Conſtitution of theſe Kingdoms; but, for the Preſervation of it, was, upon all Occaſions, ready to ſacrifice his Fortune, and even his Life: He was ſo cautious to avoid giving Occaſion to be ſuſpected by the Government, that, about Eight Years ago, upon his Return from his Travels, he withdrew from all Converſation, and confined himſelf to his Houſe; never correſponded, by Letter, with any Perſon whatſoever; yet, to his great Misfortune, he could not be quiet or ſafe in his cloſeſt Retirement; for many Perſons, both Officers, and others, of the Militia of the Shire of *Lothian*, under the ſpecious Pretence of ſerving the Government, but, in Reality, actuated by private Pique and Revenge, ſeveral times, contrary to Law, forcibly entered, by Night, into his Dwelling-houſe, called *Seaton* Palace, rifled it, turned his Servants out of Doors, and carried away the Proviſions of his Family; the moſt ſacred Places did not eſcape their Fury and Reſentment; they broke into his Chapel; defaced the Monuments of his Anceſtors; took up the Stones of their Sepulchres; thruſt Irons through their Bodies; and treated them in a moſt barbarous, inhumane, and unchriſtian-like manner; Cannon and Mortars were brought to demoliſh his Houſe; and, ſeveral Troops of Dragoons having gotten the Poſſeſſion thereof, ſome of them kept Guard there; and, when they left it, many of the Militia entered, and kept Poſſeſſion thereof, till they were driven from thence by the *Highlanders*; by whom he was likewiſe very ill treated; he being the only Perſon that was plundered by them: By theſe, and many other Severities, the ſaid Earl was forced to leave his Houſe, and ſeek for Shelter among his Tenants and Neighbours, where he was purſued from Houſe to Houſe; and at laſt, very unfortunately, driven into the Company of ſome of the Gentlemen named in the Impeachment: He preſumes to affirm to your Lordſhips, that he did not join them with a traiterous or rebellious Deſign, but only with an Intention to preſerve himſelf from being inſulted, and aſſaſſinated; for he had been once before taken up, without any Warrant or Authority; and, having got from the Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody he was, they threatened, if they

they could retake him, to murder him; and had before embrued their Hands in the Blood of the Son of a neighbouring Gentleman: He never intended to have left his own Country; and, when ſome Gentlemen mentioned coming into *England*, he oppoſed it: He was far from aſſiſting, or encouraging, them in their Undertakings: He was not admitted into their Secrets, nor informed of their Deſigns; and was ſo much a Stranger to their Proceedings, that, when they marched towards *Northumberland*, he was told, they were going along the Skirts of the Hills in *Scotland*, to avoid General *Carpenter*; but afterwards diſcovered they were in *England*, when it was too late; and to return alone into *Scotland* was too hazardous; which he did not attempt, becauſe he had Reaſon to believe they would ſoon go back to *Scotland*.

Although he was conſtrained to keep the other Lords and Gentlemen Company, yet he never joined with them in any Act of Hoſtility; nor aſſiſted in taking any of the publick Money, or in ſeizing any Guns, or other warlike Inſtruments; or countenanced or abetted them therein: He did not at *Preſton*, or elſewhere, fire a Piſtol, offer Violence to any Perſon whatſoever, or, in any other manner, fight againſt, or reſiſt, his Majeſty's Forces; but, with the reſt, ſurrendered himſelf to General *Wills*.

The Honour of a Peer is more valuable than Life itſelf; and therefore he ought to be ſo much the more cautious, that it be not ſtained with the leaſt Imputation of Guilt. The ſaid Earl knows his Innocence; and hopes your Lordſhips will excuſe him, if, in Juſtice to himſelf, and for the Preſervation of his Honour, he does not take upon him the Guilt of Crimes, the very Thoughts of which were always Strangers to his Breaſt: And therefore, in Anſwer to the Impeachment, he ſays, That he is not guilty of the Treaſon, and other the Crimes and Miſdemeanors, mentioned in the ſaid Articles, or any of them, in Manner and Form as is therein alleged: And, for his Tryal, puts himſelf on your Lordſhips, who are his Peers; and begs your Lordſhips to believe, that this Anſwer proceeds from the Senſe he has of the Truth of it, and not from Obſtinacy, or any Inclination to give your Lordſhips, and the Honourable Houſe of Commons, any unneceſſary Trouble, or from the leaſt Doubt or Miſtruſt of his Majeſty's Clemency: But if, upon his Tryal, it ſhall appear, that he hath committed any Act, which, in the Rigour of the Law, may be conſtrued to amount to the Crime of High Treaſon, he hopes the Innocence of his Heart, and his Ignorance in the Law, will, by the Power of your Lordſhips Interceſſion, render him an Object of his Majeſty's Mercy; which he, and the reſt, at the time of ſurrendering themſelves, were encouraged, by his Majeſty's Officers, to depend upon. The ſaid Earl ſubmits his Caſe, thus circumſtanced, to your Lordſhips great Wiſdom and Judgment; and humbly prays your Lordſhips favourable Interpretation thereof, not doubting but to make his Innocence appear to your Lordſhips Satisfaction.

Wintoun.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer be referred to the Committee appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *George* Earl of *Winton*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*.

Ordered, That the Fourteen Gentlemen, named of the ſaid Committee, be declared to be a Committee of Secrecy.

Ordered, That Mr. Sollicitor-General be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vernon*, of *Worceſterſhire*, be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Recorder of *London* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cowper* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Sir *Joſeph Jekyll* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Birch* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Denton* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty with their humble Addreſs: To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer:

Gentlemen,

I Thank you heartily for this Addreſs. If any thing could add to the good Opinion this Houſe of Commons deſerves from me, it would be the Zeal and Unanimity you have ſhewn upon this Occaſion. You may depend upon my continuing always, as I have hitherto done, to make uſe of the Confidence and Powers you put in me, only for reſtoring and ſecuring the Peace and Quiet of my People.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution of the ſaid Committee; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year 1716, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the 9th Article of the Treaty for the Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out "Four," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "Three:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Word "Four" ſtand Part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year 1716, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the 9th Article of the Treaty for the Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Lechmere*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with ſome Amendments, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 26° die Januarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him, by this Houſe, for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, be read upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe a Scheme and Eſtimate of the Charge of the Works to be done to the Ships, Docks, Storehouſes, *&c.* at the ſeveral Yards, in the Year 1716; with the Time when each may be completed:

And the Title thereof was read:

And the ſaid Scheme and Eſtimate are as follows; *viz.*

Navy-Office, 12th *January* 1715.

A Scheme and Eſtimate of the Charge of the Works propoſed to be carried on, at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, to thoſe Ships that are already in hand, and ſuch as may be taken in hand this Year; with the Nature of their Repairs; and the Time for beginning and completing each Ship, and their Sea-Stores to an Eight Months Proportion, according to the preſent View of Affairs, and the beſt Judgment that can be made of their Condition; as likewiſe, for completing the Stores of thoſe Ships that are already repaired; together with ſuch extraordinary Works, at the Yards, as are judged neceſſary to be performed the enſuing Year.

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Nature of their Repairs.	Time when to be Taken in hand.	Time when to be Completed.
Deptford —	2	*Barfleur* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	*May* next
	4	*Rocheſter* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	Next Month
	6	*Speedwell* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	Next Month
	4	*Dover* — —	Small — —	Next Month	*May* next
	5	*Goſport* —	Great — —	Next Month	*July* next
	4	*Salisbury* —	Great — —	*May* next —	Uncertain
	3	*Torbay* — —	Rebuilding —	*May* next —	Uncertain
	4	*Medway* —	Rebuilding —	*June* next —	Uncertain
		Rebuilding the old Storehouſe fronting the River.			
Woolwich —	4	*Panther* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	*March* next
		Dartmouth —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	*May* next
	5	*Sorlings* —	Great — —	In hand —	This Month
		Milford —	Middling —	In hand —	This Month
	1	*Britannia* —	Rebuilding —	*February* next	Uncertain
	4	*Newcaſtle* —	Small — —	This Month	*March* next
	Bomb	*Furnace* —	Small — —	Next Month	Next Month
	4	*Centurion* —	Small — —	*March* next —	*May* next
	5	*Folkſtone* —	Great — —	*May* next —	*Auguſt* next
	4	*Weymouth* —	Not yet ſurveyed	When cleared	Uncertain
	3	*Revenge* —	Rebuilding —	*Auguſt* next —	Uncertain
	4	*Guernſey* —	Rebuilding —	*April* next —	Uncertain
		To build a Brick Wharf and Wall, from the Head of the Maſt-houſe-Slip to the Extent of the Maſt-pond; to be 160 Foot in Length, and 34 Foot deep; the old Wharf being decayed; with the Return of a wooden Fence:			
		To build Two new Brick Houſes, againſt the Wall of the Yard next the Clerk of the Surveys Lodgings; *viz.* one for the Maſter Shipwright's Aſſiſtant, who lives out of the Yard, for which his Majeſty pays an annual Rent; and the other for the Surgeon, whoſe preſent Lodgings are very much decayed:			
		To build a new Rigging-houſe, to join to the new Store-houſe, and to range againſt the Wall of the Yard; the old one being decayed, and too ſmall, and ſtanding in an inconvenient Part of the Yard:			
		To rebuild the Joiner's Shop, at the End of the Rigging-houſe, propoſed to be built againſt the ſaid Wall; the old Shop, and all the Sheds between the Smith's Shop and the new Store-houſe, being very much decayed:			
		To build One Maſt-houſe, Top-houſe, and a Boat-houſe, and completing the other Maſt-houſes and Locks, beſides the old Materials:			
		To build Slips to D°.			
Chatham —	3	*Newark* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	Uncertain
	4	*Norwich* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	Uncertain
		Advice —	Small — —	*March* next —	*April* next
		Angleſea —	Middling —	*April* next —	*June* next
	3	*Rupert* —	Middling —	In hand —	*April* next
	2	*Marlborough*	Small — —	This Month	Next Month
		Prince — —	Small — —	Next Month	*March* next
	3	*Cumberland* —	Small — —	*March* next	*April* next
		Ruſſel — —	Small — —	*April* next —	*June* next
		Chicheſter —	Great — —	In hand —	*May* next
		Hampton-Court	Small — —	*May* next —	*July* next
		Swallow —	Small — —	*July* next —	*October* next
		Suffolk — —	Great — —	*October* next	Uncertain

Chatham

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Nature of their Repairs.	Time when to be Taken in hand,	Time when to be Completed.
Chatham —			The old ſingle Dock being very much decayed, to be all new, and to be lengthened 30 Foot forward: The Bottom to be ſunk 18 Inches afore, and 12 Inches abaft: And the Apron-wharf to be 4 Feet wider, for receiving a Firſt-Rate Ship: To make a Dam to keep the Water out: To make a new Anchor-wharf, the old being decayed; to ſtand 30 Foot further into the River, for gaining a Depth of Water for Veſſels to come to the Wharf, and making ſufficient Room to lay Anchors, both which are much wanted; to be 963 Foot long (with R turns), and 18 Foot deep; to be built with Brick; and for filling it with Chalk: The Saw-houſe and Rigging-loft being very much decayed, to put a new one up, with a Sail-loft over the Rigging-loft, which is much wanted; to be 183 Foot in Length, and 30 Foot in Breadth: To build Six boarded Sheds to lay Long-boats in, to preſerve them from the Weather, joining to the old ones at the Firſt new Maſt-dock; to be 90 Foot in Front, and 30 Foot back: Two new Maſt-houſes, to lay Yards and Top-maſts in that are brought aſhore from the Ships; to be built by the Sides of the Maſt-docks; to be 100 Foot in Length, and 20 Foot in Breadth each, and 10 Foot poſt: To take down the Brick Head of the tarred Yarn-houſe, and lengthen it 30 Foot; and to carry up the Walls to anſwer the old Work, to make more Room; which will be of very great Advantage to the Service, being very much wanted.		
Sheerneſs —	4	*Southampton*	Small — —	In hand —	This Month
	5	*Winchelſea* —	Great — —	In hand —	Next Month
		Looe — —	Small — —	*March* next —	*April* next
		Portſmouth —	Small — —	*May* next —	*July* next
			To build a Store-houſe for laying apart the Stores of the Ships in Ordinary: To make Gates to the Graving-dock.		
Portſmouth	3	*Boyn* — —	Great — —	In hand —	Next Month
	4	*Ruby* — —	Great — —	In hand —	*March* next
	2	*Blenheim* —	Great — —	In hand —	*May* next
	4	*Mountague* —	Rebuilding —	In hand —	*June* next
	3	*Monmouth* —	Middling —	Next Month	*September* next
	5	*Mermaid* —	Middling —	*March* next —	*May* next
		Sheerneſs —	Middling —	*May* next —	*Auguſt* next
	4	*Briſtol* — —	Middling —	*May* next —	*October* next
		Nonſuch —	Middling —	*June* next —	Uncertain
	1	*Royal William*	Rebuilding —	In hand —	Uncertain
	4	*Kingſton* —	Rebuilding —	*July* next —	Uncertain
			To complete the new Rigging-houſe: To complete the Ten new Maſt-houſes: To build a new Top-houſe 60 Foot long, and 20 Foot high, to the Plate: To build Two new Houſes, with Waſh and Brew-houſe, on the Mead, for the Clerk of the Cheque, and Store-keeper; their preſent Dwelling-houſes being old and decayed, and ſtand very much in the Way of the new Works of the Yard: To complete the Anchor-wharf: To take down the Commiſſioner's Coach-houſe and Stables, and the Officers Stables, to inlarge the Paſſage into the Mead; and rebuilding them with Part of the old Materials, clear of the working Part of the Yard.		
Plymouth —	4	*Jerſey* — —	Great — —	In hand —	Next Month
		Superbe — —	Great — —	Next Month	*March* next
	5	*Saphire* —	Small — —	*April* next —	*July* next
	4	*Dunkirk* —	Middling —	*July* next —	*October* next
		St. Albans —	Great — —	*October* next —	Uncertain
		Winchester —	Rebuilding —	This Month	Uncertain
			To make a ſingle Dock at the Head of the Graving-dock: Dam to D°.		

ESTIMATE of the Charge.

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For carrying on the Works of the ſaid Ships — — — — — —	122,101
For completing the Rigging-ground, Tackle, and Stores, to an Eight Months Proportion of ſuch of the ſaid Ships as are propoſed to be finiſhed this Year — — —	48,117
For completing the Rigging-ground, Tackle, and Stores, to an Eight Months Proportion of the Ships which are already repaired — — — — —	35,605
For extraordinary Buildings judged neceſſary to be performed at the ſeveral Yards, as before recited	24,800
Total	230,623

Cha. Wager,
Ja. Acworth, *Cha. Sergiſon,* *D. Lyddall,*
R. Burton, *Cha. Cornwall,*
J. Fawler.

Ordered, That the ſaid Scheme and Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*,

dine, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

L. 24. After "them," to inſert "ſhall:"

L. 26. After "them," to inſert "ſhall:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lechmere* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee of Secrecy, to whom the Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton* to the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited againſt him by this Houſe is referred, do conſider of a Replication to be made thereunto; and report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 27° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of the Commiſſioners for raiſing Money by a Land-Tax, who acted as ſuch within the Palaces of *Whitehall* and *St. James's*, in the Year 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, and 1710, or ſome of thoſe Years, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Year 1705, the ſaid Palaces, which had formerly paid only the Sum of 10,686*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* to the 1ſt, 2d, and 3d, Four Shillings Aid, were then charged with the further Sum of 20,068*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* amounting in the Whole to 30,754*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*: That her late Majeſty, conſidering the indigent Condition of a great Part of her Family, and of thoſe who received Penſions from her, was pleaſed to declare ſhe would pay Part of the ſaid Tax: That the late Earl of *Godolphin*, then Lord High Treaſurer, by Order from her ſaid late Majeſty, directed the ſaid Commiſſioners to conſider what the Family was in a Condition to raiſe; telling them, That he would then receive her Majeſty's further Pleaſure: That the ſaid Commiſſioners, purſuant to thoſe Directions, cauſed a new Aſſeſſment to be made, which amounted to the Sum of 19,403*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* and laid the ſame before the ſaid Earl of *Godolphin*; who, ſome time after, acquainted them, by Order from her Majeſty, That her Majeſty would ſupply the yearly Deficiency of 11,350*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners were to proceed in makeing the Aſſeſſments accordingly: That her ſaid late Majeſty, according to her gracious Promiſe, was pleaſed, in the Year 1711, to pay the Sum of 21,000*l.*; and, in the Year 1714, to order a Warrant to be drawn for the remaining Part of the Deficiency, *viz.* the Sum of 47,105*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; but ſhe died before the ſame was perfected: That the Petitioners, having been ſeveral times threatened with Proceſs for the ſaid deficient Sum of 47,105*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* have endeavoured to raiſe the ſame by Re-aſſeſſments; but many of the Perſons liable to ſuch Re-aſſeſſments being dead, or removed from their Employments, and gone to diſtant Habitations, or become inſolvent: And praying to give ſuch Relief therein as to this Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem moſt proper.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of the Twenty-third Inſtant, had been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to conſent, that the Two Third-Parts of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Leaſes, and Farms, of all and every Perſon or Perſons, who is, or are, or ſhall be, a Popiſh Recuſant, or Popiſh Recuſants, convict, which, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in Force, are, or may be, ſeized, or taken into his Majeſty's Hands, for ſuch Recuſancy, and the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, may be raiſed, levied, and applied, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty for ſuppreſſing the preſent unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom; and that his Majeſty had commanded him to acquaint this Houſe, That he does conſent to what this Houſe deſires of his Majeſty.

A Petition of *Joſeph Quilter*, *John Elliſon*, *John Key*, and *Andrew Vergez*, in behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Perſons, both Natives and Foreigners, concerned in the ſeveral Lotteries, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the ſeveral Acts of Parliament relating to the Lotteries, it is Enacted, That, to encourage Perſons to advance their Money, no Fee or Reward ſhall be taken, directly or indirectly, of any Adventurer in the ſaid Lotteries, by any Officer of the Exchequer, or other Officer or Perſon whatſoever; but that the Crown ſhall ſatisfy all Perſons any-ways employed therein out of the Money granted by Parliament; notwithſtanding which, your Petitioners have been obliged to pay Fees to the Auditors of the Impreſts, before they could receive, out of his Majeſty's Exchequer, what was due upon ſeveral Lottery-Orders, as the Petitioners are ready to make appear: That, in particular, the Petitioner *Joſeph Quilter*, being impowered by one *Robert Smethberd* to receive Six Shillings, being Half a Year's Intereſt due to the ſaid *Smethberd* on a Ten Pound Lottery-Order, the Petitioner was obliged to pay Three Shillings and Three Pence Half-peny at the Office of Mr. Auditor *Foley*, on the 3d of *December* laſt, before the Petitioner could receive the ſaid Six Shillings at the Exchequer; which ſaid Sum was demanded of the ſaid *Quilter*, as a Fee due to the Auditor, by the ſaid Auditor's Officers: That the Petitioner *John Eliſon* being appointed Executor to *Martha Taylour*, and Guardian to Four Orphans, the Children of the ſaid *Taylour*, and being, by her laſt Will, impowered to receive the Intereſt of One Lottery-Order for the Uſe of the ſaid Four Orphans, the Petitioner was obliged to pay Three Shillings and Four Pence, the Money of the ſaid Orphans, on the 9th of *November* laſt, at the Office of Mr. Auditor *Harley*, before the Petitioner could receive any Intereſt at the Exchequer due to the ſaid Orphans on the ſaid Lottery-Orders; which Sum was demanded, as the Auditor's Fee, by the Officers of the ſaid Mr. *Harley*: That the Petitioner *John Key* was obliged to pay, on the 10th of *December* laſt, at the Office of Mr. Auditor *Harley*, 3*s.* 4*d.* for entering an Aſſignment of the Intereſt of a Ten Pound Lottery-Order; which ſaid Sum was demanded of him the ſaid *Key*, as the Auditor's Fee, by the ſaid Auditor's Officers: That the Petitioner *Andrew Vergez*, being concerned for ſeveral foreign Proteſtants in advancing Money, purſuant

purſuant to ſeveral Acts of Parliament, for carrying on the War againſt *France*; and being afterwards employed by them to receive the Intereſt due on ſeveral Lottery-Orders, and ſometimes to make Aſſignments of Orders; the Petitioner has been often obliged to pay Fees in the Offices of both the Auditors of the Impreſts, on account of receiving the ſaid Intereſt, and making the ſaid Aſſignments; in particular, of the Office of Mr. *Harley*, the Petitioner paid Three Pounds at one time, on the 13th Day of *Auguſt* 1712, for the Auditor's Fees, about ſome Lottery-Orders: That the Auditor's Deputy, and his other Officers, demanded ſometimes Three Shillings and Four Pence, ſometimes Six Shillings and Eight Pence, and ſometimes Ten Shillings, for entering a ſingle Inſtrument relating to the Lotteries; and, although the Petitioner complained frequently of ſo hard Uſage, he could get no Redreſs; except that at one time, after a very great deal of Trouble to the Petitioner, Mr. *Harley*'s Deputy did take Six Shillings and Eight Pence, inſtead of Ten Shillings; which he inſiſted upon for ſeveral Days together: That the ſaid Auditors have not only obliged the Petitioners to pay Fees on the Accounts before-mentioned, but likewiſe many Thouſands of Perſons beſides, both Natives and Foreigners; and ſtill continue daily ſo to do: All which Practices of the ſaid Auditors, the Petitioners are adviſed, are not only directly contrary to ſeveral Acts of Parliament, and to the Prejudice of the Parties concerned: And praying to take the ſame into your ſerious Conſideration, that a ſpeedy Stop may be put to the ſaid Practices, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem moſt meet.

To which Mr. *Harley* and Mr. *Foley*, the ſaid Auditors, were ſeverally heard in their Places.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Briſtow:*	105.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Drew:*	119.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of the Committee of Secrecy, to whom the Anſwer of the Earl of *Winton* is referred, as are Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, be impowered to examine, in the moſt ſolemn manner, ſuch Perſons as ſhall be judged neceſſary to be produced as Evidence at the Tryal of the ſaid Earl.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Six thouſand Men, taken into his Majeſty's Service from the States-General of the *United Provinces*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Scheme, and Eſtimate, of the Charge of the Works to be done to the Ships, Docks, Store-houſes, *&c.* at the ſeveral Yards, in the Year 1716, with the Time when each may be completed, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Seven-night, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Seven-night, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 28vo die Januarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pulteney* acquainted the Houſe, That he was commanded by his Majeſty to lay before this Houſe a Copy of the Treaty, made by Mr. *Cadogan*, with the States-General, for a Body of Six thouſand Men, taken into his Majeſty's Service; with a Tranſlation thereof:

And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe accordingly:

And the ſaid Tranſlation was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Treaty made between Mr. *Cadogan*, Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of his *Britannick* Majeſty, and Monſieur *Geldermalſen*, authorized for this Purpoſe by their Highneſſes the Council of State of the *United Provinces*, according to the Reſolution of the 30th Day of *October* 1715, concerning the Body of Six thouſand Men, which their High and Mightineſſes the States-General ſend into *England*.

Art. I.

THAT ſuch Part of the ſaid Six thouſand Men as do conſiſt of the National Troops of the States, ſhall be paid by his *Britannick* Majeſty upon the ſame Foot with the *Britiſh* Troops; and the *Swiſs*, according to their Capitulation made with their High and Mightineſſes the States-General; and the ſaid Troops ſhall enjoy the ſame Advantages, with regard to the Delivery of Bread, Forage, Tents, Waggons, Quarters, Hoſpitals, Recruiting-money, and other Benefits, as the National *Britiſh* Troops enjoy, and ſuch as the Troops of their High and Mightineſſes which ſerved formerly in *England* did enjoy.

Art. II.

The Pay ſhall begin from the Day the Troops embark; and ſhall continue to the Day of their Landing in ſuch Port as their High and Mightineſſes ſhall pleaſe to appoint: Provided always, That the Forces which come to ſupply the Place of the ſaid Six thouſand Men, ſhall no longer be chargeable to their High and Mightineſſes than from the Day on which this Body of Six thouſand Men ſhall be embarked, to the Day on which they land.

Art. III.

His *Britannick* Majeſty ſhall cauſe Two Months full Pay to be advanced to the ſaid Troops, or ſo much leſs as ſhall be thought for the Good of the Troops: The ſame Advance ſhall be made to the General Officers, and others, that go over with the ſaid Body; a Liſt whereof is annexed at the End of this Treaty: And whereas ſeveral Non-commiſſioned Officers are wanting to this Body of Troops, beſides One Serjeant, and One Drum, to each Company, who are now to be raiſed, the Officers ſhall have an Allowance made, to enable them to bear that Expence.

Art. IV.

This Body, with the General Officers, Etat-Major, and all others included in the Liſt hereunto annexed, ſhall take the Oaths to be faithful to his *Britannick* Majeſty for the time they ſhall remain in his Service.

Art. V.

The military Employments which ſhall become vacant in the ſaid Body of Troops, whilſt it is in the Pay of his *Britannick* Majeſty, ſhall be filled up by their High and Mightineſſes, or by the Provinces who have a Right to the ſame.

Art. VI.

The ſaid Body ſhall have their own ſeparate and particular Court Martial; and ſhall not be liable to be tried by any other.

Art. VII.

This Body, as well in Quarters as in the Field, ſhall not be divided, but when the Neceſſity of the King's Affairs, and the Service of the War, ſhall require; and, in caſe they are ſeparated, the ſaid Regiments ſhall be quartered as near one another as poſſible: This to be done after having adviſed with, and taken the Opinion of, the General of the ſaid Troops hereupon.

Art. VIII.

The Orders for the ſaid Troops ſhall always be directed to the General of the States who commands them, at leaſt as much as the Service of the War will permit.

Art. IX.

This Body ſhall be proviſionally in the Service of his *Britannick* Majeſty for the Space of Six Months, unleſs his Majeſty ſhould not have Occaſion for them ſo long; when his Majeſty ſhall be at Liberty to ſend them back ſooner; provided Notice thereof be given their High and Mightineſſes a Month beforehand; and the States-General ſhall be at Liberty to recal the ſaid Body of Troops ſooner, if they ſhould have Need of them, for their own Defence againſt any foreign Enemies; in which Caſe, his *Britannick* Majeſty ſhall be at Liberty to recal likewiſe the Body of Troops which he has cauſed to march from *Germany*, to ſupply their Place.

Liſt of Officers, and their Employments.

A Lieutenant-General:
One Major-General:
Three Brigadiers General:
One Lieutenant Quarter-maſter General:
Three Aid-de-Camps:
Three Majors of Brigade:
One Auditor:
One Lieutenant Waghemaitre General:
Fifty Companies of Foot, conſiſting of Fifty Men each:
Five Etats-Major and Sous-Etats Major of Regiments:
One Regiment of diſmounted Dragoons, of Eight Companies, each conſiſting of Sixty-ſeven private Men:
One Etat-Major:
Twenty-eight *Swiſs* Companies, of 150 Men in each, at *f.* 2,401 : 8 : 11 *per* Month — — *f.*48,028 : 18 :
Two Etats-Majors, at *f.* 1,549 : 7 : 6 — 3,098 : 15 :
One Demi-Etat-Major of *Sturler*'s Regiment — — — — 470 :
One Demi-Etat-Major of *May*'s Regiment: — — — — 545 :
Two Chaplains:
One Phyſician:
One Surgeon-General, and Two Servants:
Two Commiſſaries:
One Lieutenant-Prevôt, with his Servants.

Concluded at *Antwerp*, this 14th *November* 1715.

Wm. Cadogan. *Adr. Van Burſſelle.* *M. Geldermalſen.*

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred twenty-ſix thouſand Thirty-three Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of Six thouſand Men taken into his Majeſty's Service from the States-General of the *United Provinces*; and for the Charge of the General Officers belonging to the ſame; for One Year.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred twenty-ſix thouſand Thirty-three Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of Six thouſand Men, taken into his Majeſty's Service from the States-General of the *United Provinces*; and for the Charge of the General Officers belonging to the ſame; for One Year.

Ordered, That *John Bayntun* and *John Norris* Eſquires have Leave to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Borough of *Chippenham*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give the ſtricteſt Orders to all Perſons, in all Offices whatſoever, claiming or taking any Fees upon Account of their Offices, to ſet up in ſome publick Place of the ſaid Offices (to which every body may have free Acceſs) an exact Table of all Fees due to them, or demanded or taken by them; and that no Perſon whatſoever ſhall take any more than their ancient, juſt, and legal Fees, upon pain of being removed from their Offices, and proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe an Account of ſeveral Expences incurred for the Service of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1715, and not provided for by Parliament: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of ſeveral extraordinary Expences, relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1716:

And the Titles of the ſaid Account and Eſtimate were read.

The ſaid Account and Eſtimate are as follows; *viz.*

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AN Account of ſeveral Expences incurred for the Service of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in the Year 1715, not provided for by Parliament.

		Pay to the 24° *December*.	Levy-money.	Total.
For the Pay of 10 Men added to each Troop of the Royal Regiment of Horſe-Guards, for 61 Days, from the 25th *October* 1715, to the 24th *December* following, incluſive, at 11 *l.* 5 *s.* 0 *d. per diem*		686 5 —	1,800 — —	
General *Lumley*'s, *ditto*		686 5 —	1,800 — —	
Lord *Windſor*'s *ditto*, at 7 *l.* 10 *s. per diem*		457 10 —	1,200 — —	
For the Pay of Colonel *Pitt*'s Regiment, from the 21th of *July* 1715, to the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to the 24° *October* following, incluſive, being 96 Days, at 45 *l.* 9 *s.* 8 *d. per diem*	4,366 8 0			
For their Pay from the 25° *October* to the 24th *December*, being 61 Days; with an Addition of 10 Men to each Troop, at 52 *l.* 19 *s.* 8 *d. per diem*	3,231 19 8			
		7,598 7 8	1,200 — —	
		9,428 7 8	6,000 — —	15,428 7 8
For the Pay of 10 additional Men to each Troop of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons, for 61 Days, from the 25th *October* 1715, at 4 *l.* 10 *s.* a Day		274 10 —	900 — —	
His Majeſty's own Regiment of Dragoons, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Earl of *Portmore*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Earl of *Stair*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Kerr*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Major-General *Pepper*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Brigadier *Dormer*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Sir *Robert Rich*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Stanhope*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Brigadier *Bowles*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Brigadier *Honywood*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Major-General *Wynn*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Brigadier *Munden*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Brigadier *Gore*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Tyrrell*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Churchill*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Moleſworth*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
Colonel *Newton*'s, *ditto*		274 10 —	900 — —	
For the Pay of Major-General *Evans*'s Regiment, from the 13° *October*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to the 24th of the ſaid Month, being 12 Days, at 30 *l.* 12 *s.* 2 *d. per diem*	*l.* *s.* *d.* 367 6 0			
For their Pay from the 25° of *October* to the 24° of *December* following, incl. being 61 Days; with an Addition of 10 Men to each Troop, at 35 *l.* 2 *s.* 2 *d. per diem*	2,141 12 2			
		2,508 18 2	900 — —	
		7,449 18 2	17,100 — —	24,549 18 2
				39,978 5 10
For the Pay of an Adjutant, One Serjeant, One Corporal, and 30 private Men, to each Company of the Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards, from the 26° *September* 1715 to 24° *December* following, being 90 Days, at 38 *l.* 14 *s.*		3,483 — —	1,680 — —	
Coldſtream Regiment of Guards, *ditto*, at 24 *l.* 19 *s.*		2,245 10 —	1,080 — —	
Third Regiment of Guards, *ditto*		2,245 10 —	1,080 — —	
The Pay of Two additional Companies, and 10 Corporals, 10 Drums, and 10 additional Men, to each of the 10 Companies of Colonel *Kirk*'s Regiment, to complete them to 50 Men in each, with a Quarter-maſter, in lieu of the Drum-major, for the ſame time, at 10 *l.* 9 *s.* 2 *d. per diem*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s Regiment, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Colonel *Handaſyd*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Brigadier *Stanwix*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Sir *Charles Hotham*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Colonel *Dubourgay*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Brigadier *Grant*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	
Colonel *Rudleigh*'s, *ditto*		941 5 —	392 — —	

Colonel

		Pay to 24° *December*.	Levy-money.	Total.
Colonel *Pocock*'s, *ditto* —— —— ——		941 5 —	392 — —	
Colonel *Lucas*'s, *ditto* —— —— ——		941 5 —	392 — —	
For the Pay of 12 additional Corporals, and 108 private Men, to Colonel *Harriſon*'s Regiment, for the ſame time, at 4 *l.* 4 *s.* *per diem* —— —— ——	378 — —		210 — —	
For the Pay of 12 additional Corporals, and 164 private Men, to Brigadier *Grove*'s Regiment, for the ſame time, at 6 *l.* 1 *s.* 4 *d.* *per diem* —— ——	546 — —		322 — —	
For the Pay of 12 additional Corporals, and 163 private Men, with an Addition of 8 *d.* *per* Day to the Quarter-maſter, to complete Brigadier *Stearne*'s Regiment to 50 Men in each Company, from 15° *November* to 24° *December*, both incl. being 40 Days, at 6 *l.* 1 *s.* 4 *d.* *per diem* —— —— —— ——	242 13 4		344 — —	
For the Pay of Major-General *Sabine*'s Regiment, from 31th *Auguſt*, the Day it came from *Ireland*, to 25° *September* following, incl. being 26 Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* —— ——	685 15			
For their Pay from 26° *September*, the Day they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to 24° *December* following, being 90 Days, at 38 *l.* 4 *s.* 10 *d.* —— ——	3,441 15			
	4,127 10 —		552 — —	
For the Pay of Colonel *Fane*'s Regiment, from the 4th *September* 1715, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 25 *ditto*, incl. being 22 Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* —— ——	580 5			
For their Pay from 26° *September*, when they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to 24° *December* following, at 38 *l.* 4 *s.* 10 *d.* —— —— ——	3,441 15			
	4,022 — —		552 — —	
For the Pay of Brigadier *Preſton*'s Regiment, from 5 *September* 1715, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 25° *ditto*, incl. being 21 Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* —— —— ——	553 17 6			
For their Pay from 26° *September*, when they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to 24° *December* following, at 38 *l.* 4 *s.* 10 *d.*	3,441 15			
	3,995 12 6		552 — —	
For the Pay of Major-General *Wightman*'s Regiment, from the 8° of *October*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 24° *ditto*, incl. being 17 Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* —— —— ——	448 7 6			
For their Pay from 25° *October*, when they were augmented to 10 Companies, of 50 private ... in each, to 24° *December* following, at 32 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* —— —— ——	1,968 15 6			
	2,417 3 —		360 — —	
For the Pay of Brigadier *Morryſon*'s Regiment, from 20° *October*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 24° *ditto*, incl. being Five Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* —— —— ——	131 17 6			
For their Pay from 25° *October*, when they were augmented to 10 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to the 24° *December*, incl. being 61 Days, at 32 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* —— ——	1,968 15 6			
	2,100 13 —		360 — —	
Colonel *Clayton*'s Regiment, the like —— ——	2,100 13 —		360 — —	
For the Pay of Colonel *Edgerton*'s Regiment, from 25° *October*, the Day they came from *Ireland*, upon this Eſtabliſhment, and were augmented to 10 Companies, of 50 Men in each, to the 24° *December* following, incl. being 61 Days, at 32 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem* ——	1,968 15 6		360 — —	
For the Pay of the Earl of *Forfar*'s Regiment, from the 10th *Auguſt*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 24° *ditto*, being 15 Days, at 26 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* *per diem*	395 12 6			

For

		Pay to 24 *December*.	Levy-money.	Total.
For their Pay from 25° *August*, when they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to 24° *December*, incl. being 122 Days, at 38 4 10 — — —	4,665 9 8			
		5,061 2 2	552 — —	
For the Pay of Colonel *Montagu*'s Regiment, from 12 *August*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to 24° *ditto*, being 13 Days, at 26 7 6 *per diem*	342 17 6			
For their Pay from 25° *August*, when they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men in each, to 24° *December*, incl. being 122 Days, at 38 *l.* 4 *s.* 10 *d.* — —	4,665 9 8			
		5,008 7 2	552 — —	
For the Pay of the Earl of *Orrery*'s Regiment, from the 17th *August*, the Day it was removed from *Ireland*, to the 24° *ditto*, incl. being Eight Days, at 26 7 6 *per diem* — — —	211 0 0			
For their Pay from the 25° *August*, when they were augmented to 12 Companies, of 50 private Men each, to 24° *December*, incl., being 122 Days, at 38 4 10 *per diem* — —	4,665 9 8			
		4,876 9 8	552 — —	
For the Pay of Two additional Companies, and One additional Corporal, One Drum, and 10 private Men, to each of the 10 Companies of Lord *Irwin*'s Regiment, to complete them to 50 private Men in each Company, with a Quarter-master, in lieu of the Drum-major, at 10 *l.* 9 *s.* 2 *d. per diem*, for 122 Days, from 25° *August* 1715 — — —		1,275 18 4	392 — —	
For the Pay of Two additional Companies, to 10 Corporals, 10 Drums, and 140 private Men, with a Quarter-master, in lieu of a Drum-major, to complete Lord *Shannon*'s Regiment to 12 Companies, of 50 Men in each, for the same time, at 11 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* a Day —		1,438 11 8	472 — —	
For the Pay of Three additional Serjeants, Three Corporals, Three Drums, and 87 private Men, to the Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, for the same time, at 3 *l.* 8 *s.* 6 *d.* a Day — —		417 17 —	174 — —	
		57,363 16 4	14,426 — —	71,789 16 4
				111,768 2 2
Invalids. For the Augmentation of Pay to the 12 old Companies of Invalids to full Pay, to the Commission Officers, and full Subsistence to the Non-Commission Officers and private Men, from the 25° *August* 1715, to the 24th *December* following, inclusive, being 122 Days, at 9 *l.* 9 *s.* 0 *d. per diem* —		1,152 18 —		
Invalids. For the Pay of Four new Companies of Invalids, for the same time, formed to do Duty at *Plymouth*, *Falmouth*, and *Pendennis*, at 9 *l.* 9 *s.* 4 *d. per* Day — —		1,154 18 8		
Invalids. For the Pay of 12 new Companies of Invalids, formed to do Duty at *Portsmouth* and *Sheerness*, from 4th *August* to the same time, being 143 Days, at 29 *l.* 8 *s. per diem*		4,204 4 —		
				6,512 — 8
For extraordinary Contingencies for the great Marches of the Troops, Fire and Candle for several Guards, in their Quarters, Charges of the Encampment, *&c.* —				25,000 — —
For the Pay of Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*, from the 14° *October* 1715, the Day he was ordered upon Command, to 24° *December* following, being 72 Days, at 4 *l.* a Day — — — —		288 — —		
For the Pay of his Aid-de-Camp, for *ditto* time, at 10 *sh.* a Day — — — — —		36 — —		
For the Pay of Lieutenant-General *Wills*, from 31th *October* 1715, to 24° *December* following, being 55 Days, at 2 *l.* a Day — — — —		110 — —		

	Pay to 24th *December*.	Total.
For the Pay of his Aid-de-Camp, for *ditto* time, at 10 *ſh.* a Day —	27 10 —	
For the Pay of Major-General *Wade*, from the 8th *October* 1715, to the 24th *December* following, being 78 Days, at 2 *l.* a Day — —	156 — —	
For the Pay of his Aid-de-Camp, for *ditto* time, at 10 *ſh.* a Day ——	39 — —	
		656 10 —
To the Earl of *Sutherland*, on Account of his Majeſty's Service in *North Britain* — — — — — —		1,000 — —
For Forage for the Troops in *North Britain*, being 3,413 Horſes, according to the Eſtimate of the General Officers, in their Report to the Duke of *Argyle*, from 10th to the 25° Day of *December* 1715, being 15 Days, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* each Horſe *per diem* — — —	2,239 15 $7\frac{1}{2}$	
In Part whereof to be deducted from the Pay of the Troops, Six Pence *per diem* each Horſe — — — —	1,279 17 6	
		959 18 $1\frac{1}{2}$
For the Subſiſtence of the Rebels taken Priſoners at *Preſton*; and for the Pay of the Commiſſary-General and Officers, to take care of the ſaid Priſoners — — — — — —		1,019 10 8
	Total	146,916 1 $7\frac{1}{2}$
Towards the above Sum may be applied,		
The Pay of the 13 Regiments of Dragoons, Eight Regiments of Foot, and Four additional Companies to the *Coldſtream* Regiment of Guards, from the 25th of *December* 1715, to the 20th *July* 1716 — — — — — — —		132,563 9 6
	Remains to be provided for — —	£. 14,352 12 $1\frac{1}{2}$

Wm. Pulteney.

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of ſeveral extraordinary Expences, relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1716.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
On Account, for Forage for the Forces employed in *North Britain*, from the 25° of *December* 1715, to the laſt of *May* 1716, over and above what is borne by the Troops — ——	20,000	—	—
For Proviſions for the Gariſon of *Gibraltar* — — — — — ——	22,829	5	5
On Account, for Pay and Contingencies for the Commiſſary-General of Bread and Forage in *North Britain* — — — — — — — ——	1,000	—	—
On Account of Subſiſtence for the Rebels taken at *Preſton*, and for the Allowance to the Officers to take care of them — — — — — — ——	2,000	—	—
For the Pay of Four additional Mates to his Majeſty's Regiments of Foot-Guards, from the 25th of *December* 1715, to the 24th of *December* 1716 — — ——	183	—	—
On Account for the Support of the Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea*, and the Out-Penſioners belonging thereunto — — — — — — — — ——	20,000	—	—
Total	66,012	5	5

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account and Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee of Secrecy, to whom the Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton* was referred, That they had conſidered the Anſwer of the ſaid Earl to the Articles of Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited by this Houſe againſt him; and that they had alſo conſidered of a Replication to be made to the ſaid Anſwer; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and the Replication agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do go up to the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, and make a Replication to the Anſwer of the Earl of *Winton*, to the Effect following; *viz.*

My Lords,

THE Commons have conſidered the Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton* to the Impeachment exhibited againſt him by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, aſſembled in Parliament; and do aver their Charge againſt the ſaid *George* Earl of *Winton* for High Treaſon to be true; and that the ſaid Earl of *Winton* is guilty of the High Treaſon, in ſuch manner as he ſtands impeached: And that the Commons will be ready to prove their Charge againſt him, at ſuch convenient time as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, That he had, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, made the Replication, directed by the Houſe, to the Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton*.

The Anſwer of the Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles of Impeachment for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors exhibited againſt him by this Houſe, was, according to Order, read; and is as follows; *viz.*

The Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles exhibited by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, in Maintenance of the Impeachment againſt him for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors ſuppoſed to have been by him committed.

THE ſaid Earl, ſaving to himſelf all Advantages of Exception to the ſaid Articles for the Uncertainty and Inſufficiency thereof, and of not being prejudiced by any Words, or Want of Form, in this his Anſwer; and alſo ſaving to himſelf all Rights and Privileges belonging to him as One of the Peers of this Realm; in Anſwer to the ſaid Articles, admits, That divers Treaties and Alliances were entered into by the Crown of *Great Britain* with the ſeveral Potentates mentioned in the Preamble to the ſaid Articles; but, for more Certainty as to the Contents thereof, the ſaid Earl refers to the ſaid Treaties themſelves; and, with the utmoſt Deference to the Memory of his late Royal Maſter King *William* the Third, doth acknowlege the great Wiſdom of that glorious Prince, who, by the Grand Alliance, formed a noble Deſign of ſettling a due Balance of Power in *Europe*; but humbly begs Leave to obſerve, That

That the Affront offered by *France*, in acknowleging the Pretender King of *Great Britain*, though juſtly mentioned by her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of ever-bleſſed Memory, as one Cauſe of the War, which, in *May* 1702, was by her declared againſt *France* and *Spain*, could not be any Inducement to the forming the Grand Alliance, as is ſuggeſted in the Preamble to the ſaid Articles; being ſubſequent to it, as moſt evidently appears; inaſmuch as that Alliance was not only formed, but concluded and ſigned at the *Hague*, during the Life-time of the late King *James* the Second: And the ſaid Earl admits, That the Emperor, and the States-General, did alſo, about *May* 1702, declare War againſt *France* and *Spain*; and that other Kings, Princes, and States, of *Europe*, ſoon after became Parties to the ſaid Confederate War; which having been carried on, for many Years, at a vaſt Expence of Blood and Treaſure, her ſaid late Majeſty, out of her tender Regard for the Good of her People, and from a ſincere and real Deſign to prevent the further Effuſion of Blood, and to eaſe her Subjects from the heavy Burden of Taxes, which they had ſo long endured, did hearken to Overtures of Peace from *France*, after former Negotiations had been rendered fruitleſs, and give Inſtructions to the then Lord Privy-Seal, now Biſhop of *London*, and him the ſaid Earl, to treat thereof at *Utrecht*, in Conjunction with the Miniſters of her Allies, in order to bring the ſame to an happy Concluſion; and, among ſuch Inſtructions, ſeveral Clauſes were interſperſed to the Effect in the ſaid Preamble ſet forth; but, for more Certainty, refers to his original Inſtructions; which, together with all his other Papers relating to his Negotiations in the *Low Countries*, were taken from him in the Beginning of *January* laſt, and, he ſuppoſes, may continue in the Hands of One of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State: But the ſaid Earl is totally ignorant of any treacherous Correſpondence with the Emiſſaries of *France*, or of any private or deſtructive Negotiation of Peace ſet on foot with the Intent to weaken, or diſſolve, the Confederacy between her ſaid late Majeſty and her Allies: And, for particular Anſwer to the ſeveral Matters wherewith he ſtands charged in the Firſt Article, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, having been employed by his late Majeſty King *William* in the Army, during his whole Reign, and likewiſe in his Court for ſeveral Years next before his Death, and having alſo had the Honour to be ſent as his Majeſty's Miniſter to the King of *Pruſſia*, he was ſo happy as to reconcile ſome Differences, which had lately ariſen, between thoſe Two Princes; and, upon his Return, received his Royal Maſter's Approbation; her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, ſoon after her Acceſſion to the Throne, was pleaſed to command him to leave his Poſt in the Army, and to go again to the ſaid Court of *Pruſſia*, in the Year 1702, where he had the Character of her Ambaſſador Extraordinary; and continued in that Quality till *April* 1711; at which time her Majeſty thought fit to appoint him her Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States-General; and, in *June* following, her Majeſty was pleaſed to honour him with the Title of One of her Privy-Council; and, about *December*, in the ſame Year, to appoint him One of her Plenipotentiaries to treat, at *Utrecht*, with the Miniſters of *France*, of a general Peace: And the ſaid Earl thought it his Duty not to ſcruple any Danger or Pains for her Service; believing his Zeal therein was the beſt Evidence he could give of his hearty Affection to his Country; and he conſtantly did, with the utmoſt Sincerity, endeavour, according to his Abilities, to purſue the true Ends of his Commiſſion, and Powers; to promote the Honour and Safety of her Majeſty, and her Kingdoms; to anſwer the Engagements ſhe was under to her Allies; and to ſecure the common Liberties of *Europe*: But he muſt, with the utmoſt Deteſtation and Abhorrence, deny, that he was in the leaſt devoted to the Intereſt or Service of the *French* King; or that he ever acted in Defiance of any of the ſaid Treaties, or of the Advice of Parliament; or of any Declarations of her Majeſty from the Throne; or of her Aſſurances to the States-General, to act in Concert with them in making Peace, as in making War; or of her Inſtructions to him under her Sign Manual: The ſaid Earl admits, That, as he was a Privy-Counſellor, it was his Duty truly to have adviſed her Majeſty in all Matters treated of in Council, whilſt he was preſent; and had any thing, ſo treated of, appeared to him to have been to the Diſhonour of her Majeſty, or to the Prejudice of her People, the ſaid Earl would not have been wanting to adviſe againſt, and, with all Humility, to oppoſe, the ſame: But, as he was her Majeſty's Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary, he looked upon himſelf as a miniſterial Officer, whoſe Duty it was to purſue ſuch Inſtructions as he ſhould, from time to time, receive; and ſince he could not doubt, but that all Orders, ſent him by her Majeſty's Directions, had been firſt maturely weighed and digeſted, he humbly apprehends, your Lordſhips will think it had been too great a Preſumption in him, to adviſe againſt, or oppoſe, ſuch Orders, which carried not in themſelves any apparent Illegality, when he knew not the Springs or Reaſons of them; and which, therefore, it became him to believe well warranted, and to have proceeded from juſt and proper Grounds and Motives: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, He was ſo far from adviſing or exhorting, that any private, ſeparate, diſhonourable, or deſtructive, Negotiation of Peace ſhould be continued, and carried on, between the Miniſters of *Great Britain* and *France*, without Communication thereof to her Majeſty's Allies, according to their Treaties; or from being inſtrumental in promoting any ſuch Negotiation, as in the ſaid Article is charged; that he did not know, or believe, that any ſuch Negotiation was entered into: And, for a plain Relation of the ſaid Earl's Proceeding in this Affair, he ſaith, That, about *May* 1711, being then her Majeſty's Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary to the States-General, he received, from One of her Principal Secretaries of State, a Paper, ſuppoſed to be ſigned by Monſieur *Torcy*, containing ſome Propoſals for ſetting on foot a Negotiation of Peace, with Orders to communicate the ſame to the Penſionary of *Holland*, that his Sentiments might be known thereupon; and to aſſure that Miniſter, and others of that Republick, that the Queen was reſolved, in making Peace, as in makeing War, to act in Concert with the States: In purſuance of which Orders, he the ſaid Earl did immediately communicate the ſaid Propoſals to the Penſionary, and unto Two others of the States-General, who had formerly been employed in the Negotiations at *Gertruydenberg*, and whom the Penſionary thought the moſt proper to be entruſted with that Matter; and they, having conſidered the ſaid Propoſals, did pray the ſaid Earl to return her Majeſty Thanks, in the Name of the States, for her Confidence in them; declared themſelves weary of the War, and ready to join in any Meaſures her Majeſty ſhould think proper for obtaining a good Peace; and that they hoped her Majeſty would bring the *French* to explain more particularly the ſeveral Points contained in the abovementioned Propoſals: Of this the ſaid Earl ſent an Account to her Majeſty's Secretary of State; and, ſoon after, received her Commands to repair to *England*; and, on his Arrival here, acquainted her Majeſty with his Proceedings at the *Hague*; but being, by her gracious Permiſſion, allowed to follow ſome private Affairs of his own, he was often in the Country, and ſo much engaged, that he did not know of any of the Tranſactions with Monſieur *Meſnager*, or what was done in relation to the Explications the States had deſired her Majeſty to procure from *France*, upon the Points of Monſieur *Torcy*'s Propoſal, till, in *October* following, he received Inſtructions, dated the Firſt of that Month; whereby he was required to return to *Holland*, and to communicate to the States ſome Propoſitions, which had been ſigned by the ſaid Monſieur *Meſnager*, the 27th Day of *September* before, as a Foundation for opening the Conferences of Peace with *France*; which he ſuppoſes to be the Inſtructions intended by thoſe mentioned in the Preamble to the Articles, as dated the 21ſt Day of *October*; none of that Date appearing amongſt the Copies of his own Papers he has been permitted to take: But the ſaid Earl never ſaw Monſieur *Meſnager* till he met him at *Utrecht*,

Utrecht, in *January* 171½; nor, during all the time of the ſaid Miniſter's Stay in *England*, was in the leaſt privy to, or made acquainted with, any Tranſaction between him and any of the Queen's Miniſters: The ſaid Earl, having received his ſaid Inſtructions, took his Journey for *Holland*; and, on his Arrival there, in purſuance thereof, imparted to the States-General the ſaid Propoſitions, and what had been communicated to him concerning any Tranſactions between *Great Britain* and *France*; and, at the ſame time, in further purſuance of his ſaid Inſtructions, declared to them, That if they did not think thoſe Propoſitions a ſufficient Ground to open the Conferences, but were deſirous to carry on the War, her Majeſty was willing to concur with them; but could no longer bear that diſproportionable Burden which had been yearly increaſed on her Subjects; nor that Deficiency her Allies had been guilty of in every Part of the War; and that therefore it was incumbent on them, if the War continued, to furniſh ſuch Quotas of Ships, and Forces, for the future, as they had to that time been wanting in: That this was what her Majeſty thought ſhe might juſtly inſiſt on, that they ſhould comply with her in War, or in Peace; ſince, in the former, ſhe required nothing but what it belonged to them to perform, and what was neceſſary to the Succeſs of their Arms; and ſince, in the latter, ſhe had done, and would continue to do, what was in her Power towards obtaining ſuch a Peace as might be to the Satisfaction of her Allies: Soon after this, the States-General ſent Monſieur *Buys* to *England*, as their Plenipotentiary, to confer with her late Majeſty's Miniſters, and inform himſelf of the Circumſtances of Affairs, and make Report thereof to his Maſters; who having continued here ſome time, and tranſmitted to *Holland* an Account of the Poſture of Affairs, the States-General conſented to open the Conferences for Peace, and to invite the other Allies to ſend their Miniſters to *Utrecht*, the Place agreed on for that Purpoſe; and, in order thereunto, granted Paſſports for the *French* Miniſters to repair thither: And the ſaid Earl is informed, that, amongſt other Tranſactions by the ſaid Monſieur *Buys*, whilſt in *England*, he ſigned a Treaty with her late Majeſty's Miniſters, who were impowered for that Purpoſe, dated the 18th Day of *December* 1711, O. S. for the carrying on the War, and the Negotiation of Peace, according to the mutual Engagements of former Treaties between *England* and *Holland*; which Treaty was ratified by her ſaid late Majeſty the Day after it was ſigned, and was ſent to *Holland* by the then Lord Privy-Seal; but the States-General, though their Miniſters were often called upon, never ratified the ſame: And the ſaid Earl admits, That the ſaid Lord Privy-Seal, and himſelf, were appointed to be her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries at the ſaid Congreſs at *Utrecht*; and he can, with great Truth, affirm, that he acted, on all Occaſions, with the higheſt and moſt diſintereſted Zeal, for procuring a general Peace, for the mutual Advantage of her Majeſty's Subjects, and Allies, in purſuance of the Powers and Inſtructions received for that Purpoſe; and is firmly perſuaded his Collegue did the ſame: The ſaid Earl ſaith, That every one of the Confederates had their Miniſters at *Utrecht*, who all agreed in the Method and Manner of proceeding in the ſaid Negotiation; and had frequent Meetings and Conferences, to that End, among themſelves, in order to lay down a general Scheme for their Conduct; and, for the better concerting theſe Meaſures, it was thought fit to have Two Conferences a Week with all the Allies, Two with the *Dutch* apart, and Two with all the Allies with the *French*; and, in thoſe with the *Dutch* and the other Allies, what was to be propoſed on the Part of the Allies to the *French* was always previouſly ſettled: In the Firſt general Conference with the *French* Miniſters, they offered either to proceed to the Explanation of the general Points ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager* (which they acknowleged were binding only to *France*, and not to the Allies), or that each of the Allies ſhould make their Demands: On Deliberation, it was inſiſted by the Allies, That the *French* ſhould firſt give in a ſpecifick Plan of the Offers of the King their Maſter to all and each of the Allies; and the *French* complied to give in ſuch ſpecifick Plan, in caſe the Allies would promiſe to return an Anſwer thereto, containing their ſeveral Demands; and, accordingly, the *French* Miniſters did give in ſuch Plan, in Writeing; and the Allies, in Anſwer, delivered in their Demands, alſo in Writing: The *French*, having thus given in their Conceſſions in Writing, and received the Demands of the Allies in like manner, thought fit to propoſe the entering into Debate upon the ſeveral Propoſitions mutually delivered in, agreeably to the Courſe of proceeding in former Treaties: But though ſome of the Allies thought there was no Neceſſity of inſiſting very much on any further written Anſwer; yet others preſſed it more vehemently. To which the *French* replied, That, both Sides having already explained themſelves in Writing, it was agreeable to the Method of all Negotiations to proceed to debate Matters; and, in ſuch Debates, ſpecifick Anſwers to each Demand of the Allies would occur; and all the Allies agreed in this Principle, That the Method moſt expeditious and ſafe, whether by Writing or otherwiſe, was fitteſt to be followed. Thus having given your Lordſhips a ſhort Narrative of the Proceedings, which might render his Anſwer to the ſeveral Particulars charged in this Article more intelligible: As to that Part which mentions his frequently concerting private and ſeparate Meaſures with the Miniſters of *France*, the ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, that, when the ſettling any particular Intereſt of *Great Britain* might require it, he and his Collegue might confer with the Miniſters of *France*, in the ſame manner as the Miniſters of each of the Allies conferred ſeparately with thoſe of *France*, touching their reſpective particular Intereſts; and the ſaid Earl apprehends, they were juſtified therein by their expreſs Orders from *England* for that Purpoſe; and ſometimes the ſaid Biſhop and Earl had ſeparate Conferences with the Miniſters of *France*, at the Requeſt, and on the behalf, of one or other of the Allies, whoſe Regard to her Majeſty made them often deſire the Interpoſition of her Miniſters, to ſupport their ſeveral Pretenſions; wherein the Zeal, and ſincere Endeavours, of the ſaid Biſhop and Earl, for the Intereſt of the Allies, always appeared to the Satisfaction of thoſe on whoſe behalf they acted: But he denies, that he did concert any private or ſeparate Meaſures with the Miniſters of *France*, in order to impoſe upon, or deceive, her Majeſty's Subjects or Allies, or tending to their Prejudice or Detriment: And as to that Part which charges him with commending the Prudence of the *French* Miniſters, in refuſing to anſwer in Writing, the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, after the written Propoſitions and Demands on each Side had been delivered in, he took it to be a Matter, in its own Nature, indifferent, whether there ſhould be any further Tranſaction thereupon in Writing, or not; and whether it were better to proceed by way of Writing, or by Conference, to adjuſt and ſettle the Terms of Peace upon the reſpective Offers and Demands which had been ſo given in: There was Variety of Opinions: Many of the Miniſters of the Allies declared it to be the moſt uſual and expeditious Method to proceed by way of Conference; which, they thought, gave better Opportunities of conſidering and explaining Matters; there being uſually ſeen a greater Stiffneſs and Obſtinacy in maintaining what is once put down in Writing; which oftentimes renders Negotiations tedious, and ſometimes clogs them with inſuperable Difficulties; and there ſeemed to be juſt Grounds for Suſpicion, that ſome, who were moſt preſſing for the Method of Writing, might have thoſe Ends in their View, which it became her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries, as far as they could, to obviate and prevent: If, therefore, the ſaid Earl inclined, in his private Opinion, to the Sentiments of thoſe who thought the Way of Conference more expeditious, and equally ſafe; admitting he had been miſtaken therein, he hopes it will not be imputed to him as a Crime; much leſs can he apprehend your Lordſhips will eſteem it any Evidence of his encouraging the Enemy in any fallacious or unjuſtifiable Manner of Proceedings, if, in a Letter from the *Hague* to a Miniſter of the Queen, before this Matter had been fully conſidered, he intimated the Thoughts he then entertained

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of it; ſince he takes it to be very proper for a publick Miniſter abroad, in his Correſpondence with the more immediate Servants of the Crown at home, to give minute and particular Accounts of all Occurrences and Diſcourſes; to lay open his Thoughts; to ſuggeſt the Firſt Motions and Suſpicions that ariſe in his Mind; and to deſcant upon things without Reſerve; in order to receive more plain, full, and expreſs, Informations and Directions for his better proceeding: And the ſaid Earl believes it will appear, that if any Letter he intimated his Thoughts upon that Subject, he did not give any poſitive Judgment; but ſuſpended his Opinion therein till he ſhould have Opportunity of further conſidering it: And he ſaith, That when afterwards the Matter came to be more maturely debated among the Miniſters of the Allies, upon his Return to *Utrecht*, he did join in preſſing the Miniſters of *France* to give a further Anſwer in Writing: And as to that Part which chargeth the ſaid Earl with ſuggeſting Methods for *France* to make uſe of to create Diſſenſions among the Allies, and procure ſeparate Negotiations between each of the Allies and *France*; he ſaith, That it was generally thought moſt proper, that the reſpective Demands of the Allies, which were ſometimes claſhing, and contradictory to each other, ſhould be conſidered apart, and not at general Conferences with the *French*; which ſeemed the more requiſite, ſince no Prince or State had undertaken the Part of a Mediator, to reconcile the Differences which might happen to ariſe among them, as has been uſual in former Treaties: If therefore, in a Letter to a Miniſter of the Queen, from the Conſideration of the Poſſibility that ſome might be for the contrary Method, he intimated, that the Inconvenience of ſuch a Method would beſt appear by beginning in the Congreſs to argue on ſome Demand of One of the Allies; which would probably induce ſuch Ally to propoſe the debating ſeparately; he hopes this can never be conſtrued the ſuggeſting a Method for *France* to make uſe of to create Diſſenſions among the Allies, or which could have any Tendency to diſſolve the Confederacy; it ſeeming rather to him a likely means to prevent any ſuch unhappy Conſequence: Sure he is, that he ſincerely laboured to prevent it; and, for that End, employed his utmoſt Endeavours to obviate and diſcourage any fallacious or unjuſtifiable manner of tranſacting the Negotiation of Peace: And he denies, that he did, at any time, ſuggeſt any Method whatſoever for *France* to make uſe of to create Diſſenſions among the Allies, or ſeparate Negotiations between any of the Allies and *France*, thereby to diſſolve the Confederacy; and as he conſtantly oppoſed what he apprehended, or ſuſpected, to have any ſuch Tendency, ſo he never failed to ſupport, in the beſt manner he could, her Majeſty's Allies in their Demands againſt *France:* And denies, that in the Courſe of the Negotiation he was guilty of any treacherous Proceeding, or of any Practices whatſoever, whereby he could proſtitute the Honour of the Queen, or the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms; or whereby he did violate his Powers or Inſtructions; the Treaties her Majeſty ſtood engaged in to her Allies; or any Aſſurances he had given them by her Order, or in her Name; or whereby the Deſign of the Confederacy, or the Support expected from it, were rendered uſeleſs; or the Affairs of *Europe* given up into the Hands of *France*.

In Anſwer to the Second Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, He always thought an Union and good Correſpondence between her late Majeſty and the illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover* of the utmoſt Importance; and therefore uſed his beſt Endeavours to continue and improve it; and never had the leaſt Deſign to create or widen any Differences or Miſunderſtandings between them: He acknowleges, that the Parliament, with great Wiſdom, provided Laws for preſerving the Proteſtant Religion; eſtabliſhing the Proteſtant Succeſſion; and laying the Obligation of an Oath on the Subjects of theſe Realms to maintain the ſame: And the ſaid Earl humbly hopes, that he, in his Station, hath never been wanting in his faithful Endeavours for the Security thereof; and, to his great Honour, he hath frequently received from her late Electoral Highneſs the Princeſs *Sophia*, and from his preſent Majeſty, their Approbation of his Zeal for their Service: And he does, with great Pleaſure and Satisfaction, reflect on the happy Succeſs of his Endeavours in the late Treaty of Peace at *Utrecht*, by which *France* and *Spain* were brought to acknowlege our preſent Sovereign's Right of Succeſſion to the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms, and to engage never to oppoſe or diſturb the ſame, directly or indirectly; whereby his Majeſty had a peaceable Acceſſion to the Throne; and the Benefit of the ſeveral Laws made in Support of the ſaid Succeſſion will more ſecurely be tranſmitted to Poſterity: The ſaid Earl denies, That he, by falſe Repreſentations, or by any Reflections upon his Majeſty when Elector of *Hanover*, in any Letter to the late Queen's Miniſters, or otherwiſe, did endeavour to alienate her Majeſty's Affections from his Electoral Highneſs: And ſaith, That to ſuch a general Charge it is impoſſible to make any particular Anſwer or Defence; but the ſaid Earl is firmly perſuaded, there is not any Expreſſion in any Letter by him wrote, that carries the Appearance of any ſuch falſe Repreſentation or Reflection; ſuch Expreſſions being as remote from his Heart and Intentions, as they are inconſiſtent with that Reſpect to the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, which, by the whole Tenour of his Actions, he hath endeavoured to demonſtrate; and therefore the ſaid Earl hath that Aſſurance of your Lordſhips Juſtice as to believe, that no doubtful Words, or Paſſages, contained in any of his Letters, no Accounts, or Cenſures, if any ſuch there be, of what was ſaid, or done, by any Miniſter, or Servant, of his Electoral Highneſs, inconſiſtent, as he apprehended, with that Deference which ought to have been paid to her late Majeſty, will be taken by your Lordſhips as an Evidence of any Deſign to alienate her late Majeſty's Affections from his then Electoral Highneſs, or to create, or widen, any Differences or Miſunderſtandings between them, with which the ſaid Earl is charged in the ſaid Article: And as to the particular Reflection, ſuppoſed to have been made by the ſaid Earl, in his Letter of the 17th Day of *July* 1712, on his then Electoral Highneſs; the ſaid Earl humbly hopes, that your Lordſhips will not interpret any Expreſſion in that Letter to have been meant of his Electoral Highneſs, who is not ſo much as once named throughout the ſame, and whom the ſaid Earl hath never mentioned in any Letter whatſoever, without the higheſt Reſpect and Veneration; but that your Lordſhips will rather underſtand it, as it was meant, with reſpect to the General of the *Hanover* Troops, whoſe Conduct, the ſaid Earl owns, he hath expreſſed himſelf, as well in that as in ſome preceding Diſpatches, not to have been intirely ſatisfied with: How far he was right in his Opinion, he ſubmits to your Lordſhips wiſe Determination; but humbly hopes, that no Repreſentation thereof by him made, however he may be thought to have been miſtaken therein, proceeding only from a ſincere Zeal for the Honour of his Royal Miſtreſs, and the Intereſt of his Country, can be judged criminal: And the ſaid Earl ſaith, That the late Queen was ſo far from being prevailed on by his Advice, to make a Ceſſation of Arms with *France*, without Concert with his Electoral Highneſs, or againſt the Conſent, or Repreſentations, of any of the Allies, that he can and doth, with Truth, affirm, that her Majeſty's Reſolutions concerning the ſaid Ceſſation were not taken upon his Advice, or with his Privity: The ſaid Earl doth admit, that, about *June* or *July* 1712, he was ſent to the Army, by her Majeſty's Command, with particular Inſtructions touching the ſaid Ceſſation; and that, in purſuance of his ſaid Inſtructions, he diſcourſed ſeveral of the Generals of the Allies, particularly Monſieur *Buleau*; and that he might, in ſuch Diſcourſe, on the 16th Day of *July* 1712, affirm, as he then thought, that her Majeſty had made no Truce with *France*; and the ſaid Earl was then of that Opinion, the Articles demanded by her Majeſty for a Ceſſation of Arms, as the Conditions without which no Ceſſation was to be made, not having at that time, to his Knowlege or Belief, been performed by *France:* And the ſaid Earl can aſſuredly ſay, That he doth not remember he hath, at any time, knowingly affirmed to the Miniſters of his ſaid Electoral Highneſs, or any other of the

Allies, any Untruths, or any thing contrary to the Intentions, or Intereſt, of the late Queen, thereby to deceive or impoſe upon his Electoral Highneſs, or any of her Majeſty's Allies: And apprehends, that he hath not in any of his Negotiations or Proceedings proſtituted or diſhonoured the Character he was inveſted with; or done any thing tending to diſſolve the mutual Confidence and good Underſtanding between her late Majeſty and the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*.

In Anſwer to the Third Article; the ſaid Earl denies any pernicious Negotiations of Peace to have been carried on by him with the Miniſters of *France*; and ſaith, That in the Paper mentioned in his Inſtructions to be ſigned by Monſieur *Meſnager*, and delivered to him, together with his ſaid Inſtructions, on or about the 1ſt Day of *October* 1711, it is ſaid, The *French* King will acknowlege the Queen of *Great Britain* in that Quality, as alſo the Succeſſion to that Crown, according to the preſent Eſtabliſhment: And, in the ſpecifick Explanation of the Offers of *France*, delivered the 11th of *February* following, it is ſaid, The King will acknowlege, at the Signing of the Peace, the Queen of *Great Britain* in that Quality, as well as the Succeſſion to the Crown, according to the preſent Eſtabliſhment, and in a manner moſt agreeable to her *Britannick* Majeſty: But the ſaid Earl denies he ever heard, that the *French* King propoſed ſuch Acknowlegement ſhould not be before the Signing of the Peace; nor doth he conceive how the Propoſal (before the entering into the Negotiations of Peace) indefinitely to acknowlege the Queen, and the ſubſequent Conceſſion to do ſo, at the Signing of the Peace, in what manner her *Britannick* Majeſty ſhould pleaſe, doth neceſſarily infer, that he would not do it ſooner; nor are there, in any of the Propoſitions from the *French* King, any negative Words that he would not do it ſooner, as intimated in this Article: And the ſaid Earl apprehends, that, in fact, he did it ſooner; for, when the Sieur *Meſnager* came into *England*, the ſaid Earl is informed, he brought with him a credential Letter from the *French* King; wherein her Majeſty was ſtiled and acknowleged Queen of *Great Britain*; and, in the very Firſt Offers, and general Conferences, at *Utrecht*, the *French* Miniſters named her *Britannick* Majeſty in ſuch direct manner, that the Miniſters of the Allies took it for a plain and ſufficient Agnition; and the *French* Miniſters underſtood it in the ſame manner, who continued to name her Majeſty as Queen, without Reſerve, in their Diſcourſe and Letters to her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries: And although the ſaid ſpecifick Explanation may, in ſome Part of it, ſeem to refer to a future Agnition, to prevent the Imperial and other Miniſters of the Allies from inſiſting likewiſe on a preſent Acknowlegement of the Titles of their Maſters, which might probably have put a Stop to the Negotiation; yet the ſaid Earl conceives the Agnition of the Queen was not thereby the leſs manifeſt; and is humbly of Opinion, that her Majeſty was treated with diſtinguiſhing Marks of Reſpect, inaſmuch as thoſe Titles were given her throughout the whole Courſe of the Negotiation; which had not been allowed, on the like Occaſions, to other Princes, till the Concluſion of Peace. It is well known, the Title of his late Majeſty King *William* was not acknowleged at *Ryſwick* till that Peace was ſigned; nor was the Emperor's, or the King of *Pruſſia*'s, owned during the late Negotiations, till the concluding their reſpective Treaties of Peace: When, therefore, the ſaid Earl had no Inſtructions to inſiſt upon a more formal Acknowlegement, he hopes he cannot be charged with any Want of Duty to her Majeſty, or Want of Zeal for the Proteſtant Succeſſion, in not adviſing her Majeſty againſt treating with *France* upon the Terms on which ſhe entered into the Negotiation at *Utrecht*: The ſaid Earl believes, the Houſe of Lords, conceiving the *French* King had propoſed to acknowlege her Majeſty's Title to theſe Realms no ſooner than when the Peace ſhould be ſigned, did, by their Addreſs of the 15th Day of *February* 1711, with a commendable Zeal, repreſent to her late Majeſty their juſt Indignation at ſuch diſhonourable Treatment, and expreſs their Reſentment at ſuch Terms of Peace offered to her Majeſty, and her Allies, by the Plenipotentiaries of *France*; and it was agreeable to the Duty and Affection that auguſt Aſſembly always demonſtrated towards that excellent Princeſs, to be touched with the leaſt Appearance or Apprehenſion of Diſreſpect to her Sacred Perſon; and her Majeſty, being ſenſible that their Addreſs proceeded from thoſe Motives, was pleaſed to return them her hearty Thanks for the Zeal they expreſſed for her Honour: And the ſaid Earl admits, That, in a Letter from the Secretary of State to the then Lord Privy-Seal and himſelf, Mention was made of the ſaid Addreſs; and thereupon they gave an Account of the Steps by them taken on this Subject, to the following Effect; That, the Day after the Receipt of that Letter, the *French* Plenipotentiaries were told, That the deferring to make a formal Agnition of the Queen at firſt having had all the Effect intended, it would be proper then to do it more formally, for Reaſons with which it was needleſs to acquaint them; otherwiſe it would be neceſſary to inſert it in the *Britiſh* Demands; that they made no other Difficulty in it but this, that, having reported to their Court how that Matter had paſſed, they ought, in Decency, to give Account of what was then deſired; and ſaid, They doubted not, in Ten or 12 Days, to give intire Satisfaction therein; but, being preſſed to do ſomething immediately, they agreed, that, if her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries would write to them, they would give an Anſwer, whereby the Queen ſhould be directly acknowleged; which was accordingly done; and the ſaid Earl believes, that a Copy thereof might be tranſmitted to *England*; but not the Original; and denies, that, to his Knowlege, it was a colluſive Letter; or that there was any Agreement between the *Britiſh* and *French* Miniſters not to make uſe of it at *Utrecht*; or not to have it taken as an Acknowlegement by *France* of the Queen's Title to the Crown; or that the Copy of it was tranſmitted with Deſign to deceive, or impoſe upon, the Queen, or Parliament; nor doth he know, or believe, it was made uſe of for any ſuch Purpoſe; but he takes it to have been an actual Acknowlegement of the Queen's Title by *France*, and a further Evidence, that ſuch Agnition was not deferred till the Signing of the Peace, though it was intended to be then made in a more ſolemn manner: And the ſaid Earl believes, the Honourable Houſe of Peers, for whoſe Judgment he ever had the higheſt Veneration and Regard, were ſatisfied in this Point; ſince, by their Addreſs of the 10th of *June* following, after they had been acquainted, by her Majeſty's Speech from the Throne, with the Terms on which a general Peace might be had, they thought fit to thank her Majeſty for her Condeſcenſion therein; and did expreſs their Reliance on her Wiſdom to finiſh that great and good Work; as the Houſe of Commons alſo did, by their Addreſs to her Majeſty, about the ſame time: And the ſaid Earl is well aſſured he was not wanting in his Zeal and Regard for the Security of the Proteſtant Succeſſion; on which Head, the *Britiſh* Plenipotentiaries, at the very firſt general Conference with the *French* Miniſters at *Utrecht*, preſſed their Explanation; and they agreed thereunto: And, when the Allies delivered their reſpective Demands, the Queen's Miniſters, on their Part, inſiſted in ſuch manner on what related to the Security of that Succeſſion, that the Princeſs *Sophia* was pleaſed to honour them with a Letter of Thanks, and to acknowlege their Care of the Intereſt of her Family: Nor were they leſs careful, at the Concluſion of the Treaty, to ſettle that important Point, with the utmoſt Exactneſs, to the Satisfaction of the Queen, the Court of *Hanover*, and both Houſes of Parliament; and the Articles for that Purpoſe were not only conceived in ſtronger Terms than had been made uſe of at *Ryſwick* for acknowleging the then Settlement of the Crown; but, before they were inſerted in the Treaty, were communicated to the Miniſter of the Elector, and had his Approbation; and the manner of that Tranſaction ſeems ſufficiently juſtified from the happy Effects: The ſaid Earl abſolutely denies, that he did ever concert or agree with the Miniſters of *France*, that any Propoſals mentioned in the ſaid Article, or any other Propoſals whatſoever, ſhould be the Conditions whereon *France* ſhould

ſhould treat of Peace with *Great Britain*; nor doth he know, that the Queen, the Parliament, or the Nation, were in any reſpect abuſed, or drawn into deſtructive Meaſures; or that any Step was taken on this Occaſion, whereby Diſhonour could accrue to her Majeſty, or theſe Kingdoms, or any Danger to the Proteſtant Succeſſion.

In Anſwer to the Fourth Article; the ſaid Earl ſaith, That the Biſhop of *Briſtol*, and himſelf, being appointed her Majeſty's Plenipotentiaries, did, ſoon after their Arrival at *Utrecht*, purſuant to their Inſtructions, begin, by concerting with the Miniſters of the Allies, in what manner it was moſt proper to open the Conferences, and what Method was to be obſerved in the Progreſs of the Treaty; and, if it had been thought proper to begin with the Diſpoſition of the *Spaniſh* Monarchy, the ſaid Earl was ready to have inſiſted, as the ſaid Inſtructions directed him to do in that Caſe; but, upon ſuch Concert, it was thought moſt adviſeable, and ſo agreed, by all the Miniſters of the Allies, that each of them ſhould, by a ſeparate Inſtrument, make their reſpective Demands; with a general Clauſe to ſupport each other's juſt and reaſonable Pretenſions; and this was looked upon as the moſt proper Method, and neceſſary to avoid that Confuſion, which would otherwiſe enſue from the Contrariety of the Demands of the ſeveral Allies; it being then known, that many of them did and would inſiſt to have the ſame thing for themſelves, in Oppoſition to each other: The Imperial Miniſters, as well as the reſt, acquieſced in that Method; and, at a following Conference, it was further deſired, that there ſhould be added to ſuch general Clauſe the Words "in Conformity "to their Alliances;" with which the ſaid Biſhop and Earl, as well as the reſt, moſt readily complied; and thoſe Words were accordingly added to the general Clauſe in each of the Allies Demands; which ſeemed to give a general Satisfaction; and there was nothing further at that time inſiſted on. In conſequence of this Agreement, it was the general Expectation, that the Demand relating to *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould be particularly inſerted only in the Inſtrument to be given in by the Imperial Miniſters; but, there having been a Day long before fixed for delivering in to the *French* all the Demands of the Allies, the Imperialiſts, the very Night preceding, at a Conference, propoſed, That all the Allies ſhould mention *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, likewiſe, in their ſeveral Demands: This cauſed a general Surprize; and none but the Miniſters of *Portugal* concurred with them: Thoſe of the States, in particular, declared the ſaid Dominions ought to be demanded by them whom it did immediately concern; and that the Method Things had been put into could not ſuffer it to be otherwiſe; but, the next Morning, to give Content to the Imperialiſts, they yielded to make a verbal Declaration among the Allies, That they were reſolved to make good all their Treaties on Occaſion of this War, as well thoſe that related to *Spain*, as thoſe made with *Portugal*, *Pruſſia*, *Savoy*, and others: The *Britiſh* Plenipotentiaries, to give the like Satisfaction, declared publickly at the Conferences the ſame Day, That, as her Majeſty inſiſted for a juſt and reaſonable Satisfaction for all her Allies, in Conformity to all her Alliances, thoſe that might concern *Spain*, and the *Indies*, were underſtood thereby, as well as others that concerned the Intereſt of the reſt of the Allies; wherewith the *Auſtrian* and *Portugal* Miniſters ſeemed ſatisfied; nor did they requeſt any thing further from the ſaid Biſhop and Earl on that Head; and therefore he humbly apprehends, that in the Negotiation he neither declined to inſiſt, that *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, ſhould not be allotted to the Houſe of *Bourbon*, as far as his Inſtructions, directing him to act in Concert with the reſt of the Allies, required; nor refuſed to join with the Imperial and *Portugal* Miniſters, or either of them, to ſtrengthen that Demand in ſuch manner as was proper; but in this, and all other Matters, he purſued, with Conſtancy, the Orders he, from time to time, received from her Majeſty, as the Nature and Circumſtances of Things would give Leave: And, in caſe her late Majeſty found it impracticable to perſiſt in her Firſt Deſigns of gaining *Spain*, and the *Weſt-Indies*, from the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and thought other Expedients for preventing the Union of the Two Monarchies of *Spain* and *France* might as well anſwer the Ends of her ſeveral Alliances, and did thereupon enter into other Meaſures for obtaining a general Peace, in which her Allies concurred; the ſaid Earl hopes, that his conforming himſelf to the Meaſures, not only preſcribed by her Majeſty, whoſe Miniſter he was, and whom it was his Duty to obey, but alſo approved by both Houſes of Parliament, will not be eſteemed an Acting in Defiance of the Treaties between her Majeſty and her Allies; in Contempt of the Advice, or Opinion, of Parliament; or in Violation of his Inſtructions: And he cannot entertain ſuch Diffidence of your Lordſhips Juſtice and Goodneſs, as to ſuſpect, that his Actions, which proceeded from a Principle of Obedience to his Sovereign, and Zeal for the publick Service, ſhould be condemned as perfidious or unwarrantable: And the ſaid Earl denies, that, by any of his Practices, any Jealouſies or Diſcords were created between her Majeſty and her Allies; the mutual Confidence between them was diſſolved; the juſt Balance of Power in *Europe* betrayed; or any Advantage given to the common Enemy to impoſe what Terms of Peace he ſhould think fit upon her Majeſty, or any of the Confederates.

In Anſwer to the Fifth Article; the ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, That her late Majeſty, in her Speech from the Throne on the 7th Day of *December* 1711, having acquainted her Parliament, that both Time and Place were appointed for opening a Treaty of Peace, did, at the ſame time, remind them, that the beſt Way to make the Treaty effectual would be to make early Proviſion for the Campaign; and believes, Supplies were granted, and Magazines provided, for that End: But the ſaid Earl ſaith, That, at the time in the ſaid Article for that Purpoſe mentioned, he was not informed of any reaſonable Proſpect the Confederates then had of gaining new Conqueſts over the Army of *France*; nor doth he believe, that the Confederate Army, at that time, was the ſtrongeſt that had been in the Service during the whole Courſe of the War; but, upon the Informations he received at the *Hague*, about the 19th-30th of *April* 1712, he underſtood, that the *French* were better poſted than the Confederates, and their Army ſtronger; and that the Confederate Forces could not march to ſurpriſe the *French* in their Lines till they had green Forage, which would not be up in Three Weeks at ſooneſt; and that the *French* had all their Troops, and the Confederates wanted great Part of theirs; eſpecially the Imperialiſts, who, 'twas thought, could not, and in fact did not, join the Army till about a Month after: And the ſaid Earl conceiving the Treaty of Peace in ſo great Forwardneſs, that, by a conſtant Application of the Plenipotentiaries, it might probably be brought to a Concluſion in a Month's time, he did, upon theſe Conſiderations, apprehend it would not have been any Diſſervice to the common Cauſe, if a Ceſſation of Arms for a Month had been then agreed on; during which time, the Negotiation might have been ended one way or other: And he believes, that, according to his Duty, he might, about that time, in a Letter to her Majeſty's Secretary of State, ſend an Account of the Poſture and Condition of the Two Armies: But denies, that he took upon him to counſel or adviſe on that Subject; but only propoſed the Matter for further Deliberation in *England*, if, upon thoſe, or other, Accounts, ſuch a ſhort Ceſſation ſhould be thought neceſſary; much leſs did he then, or at any other time, ſuggeſt, or adviſe, any Ceſſation of Arms to be made with *France* without, or againſt, the Conſent of the Allies, or with Deſign to diſappoint any juſt Expectation they might have, or to give Succeſs to any ſecret or wicked Negotiations whatſoever: And he is not yet ſenſible, that a Ceſſation for a Month, at that time, could have been any Hindrance or Prejudice to the Cauſe of the Allies, or have given the leaſt Advantage to the Enemy: However, in fact, no Ceſſation was made upon his ſaid Letter: The ſaid Earl ſaith, He doth not know, or believe, that, in purſuance of any Counſel or Advice given by him, any Directions were ſent to her Majeſty's General in *Flanders* to avoid engaging in any Siege, or hazarding a Battle;

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nor was he privy to the ſending any ſuch Directions: And he denies, that he adviſed her late Majeſty to ſend any Perſon, much leſs himſelf, from *England* to the Army in *Flanders*, to cauſe a Ceſſation of Arms to be made, or proclaimed, between her Majeſty and the *French* Army: But acknowleges, that, he being her Majeſty's Ambaſſador, ſhe was pleaſed to give him Orders and Inſtructions, under her Sign Manual, dated the 21ſt Day of *June* 1712; whereby he was commanded to make all poſſible Diſpatch to the Army in the *Low-Countries*; and, upon his Arrival there, to inform her General and Commander in Chief of the Reſolutions taken in the then important Conjuncture of Affairs; and alſo to declare to the Generals and Commanders in Chief of the foreign Troops in her Majeſty's Pay, and in the joint Pay of her Majeſty and the States-General, with how much Surprize her Majeſty heard there was the leaſt Doubt of their obeying ſuch Orders as they ſhould receive from her ſaid General; and likewiſe, commanding the ſaid Earl to continue with the ſaid Army till the Affair of the Suſpenſion of Arms, and the Surrender of *Dunkirk*, were determined one way or other; and that thereupon he reſorted to the *Hague*, and there, in Conjunction with his Collegue, the then Lord Biſhop of *Briſtoll*, acquainted the States-General with her Majeſty's Intentions for a ſhort Ceſſation of Arms between the Armies in the *Netherlands*, upon certain Conditions to be performed by *France*; one of which was, the Surrendry of *Dunkirk* into her Majeſty's Poſſeſſion; inviting the States to join with her Majeſty therein: After this, the ſaid Earl proceeded to the Army, and acted conformably to his ſaid Inſtructions; and hopes, that what was the Performance of his Duty will not be imputed to him as a Crime: But the ſaid Earl denies, that any Ceſſation, or Separation of the Troops, was executed, or performed, by his Advice; nor was he otherwiſe concerned therein, than in ſignifying the Orders he had in Command from her Majeſty to her General: And he believes, from the beſt Judgment he can make upon the then Situation of Affairs, that, if the Ceſſation that was made by her Majeſty had been generally complied with by the reſt of the Army, it would have increaſed the Confidence between her Majeſty and her Allies, and have obliged the *French* King more ſpeedily to comply with their Demands in the Negotiations of Peace; and that the moſt promiſing Expectations from the Operations of the Campaign, during thoſe Two Months for which the Ceſſation was to continue, could not equal the Advantage accruing to the Confederates by the Surrender of the important Fortreſs of *Dunkirk*, which was put into her Majeſty's Hands, as One of the Conditions of it.

In Anſwer to the Sixth Article; the ſaid Earl, not admitting that he did adviſe, or procure, a Ceſſation of Arms, or obtain for *France* any Separation of the Troops of *Great Britain* from the Confederate Army, or was otherwiſe concerned therein than as in his Anſwer to the preceding Article is ſet forth, denies, with a juſt Abhorrence, that he ever had any treacherous Purpoſes to advance or promote the Intereſts of *France*; or to render any future Correſpondence, or Harmony, between her late Majeſty and the States-General, impracticable; or to weaken or diſtreſs the ſaid States, or bring them under any Neceſſity of complying with, or ſubmitting to, the Meaſures of *France*; nor did or doth he know, or believe, that the taking Poſſeſſion of *Ghent* and *Bruges* by the *Britiſh* Troops was likely to produce any ſuch Conſequence; on the contrary, he conceives, that it was very much for the Advantage of the Allies, eſpecially the States-General, that the *Engliſh* Troops took Poſſeſſion of thoſe Towns, which would otherwiſe, in all Probability, have fallen into the Hands of the *French:* The ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, That, when the *Britiſh* Troops were left by the other Forces, who ſeparated from them, and were under a Neceſſity of retiring to ſome Place of Security, and it was reported, that the *Dutch* had given Orders to all the Commanders of the Towns in their Poſſeſſion to refuſe them Admittance, or Paſſage, he did not think the Reſolution improper, which was taken by her Majeſty's General, to ſend a Party of the Queen's Troops to march through ſome Part of thoſe Towns, to make Experiment whether they would refuſe them Paſſage; for, if Paſſage ſhould not be refuſed them, the *Dutch* would be vindicated from the Report which had been given out, ſo highly reflecting on their Honour, and ſo repugnant to the repeated Profeſſions and Aſſurances of the Good-will and Friendſhip they had ſo conſtantly declared for *Great Britain*; and, if ſuch Paſſage ſhould be refuſed, it would demonſtrate the Neceſſity the *Engliſh* Troops were under of reſorting to *Ghent* and *Bruges:* However, the ſaid Earl doth not admit, that he did adviſe therein; much leſs had he any ſuch Hopes, or treacherous Deſigns, as in the ſaid Article are mentioned; nor did he ſeek any Pretence to put in Execution any Deſign, or Reſolution, concerted with the Miniſters of *France*; nor was any ſuch Deſign, or Reſolution, to his Knowlege, or Belief, concerted: The ſaid Earl doth believe, that a Party of the Queen's Troops, being ſent with Intentions to obtain Admittance into ſome of the Towns in *Flanders*, where ſome of the *Engliſh* Magazines and Hoſpitals were, or, at leaſt, to obtain Paſſage through them to ſome other Places of Security, were refuſed by the *Dutch* Commanders, although thoſe Towns had been conquered chiefly by *Britiſh* Blood and Treaſure: But the States-General diſavowed their giving any Orders for that Purpoſe; and thereby reſcued themſelves from the Reproach of an Uſage, that might have been thought inhumane to Confederate Troops, who had ſpent their Blood for their Service, and had done no Act of Hoſtility, nor given any juſt Reaſon to the States to apprehend any ill Conſequences from ſuch Paſſage or Admittance: The ſaid Earl doth acknowlege, that, after this Refuſal of the *Dutch* Commanders to receive any of the Queen's Troops into, or permit them to paſs through, the Towns in their Poſſeſſion, they retired into *Ghent* and *Bruges*; the former having been their uſual Quarters, and the Citadel thereof having been gariſoned by them from the Beginning of the Campaign: But the ſaid Earl does not know, or believe, there was any treacherous or deſtructive Deſign in the Marching of thoſe Troops into, or taking Poſſeſſion of, thoſe Towns; nor doth he know, or believe, it was done in Concert with any of the Miniſters of *France*, who, he is confident, were not privy to, or knew any thing of, it, till after it was executed: Nor doth the ſaid Earl diſcern how it contributed to the Prejudice of the Confederates, or Advantage of the *French* Army; but, on the contrary, the ſaid Earl is very well aſſured, that it proved greatly to the Advantage and Security of the former, whoſe Convoys were thereby protected, and the Communication between *Holland* and the Confederate Army kept open; and the Advantages thereby to the common Cauſe were ſo notorious and viſible, that the Allies frequently expreſſed their Satisfaction, that thoſe important Places had been ſo well ſecured; by which means, the Allies had all the Advantages of thoſe Towns, without being at the Expence of Gariſons, the Furniſhing of which would have obliged them to make ſuch Detachments from their Army, as would have rendered it difficult for them to have kept the Field: And, on the other hand, the *French* Miniſters frequently complained of the great Diſadvantages occaſioned thereby to the Arms of their Maſter, whom they thought not well treated by her Majeſty on that account: And the ſaid Earl apprehends, that the *Britiſh* Troops had equal Right with thoſe of the States to enter into *Ghent* and *Bruges*, or any other Place of the *Low-Countries*, which, by Agreement, were under the joint Government of the Queen and the States-General; and this happened, at that time, to be of the greater Importance, ſince the Queen's Troops were thereby enabled to maintain a Communication with *Dunkirk* and *England*, and was afterwards found likewiſe very uſeful towards obtaining the Removal of the unjuſtifiable Impoſitions laid by the *Dutch* upon the *Britiſh* Merchandize in the new Conqueſts in the *Netherlands*; which they themſelves had many Months owned to be a Grievance; but had not before thought fit to redreſs.

The ſaid Earl humbly hopes he has fully anſwered the ſeveral Articles exhibited againſt him; and he doubts not but your Lordſhips will, in your great Wiſdom, maturely weigh

weigh the Nature of the Charge, which is chiefly founded on his Tranſactions abroad with the Miniſters of foreign Princes and States; whoſe Teſtimony, though never ſo material towards clearing his Innocence, it will be impoſſible for him to produce: He aſſures himſelf, your Lordſhips will have a due Regard to the wide Extent, the great Length and Intricacy, of the Negotiations, wherein he was engaged by his late Sovereign's expreſs Commands; to which he did the more chearfully ſubmit, being joined in the moſt conſiderable Parts thereof with a Reverend Prelate, whoſe long Reſidence abroad, and Experience in the Methods of treating with foreign Princes and States, had abundantly qualified him for the Diſcharge of ſo important a Truſt: However, the ſaid Earl, on his Part, may, in any reſpect, have been unequal to the Province aſſigned him; yet ſure he is, that he always endeavoured to acquit himſelf therein with the utmoſt Integrity; and cannot but expreſs a juſt Deteſtation of the many evil Intentions wherewith he is loaded by the ſaid Articles: And as he humbly apprehends, the ſeveral Facts, mentioned in the Articles, if they could be proved, will not appear criminal, abſtracted from the ill Motives and Deſigns from which they are ſuppoſed to proceed; ſo he is fully perſuaded, your Lordſhips will diſtinguiſh between the Actions themſelves, and the Intentions wherewith they are charged to be done; and he aſſures himſelf, that your Lordſhips will judge of the Sincerity of his Intentions by the Tenor of all his Letters and Papers, and not by any particular Paſſages ſelected from them; and is ſecure in your Lordſhips Juſtice, that no ſtrained Conſtruction of any ſuch Paſſages will be made by your Lordſhips to his Prejudice: He cannot but think himſelf extremely unfortunate in falling under the Diſpleaſure of the Honourable Houſe of Commons; nor could he receive the firſt Intimation of it without the greateſt Surprize: Not being conſcious to himſelf that he had tranſgreſſed any known Law, he was not without Hopes, having ſpent the beſt and greateſt Part of his Life abroad in the Army, and in ſeveral Embaſſies, always endeavouring to promote the Welfare of his Country, that he might, at his Return, have met with its Approbation, as a Recompence for his long and faithful Services: However, he comforts himſelf with this Reflection, That every Step of his Proceedings in the late Negotiation was laid before her Majeſty, and received her Royal Approbation: Nor will it, he conceives, be judged improper, if he obſerves to your Lordſhips, That the States-General, in their Letter to her Majeſty, a little before the ſigning the Peace, acknowleged they could not enough commend her Plenipotentiaries for the Aſſiſtance they had given them in their Treaty with *France*; and that all the Allies gave frequent Marks of their Eſteem for the ſaid Earl, and his Collegue, on account of the many Services they had received from them. The ſaid Earl is confident it will appear to your Lordſhips, that although he did, with the utmoſt Application, purſue the Good of his own Country preferably to that of any other Nation whatſoever; yet he was never wanting to promote the Advantage of the Allies, particularly of the States-General, where it did not interfere with the Intereſt of *Great Britain*. A ſeparate Treaty of Peace was ſo far from his Thoughts, that, on the contrary, he was truly zealous to make it general; and he had the Happineſs to ſucceed therein in as great a Degree as was ever known, when ſo many Confederates were concerned: Nor was the ſaid Earl leſs zealous in ſupporting, to the utmoſt of his Abilities, the Honour and Reputation of his late Royal Miſtreſs; which was ſo far from being proſtituted, or ſuffering any Diminution, by his Negotiations, that her Majeſty did, through the whole Courſe of thoſe Negotiations, and to the very Hour of her Death, maintain as great and glorious a Character as any of her Royal Predeceſſors, or as ſhe herſelf had done in any former Part of her Reign.

And as to all other Matters and Things in the ſaid Articles contained, and not herein before particularly anſwered, the ſaid Earl ſaith, He is not guilty of them, or any of them, in the Manner and Form as the ſame are charged upon him in and by the ſaid Articles; and humbly ſubmits himſelf to your Lordſhips Judgment.

Strafford.

William Cowper, Cler. Parliamentor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer be referred to the Committee of Secrecy, to whom it was referred to draw up Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence, againſt the ſaid Earl.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do prepare a Replication to the ſaid Anſwer.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords had commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips deſire this Houſe will impart to them the Names of ſuch Perſons as appeared, and were examined, before this Houſe, in relation to the Bill, intituled, An Act to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Lords be acquainted, That the Perſons that appeared, and were examined, at the Bar of this Houſe, in relation to the Bill, intituled, An Act to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon, were *Ebenezer Whittle*, and Doctor *Blaire*.

Ordered, That the Meſſengers be called in, and acquainted therewith.

And the Meſſengers were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith accordingly.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 31° *die Januarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

Mr. *Morice* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for naturalizing *Henry Corneliſon* was committed, That they had examined the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment; and he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: And an Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Exporters of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the late unhappy Loſs of the *Spaniſh* Flotilla, Cochineal is become extreme dear, and very ſcarce in this Kingdom; and, *Spain* being incapable of ſupplying us for ſome time, we are in Danger of loſing the Trade of ſeveral great Branches of our Woollen Manufactury, which are only dyed with that Commodity into Grain Colours, as well for Exportation as Home-conſumption: That our neighbouring Nations, having now great Quantities of Cochineal by them, are able to dye much cheaper, and under-ſell us in our foreign Markets: And praying to grant a free Importation of Cochineal from all Places, for ſo long time as your Honours ſhall think fit.

A Petition of the principal Traders, and others, concerned in the Woollen Manufactury, of and within the City of *New Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That although

though the Reſtraints formerly laid upon the Importation of Cochineal were then very properly done; yet, conſidering the great Want of that Commodity in *England*, and that our Neceſſity cannot be ſupplied from *Spain* for ſome conſiderable time yet to come; that the Want of it hath already been the Cauſe of great Damage and Loſs to the Woollen Manufacturers in this City, and to great Part of the County of *Wilts:* And praying, That a Bill, or Bills, might be brought in, and paſs, giving Leave to import the ſaid Commodity from *Holland*, or other Parts; thereby to ſupply us for the preſent; and to continue in Force no longer than ... in your great Wiſdom ſhall think convenient.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Biſſe*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Briſtow*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Glouceſter*, *Wilts*, and *Worceſter:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Dr. *Blackburn*, Dean of *Exeter*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe, Yeſterday, at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter:* And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Edgecomb*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Drake*, do acquaint him therewith.

The Order being read, for the Calling of the Houſe over;

Ordered, That the Houſe do proceed to the calling over the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, was called over:

And ſeveral of the Members appeared; and ſeveral were excuſed, upon account of their being ill; and others, in reſpect of the Severity of the Seaſon, and Badneſs of the Roads:

Upon calling over the Names of *Robert Clarges* Eſquire, *Stephen Northleigh* Eſquire, *William Northmore* Eſquire, Sir *Arthur Chicheſter* Baronet, *Richard Reynell* Eſquire, *George Chaffin* Eſquire, *George Trenchard* Eſquire, *William Betts* Eſquire, they were not excuſed:

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Sir *Michael Wharton* Knight be excuſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Sir *Arthur Kay:*	93.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Tufnell:*	148.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Upon calling over the Names of *William Stephens* Eſquire, *Edward Hopkins* Eſquire, *Robert Leeves* Eſquire, *William Peytoe* Eſquire, *Francis Swanton* Eſquire, *John Pugh* Eſquire, and of Sir *David Dalrymple* Baronet, they were not excuſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Robert Clarges* Eſquire, *Stephen Northleigh* Eſquire, *William Northmore* Eſquire, Sir *Arthur Chicheſter* Baronet, *Richard Reynell* Eſquire, *George Chaffin* Eſquire, *George Trenchard* Eſquire, *William Betts* Eſquire, Sir *Michael Warton* Knight, *William Stephens* Eſquire, *Edward Hopkins* Eſquire, *Robert Leeves* Eſquire, *William Peytoe* Eſquire, *Francis Swanton* Eſquire, *John Pugh* Eſquire, and Sir *David Dalrymple* Baronet, do attend the Service of the Houſe upon this Day Three Weeks.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 1° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *Acton Baldwyn* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Ludlow*, in the County of *Salop*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That *Nathanael Herne* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardnes*, in the County of *Devon*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That the ſame Commiſſioners be appointed for Executing of the ſaid Act, as were appointed by the Act, of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1715.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon ſo much of the Petition of *Gabriel Roberts* and *Francis Hayes* Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, as relates to the ſaid Mr. *Hayes*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned until *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 2° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have appointed to give Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, who have pleaded guilty to the Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited by this Houſe againſt them, on *Thurſday* the Ninth Day of this inſtant *February*, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will be preſent in *Weſtminſter-hall*, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, when the Lords do give Judgment againſt the ſaid *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*,

water, *William* Lord *Widdrington*, *William* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *William* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, who have pleaded Guilty to the Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited by this Houſe againſt them.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the Lords Journals, in relation to their Proceedings upon the Judgment to be given againſt the ſaid Lords.

Ordered, That the Committee, who drew up the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Lords, be the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of the 28th of *January* laſt, relating to the Fees of Offices, hath been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had commanded him to acquaint this Houſe, That he will give proper Orders to all the ſeveral Officers, as is deſired.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed: And that Mr. *Treby* and Mr. *Coventry* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the incorporate Company of Clothiers in the City of *Worceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Cloths were uſed to be dyed into Grain Colours, for Exportation, and the Home-Trade: That the Price of Cochineal having been very high for ſome time paſt, hath been a great Loſs to the Petitioners; the Merchants, for that Reaſon, not having bought the uſual Quantities of Cloths: The Petitioners were, notwithſtanding, encouraged to continue their Trade, upon the Hopes that Cochineal would be very cheap, becauſe the Flotilla was daily expected in *Spain*; but, by the late unfortunate Loſs of the Flotilla, Cochineal is riſen to an extravagant Price; the Petitioners are like to be intirely ruined, for want of a Vend for their Cloth, of which they have great Parcels on hand, as well as the uſual Exporters, who cannot dye, for want of Cochineal: And praying, That Cochineal may be imported from all Places, for ſo long as to your great Wiſdoms ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Exporters of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; and the Petition of the principal Traders, and others, concerned in the Woollen Manufactory, of and within the City of *New Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*; are referred.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms before they make any Report.

The Serjeant at Arms being called upon to give the Houſe an Account of what he had done in relation to *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire, who was, the Eighth of *Auguſt* laſt, ordered to be ſent for in Cuſtody, for not attending the Service of the Houſe; he acquainted the Houſe, That the Meſſenger he ſent to bring up Mr. *Pryſe*, had been at his Houſe at *Gargathen*; but that he was not there; nor could the Meſſenger have any Intelligence where he was.

Ordered, That *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire do ſurrender himſelf into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe by this Day Month, at the fartheſt, upon pain of incurring the farther Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, and of being proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Severity.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty, during the preſent Rebellion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Yonge*: } 206.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Shippen*: } 50.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Cowper*, and Mr. *Vernon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Month, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 3° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for naturalizing *Henry Corneliſon* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for naturalizing *Henry Corneliſon*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrice* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to view the Court erected in *Weſtminſter-hall*; and report to the Houſe what Conveniencies and Accommodations are made for the Members of this Houſe, when the Houſe ſhall be preſent, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, at the giving Judgment againſt the impeached Lords:

And it is referred to Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Liddall*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Wilkinſon*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Sheppard*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Tuſnell*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Bromley*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors: And that Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Farrer*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 4° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *Henry Slingſby* and *Cyril Arthington* Eſquires, *John Clarke*, *Richard Andrews*, *John Clarke* Joiner, and *Leonard Pickerſgill*, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Knaresborough*, in the County of *York*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Petition of *Thomas Blunt*, *John Searing*, *Charles Sewell*, *Thomas Holland*, *Thomas Story*, and *Cornelius Roſe*, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by the Act, made in the Ninth Year of the late Queen *Anne*, for licenſing and regulating Hackney Coaches, it is Enacted, That Commiſſioners ſhould be appointed for licenſing and regulating Eight hundred Hackney Coaches, which, from the 24th Day of *June* 1715, during the Term of 32 Years, ſhould be kept within *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality; which is One hundred more than before was licenſed; and the Tax of each of them is more than when there were but Seven hundred; and the Petitioners are now anſwerable for the Offences of their Servants, and are not protected from having their Employment incroached on by Perſons not licenſed: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to make their Licences Aſſets in their Hands for the Term granted by the Act; and that all Penalties may be on Offenders; and that unlicenſed Perſons may be prevented uſing their Employment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Ja. Bateman*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Eyre*, Sir *John Norris*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Boteler*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Dawney*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Trevor*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Weſtmore*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Edgcombe*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Coventry*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *John Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation, promiſing ſuch Reward as his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, ſhall think fit, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall apprehend *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, or any of them, in order to bring them to Juſtice.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That Mr. *Thomas Allan*, *John Prat*, *James Denham*, *John Robſon*, and others, have, in a forcible manner, entered upon the Poſſeſſion of *John Hedworth* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, in the Pariſh of *Cheſter-le-ſtreet*, in the County of *Durham*, and ſunk a Pit, and dug Coal, there, and committed Spoil on the ſaid Eſtate, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 6° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs hath been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation, promiſing ſuch Reward as his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, ſhould think fit, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall apprehend *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, or any of them, in order to bring them to Juſtice; and that his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſay, He would iſſue a Proclamation, according to the Deſire of this Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for allowing Travelling-charges to Receivers-General:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up to the Table;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for adding new Commiſſioners Names for ſeveral Places, to put the Act in Execution:

And the ſame was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill:

After which, the Preamble of the Bill was amended:

And ſeveral other ſubſequent Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

An Amendment, Fo. 21. L. 18. being propoſed to be made, in relation to a Deduction, or Allowance, to be made out of Rents of Eſtates, upon account of Fee-farm Rents, by inſerting theſe Words; "Provided ſuch De- "duction, or Allowance, doth not exceed the Rates "aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, upon the Eſtate or Eſtates,

"out

" out of which ſuch purchaſed Fee-farm Rent or Rents " doth or do iſſue;"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be inſerted;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Barington Shute:* } 28.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Hedworth:* } 17.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned till this Day Fortnight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 7° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee appointed to view the Court erected in *Weſtminſter-hall*, and report to the Houſe what Conveniencies and Accommodations are made for the Members of this Houſe, when the Houſe ſhall be preſent, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, at the giving Judgment againſt the impeached Lords, who have pleaded Guilty, That they had viewed the ſame accordingly; and find, that there are Accommodations for about Five hundred Perſons.

Ordered, That no Perſons but Members of this Houſe do preſume to ſit in the Places appointed for the Members in *Weſtminſter-hall*, at the giving Judgment againſt the ſaid impeached Lords.

Ordered, That the Paſſage for the Members of this Houſe to and from their Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* be kept clear, for their more convenient Paſſage; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care accordingly.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker* was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and examined the ſame; and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John Wyburd*, Steward to *John Forteſcue Aland* Eſquire, his Majeſty's Sollicitor-General, a Member of this Houſe, hath been arreſted by *Thomas Wright* Bailiff, and *William Woodfin*, a Bailiff's Follower, at the Suit of *John Brecknock*, by the Procurement of *Hugh Jones*, his Attorney, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Complaint of a Breach of Privilege againſt *John Hedworth* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, upon *Monday* the 5th Day of *March* next.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Cornelius Johnſon*, and *John Potter*, have cauſed *Edward Coward*, Servant to *Charles Maſon* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, to be arreſted, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. Attorney-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty during the preſent Rebellion: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of Sir *William Lowther* Baronet, and *Hugh Bethell* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*, upon *Wedneſday* the 7th Day of *March* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Jeſſop:* } 109.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Shippen:* } 44.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of Sir *Wm. Lowther* Baronet, *Hugh Bethell* Eſquire, and *Chriſtopher Hayford*, *Thomas Gilpin*, *Timothy Kiplin*, *George Jennings*, *Benjamin Radcliffe*, *David Medley*, *Robert Ward*, *John Popplewell*, *John Kiplin*, *John Hutchinſon*, *Joſhua Cooper*, and *John Aſh*, Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough of *Pontefract*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, at the ſame time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of Sir *Wm. Strickland* Baronet, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Malton*, in the County of *York*, upon *Monday* the 26th Day of *March* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Maſter*, Mr. *Benſon:* } 84.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Chetwynd:* } 71.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of ſeveral Burgeſſes, Electors for the ſaid Borough of *Malton*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough, at the ſame time.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Lords Journals, in relation to their Proceedings upon the Judgment to be given againſt the Six Lords impeached for High Treaſon, and who have pleaded Guilty to the ſame, That they had inſpected the Lords Journals accordingly; and had directed him to report to the Houſe what they found in them, in relation to the Lords Proceedings upon the Judgment to be given againſt the ſaid Six Lords; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That they do find, That the Houſe of Lords have addreſſed to his Majeſty, to appoint a Lord High Steward

for the further Proceedings againſt the ſaid Six impeached Lords, who had pleaded Guilty; and that his Majeſty had given Directions accordingly:

That, the Judges being directed by the Houſe of Lords to prepare a Form of a Commiſſion for conſtituting a Lord High Steward, the Judges prepared a Form accordingly; which, with an Amendment, was agreed to by the Houſe of Lords:

And the Committee, having examined the Entry of the ſaid Commiſſion, and compared it with the Commiſſion in the Caſe of the Lord Viſcount *Stafford*, find the ſame to agree with the Form of the Commiſſion of Lord High Steward which was ſettled, and agreed on, by both Houſes of Parliament, for the Tryal of the Lord Viſcount *Stafford:*

And that they do alſo find, That the Houſe of Lords have ordered, That the Lord High Steward be directed to aſk the ſaid impeached Lords, in the uſual manner, If they have any thing to offer in Arreſt of Judgment:

That the Counſel, aſſigned to the ſaid ſeveral Six Lords, may be preſent when they are at the Bar, that if any thing is offered in Arreſt of Judgment, which the Lords may think proper to hear Counſel upon, they may be heard.

Ordered, That the Committee of Secrecy, to whom the Anſwer of the Earl of *Winton* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him was referred, be appointed Managers on behalf of the Commons, in caſe any thing ſhall be offered in Arreſt of Judgment, on behalf of the Six impeached Lords, who have pleaded Guilty.

Ordered, That the Managers now appointed do firſt go out of the Houſe to the Places appointed for them in *Weſtminſter-hall*, before the other Members do go out of the Houſe.

Ordered, That, after Mr. Speaker ſhall have left the Chair, according to the Reſolution of the Houſe, to be preſent at the giving Judgment againſt the impeached Lords, who have pleaded Guilty, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, the Members be called over by the Clerk, by their Counties, as uſual, for their more regular proceeding.

Ordered, That no Member do preſume to go out of the Houſe till the County for and in which he ſerves be called.

Ordered, That the Conſtables of *Weſtminſter* do give their Attendance, for keeping the Paſſages to and from *Weſtminſter-hall* clear, that the Members of this Houſe may not be incommoded.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 8vo *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty during the preſent Rebellion, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716, was read the Third time.

The ſeveral Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 17. L. 25. To inſert "together with ſuch other "Perſons as are in this Act hereafter named:"

Pr. 35. L. 33. To leave out "Rates," and to inſert "Sum:"

L. 34. After "the," inſert "whole:"

Pr. 47. L. 13. To leave out "like;" and,

L. 15. To inſert "like," before "Declara-"tion:"

Pr. 77. L. 14. To leave out "Nineteen," and to inſert "Nine:"

Pr. 78. L. 13. After "Pence," to inſert "Half-"peny:"

L. 20. The ſame Amendment:

L. 26. The ſame Amendment:

L. 28. The ſame Amendment:

Pr. 87. L. 10. After "*Radford*," inſert "*Wm. Ilbert* "Eſquire, of *Bowringſleigh*:"

L. 11. After "*Durham*," to inſert "*Henry* "*Grey* Eſquire, *John Sibbit*, *Antony Compton*, *Thomas* "*Watſon*, *Edward Nealſon*, *Matthew Forſter*:"

L. 31. After "*Ingſton*," to inſert "*Tho.* "*Carpenter* Eſquire, of the *Homin*:"

Pr. 88. L. 36. After "*Wakelyn*," to inſert "Major "*Boyle Smyth*:"

L. 37. Before "*Tho.*" to inſert "Sir *Natha-*"*nael Mead*, Serjeant at Law:"

Pr. 88. L. 39. After "*Caſs*," to inſert "*John God-*"*den Woolfe*, of *Hackney*:"

Pr. 89. L. 17. Before "for," to inſert "*Thomas Wood-*"*ford*, Dr. of Phyſick:"

L. 19. After "Eſquire," to inſert "Mr. *Wm.* "*Enfeild*, of *Whitley*:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, by adding, at the End thereof, "For the County of "*Norfolk*, *Benjamin Holly*:"

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was propoſed, by adding, at the End of the Bill, theſe Words, "For the Town of *Har-*"*wich*, and *Dover* Court, Sir *Philip Parker* Baronet, Sir "*Iſaac Rebow* Knight, *Tho. Heath*, *Tho. Weely*, *Jere-*"*miah Shaw*, *Nathanael Lawrence*, *Robert Honywood*, "Eſquires:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Swift*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Tufnel*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Evelyn*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Blunt*, *John Searing*, *Charles Sewell*, *Thomas Holland*, *Thomas Story*, and *Cornelius Roſe*, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, is referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 9° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters: And the ſame was received.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe of Sheriffs in the Execution of their Offices, and in

paſſing their Accounts: And that Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Lowther*, and the Lord *Coningsby*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers, to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Fees taken by the Officers of the Exchequer for paſſing Sheriffs Accounts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Seventh Inſtant were read, That no Perſons, but Members of this Houſe do preſume to ſit in the Places appointed for the ſaid Members in *Weſtminſter-hall*, at the giving Judgment againſt the impeached Lords; and for the clearing the Paſſage to and from the ſaid Place:

And the Serjeant at Arms was directed to go and clear the ſaid Places according to the ſaid Orders.

And he went accordingly.

Then the Journal, in relation to the Impeachment againſt Doctor *Sacheverell* 27° *Februarii*, 8vo *Annæ Reginæ*, was read; where it appeared, That, for the more regular Proceeding of the Members, Mr. Speaker was deſired to ſtay, after he had left the Chair, till the laſt; and ſo all the Members to proceed as the Counties were called; and that the Clerk, and Clerk-Aſſiſtant, ſit behind the Managers, in one of their Seats, to be at hand, if any thing ſhould be wanting, or ſhould be required of them, by the Managers; and that the Managers, who were of the Long Robe, be without their Gowns:

And the ſame Matters were now again directed.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to acquaint them, That this Houſe being informed, that ſeveral Perſons do come into the Place where their Lordſhips are to ſit in *Weſtminſter-hall*, and from thence into the Places appointed for the Members of this Houſe; they do deſire, That their Lordſhips will order the ſaid Place to be cleared of all Perſons.

Ordered, That Mr. *Weſt* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

The Serjeant at Arms being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, That there are ſeveral Perſons in the Places appointed for the Members, and in the Paſſages leading to the ſaid Places.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take into his Cuſtody all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be in the Places prepared for the Members of this Houſe in *Weſtminſter-hall*, before the Members do go into their Places; and alſo all ſuch Perſons as ſhall attempt to come into the Places while the Members of this Houſe are ſitting there.

Mr. *Weſt* reported, That he had been at the Lords; and delivered the Meſſage directed by this Houſe: And that the Lords have given Orders accordingly.

The Order for the Houſe to be preſent at the giving Judgment againſt the Six impeached Lords, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, being read;

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to be Managers, in caſe any thing ſhould be offered by the ſaid Lords in Arreſt of Judgment, be called over.

And they were called over accordingly; and went to the Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* appointed for them.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to be preſent at the ſaid Judgment.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And then the Members were called over by the Clerk, by their Counties, as uſual: And they went into *Weſtminſter-hall* accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 10° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Guidot*, Mr. *Walter*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Alliſon*, Mr. *Okeden*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Burridge*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Blunt*, *John Searing*, and others, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, is referred.

A Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was, according to Order, read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Jane Phillips* had cauſed *William Hitchcock*, a Servant of Major-General *John Pepper*, a Member of this Houſe, to be arreſted at her Suit; and to be detained in Priſon ſeveral Days; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the chief Officers of the Mint to lay before this Houſe an Account of the clear Produce of the Coinage-Duty for the Three ſeveral Years laſt paſt, reſpectively; and alſo of the Charge of coining Gold and Silver Money; and the eſtabliſhed Charge of the Mint in *England* and *Scotland*, and incident Charges attending the ſame, for the ſaid Three Years reſpectively.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and the Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, That Mr. *John Tovey*, One of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *St. Martin's in the Fields*, had inſulted and abuſed *Charles Medlycot* Eſquire, One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *Weſtminſter*, in reſpect to the Evidence by him given before the ſaid Committee;

Reſolved, That Mr. *John Tovey*, One of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *St. Martin's in the Fields*, having inſulted *Charles Medlycot* Eſquire, One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *Weſtminſter*, on account of the Evidence given by the ſaid Mr. *Medlycot* before a Committee of this Houſe, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *John Tovey* be, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, is committed, be revived: And they are to meet upon *Monday* next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Treby* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next,

next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 11° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *John Bankes* and *Richard Fownes* Eſquires be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Corfe-Caſtle*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Holford:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That they have appointed *Thurſday* the Eighth Day of *March* next for the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, upon the Impeachment of High Treaſon exhibited againſt him by this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker*.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for continuing the Powers granted in the former Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army, from the Tenth Day of *September* next, to the Tenth of *March* One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty during the preſent Rebellion.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 13° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Henry Cornelijon*, without Amendment.

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Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty during the preſent Rebellion, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, their Agents and Factors, and other Perſons reſiding in *New-England* aforeſaid, did furniſh the Government with very conſiderable Sums of Money for the Expedition to *Canada*; and received Bills of Exchange for the ſame, drawn by General *Nicholſon*, Sir *Hovendon Walker*, and others, Agents and Miniſters for the Crown, on the Treaſury-Board, and other Offices, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions to them for that Purpoſe: That, notwithſtanding her ſaid late Majeſty was pleaſed to promiſe, in a Letter of Credit, read to the Merchants in thoſe Parts, punctual Payment of the ſaid Bills; yet the Petitioners have not been able to get more than a Part of ſome of the ſaid Bills hitherto paid, and of others no Part at all, after a long and tedious Attendance on the late Lord Treaſurer, and divers References to the Auditors of the Impreſts, without Effect: And praying this Honourable Houſe to make ſome Proviſion for the Monies they ſo chearfully advanced for the Uſe of the Crown, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions; which they have been ſo long kept out of, to the great Prejudice of their Trades, and Families; and will be pleaſed to allow Intereſt for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Dodington*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Walpole*, Chancellor Exchequer, General *Earl*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Weſterne*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Rudge*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Admiral *Wager*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Geo. Bing*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Baylie*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr.

Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Mr. *Herne*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Sloper*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Cornwall*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account of ſeveral Expences incurred for the Service of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1715, and not provided for by Parliament, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of ſeveral extraordinary Expences, relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1716, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 14° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent the Maiming of Cattle.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fourteen thouſand Three hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and a Peny Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good ſeveral Expences for the Service of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in the Year 1715, over and above the Sum of 132,563 *l.* 9 *s.* 6 *d.* ſaved by the Pay of Thirteen Regiments of Dragoons, Eight Regiments of Foot, and Four Companies of the *Coldſtream* Regiment, from the 21ſt of *July* 1715, to the 24th of *December* following.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Sixty-ſix thouſand and Twelve Pounds Five Shillings and Five Pence, be granted to his Majeſty for ſeveral extraordinary Expences for the Service of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, for the Year 1716.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty, during the preſent Rebellion, be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to apply the Money, called White-coat-money, which was collected in the County of *Dorſet*, in the Year 1688, and which remains unaccounted for, to the finding Arms for the Foot-Militia of the ſaid County.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they have directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads therein mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1715: And alſo,

An Account of the Money, Tallies, *&c.* remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31ſt of *December* 1715, over and above the Aſſignments on them from the Navy-Board; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the Debt of the Navy, in caſe it ſhall be all applied to the Service thereof:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Eſtimate and Account are as follows; *viz.*

Navy-Office, 19 *January* 1715. AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1715.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars: Before this Reign.			Particulars: Since this Reign.			Total.		
Wear and Tear, ordinary and extraordinary Repairs:	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Due to pay off, and diſcharge, all the Bills entered on the Courſe of the Navy for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof — — — — —				137,027	0	0			
For the Freight of Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 31ſt of *December* 1715; as alſo for ſeveral Bills of Exchange — — —	11,803	18	2	15,285	12	3	413,122	10	5
To his Majeſty's Yards, and Rope-Yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — — —				212,220	0	0			
For Half-Pay to Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by his Majeſty in Council, on that behalf—	3,800	0	0	32,986	0	0			
Seamens Wages:									
Due to pay the Men unpaid on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the late Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — — —	120,844	8	4	2,734	13	6			
To Ships in Sea-Pay on the aforeſaid 31ſt of *December* 1715 — — — — — —	276,441	0	0	244,788	0	0	649,865	1	10
To diſcharge, and pay off, all the Bills entered in Courſe for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties to Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — — —				5,057	0	0			
Victualing-Debt, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:									
Due for Short-allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off —	81,810	18	5	20,393	18	0			
For Bills on their Courſe; as alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extraordinary neceſſary Money, and Wages, to the Officers, Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.* —	21,274	8	7	107,424	5	7	230,903	10	7
Sick and Wounded: The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:									
Due for the Service of ſick and wounded Seamen ſerving on board his Majeſty's Fleet — — —	749	14	2	7,301	13	7	8,051	7	9
	516,724	7	8	785,218	2	11	1,301,942	10	7

The total Sum is One million Three hundred and one thouſand Nine hundred and Forty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven Pence.

Cha. Wager, *Ja. Acworth,* *Cha. Sergiſon,*
D. Lyddall, *R. Burton,* *J. Fawler.*
Cha. Cornwall,

Navy-

Navy-Office, 19th *January* 171⅙.

AN Account of the Money, Tallies, &c. remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31ſt of *December* 1715, over and above the Aſſignments on them from the Navy-Board; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the Debt of the Navy, in caſe it ſhall be all applied to the Service thereof.

In what Treaſurer's Hands.	In Monies, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.	On the Heads of: Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.			Seamens Wages.			Victuals.			Reſerved for ſuch Uſes as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall direct.			Total.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Executors of Sir *Tho. Littleton.*	In Money				1,255	10	9	80	0	2				6,079	10	11
	In Tallies on Reverſion of Annuities										4,744	0	0			
Char. Cæſar Eſquire.	In Money	6,458	9	9¾	9	11	0	247	8	0				8,924	2	1
	In *South-Sea* Stock	78	16	6¼				2,129	16	9						
John Aiſlaby Eſquire.	In Money	7,299	18	6¾	1,550	10	6¼	10,836	2	4½				590,267	15	3
	In Tallies on Reverſion of Annuities										39,089	0	0			
	On the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1715										199,193	0	5½			
	In *South-Sea* Stock										185,859	3	4			
	In Stock for raiſing Annuities, after the Rate of 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum, Anno* 1715										124,440	0	0			
	In Tallies on Malt, *Anno* 1715										22,000	0	0			
		13,837	4	10¼	2,815	12	3¼	13,293	7	3½	575,325	3	9½	605,271	8	3

Cha. Wager, *Ja. Acworth,* *R. Burton,* *J. Fawler,* *Charles Sergiſon,* *D. Lyddell.* *Cha. Cornwall,*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate and Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to lay before this Houſe an Account, ſhewing how much Senna was rated, or charged, before the Act paſſed, in the Third Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, wherein it is mentioned to be uſed in Dyeing; and how much it has been rated, or charged, ſince; and to what Uſe the ſaid Commodity is uſually applied.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 15° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Sir *William Pendarvis* Knight, and *Charles Statham* Eſquire, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwal*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Mr. *Bond* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Treby* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Treby* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Blount*, and others, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, was referred, That they had conſidered the Matters to them referred; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Committee, having heard the ſaid Petitioners, and the Commiſſioners for licenſing and regulating Hackney Coaches their Obſervations thereupon, came to the following Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations of their Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the ſaid Petitioners Relief.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality: And that the Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Lord *Coningsby*, and Mr. *Treby*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, in relation to the Courſe of Proceedings on Impeachments exhibited by the Commons.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up what is proper to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference:

And it is referred to Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Powlett*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Sollicitor-General; or any Five of them: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That an Account of the Diſtribution of the Money appropriated to the Service of the Navy, in the Year 1715, under the ſeveral Heads thereof, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Pulteney*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to prevent Papiſts liſting themſelves in the Army:

And the ſame was twice read; and, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out "Naval Stores, or Ships of War:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 16° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Clothiers of the County of *Wilts* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Cloths were uſed to be dyed into Grain Colours, for Exportation, and the Home-Trade: That, the Price of Cochineal having been very high for ſome time paſt, which hath been a great Loſs to the Petitioners; the Merchants, for that Reaſon, not having bought the uſual Quantities of Cloths; the Petitioners were, notwithſtanding, encouraged to continue their Trade, upon the Hopes that Cochineal would ſoon be very cheap; becauſe

becauſe the Flotilla was daily expected in *Spain*, with a larger Supply of that Commodity; but, by the late unfortunate Loſs of the Flotilla, Cochineal is riſen to an extravagant Price; . . . the Petitioners are like to be intirely ruined, for want of a Vent for their Cloth: And praying, That Cochineal may be imported from all Places, for ſo long as in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Exporters of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; and alſo the Petition of the principal Traders, and others concerned in the Woollen Manufactory, of and within the City of *New Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*; are referred.

A Petition of the Headſmen, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Company of Worſted-Weavers in the City of *Norwich*, and County of *Norfolk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas the Loſs of a great Quantity of Cochineal in the *Spaniſh* Fleet, lately caſt away, has made it very ſcarce and dear; which is a great Prejudice to the Weaving-Trade in general, but more eſpecially to us, who make ſo great a Conſumption of it: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during ſuch time as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Exporters of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; and alſo the Petition of the principal Traders, and others concerned in the Woollen Manufactory, of and within the City of *New Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*; are referred.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Tho. Gery* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Treby*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtateing, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Commiſſioner be choſen by Balloting.

Reſolved, That no Perſon be capable of being the ſaid Commiſſioner who hath any Office of Profit, or is accountable to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Commiſſioner may be a Member of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That no Perſon who hath been, or is, an Agent, be capable of being the ſaid Commiſſioner.

Ordered, That the Members of the Houſe do, upon *Saturday* next, at One of the Clock, prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of One Perſon's Name, to be a Commiſſioner in the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up what is proper to be offered to the Lords, at a Conference with the Lords, in relation to the Courſe of Proceedings on Impeachments exhibited by the Commons, That they had drawn up the ſame accordingly; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; as is as follows; *viz.*

The Commons, obſerving, at the proceeding to Judgment againſt *James* Earl of *Derwentwater*, *Wm.* Lord *Widdrington*, *Wm.* Earl of *Nithiſdale*, *Robert* Earl of *Carnwath*, *Wm.* Viſcount *Kenmure*, and *William* Lord *Nairn*, That ſeveral Matters had, by ſome of the ſaid Lords, been delivered in to the Houſe of Lords, in Writing, at the time they pleaded Guilty to the Impeachment exhibited againſt them by the Commons, do propoſe to your Lordſhips, as a Parliamentary Courſe to be obſerved for the future, That all Writings delivered in to the Houſe of Lords by Perſons impeached by the Commons, at the time when they put in their Anſwers or Pleas, or true Copies of ſuch Writings, be forthwith ſent to the Commons.

Ordered, That Sir *John Hobart* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Seamen or Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Lechmere*, the Lord *Coningsby*, and General *Lumley*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty, during the preſent Rebellion, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, in Pr. * L. * by leaving out "are now," and, afterwards, to inſert "on the 23d Day of *January*, in the Year of our "Lord 1715, were."

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words "are "now" ſtand Part of the Bill;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Aſh:*	199.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Willoughby*, Mr. *Snell:*	83.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Title be, An Act for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Sir *John Hobart* reported, That he having, according to the Direction of the Houſe, been at the Lords, to deſire a Conference, the Lords do agree to a Conference; and appoint the ſame To-morrow, at Two of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 17° *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Richard Sandford* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the clear Produce of the Coinage-Duty for the Three ſeveral Years laſt paſt reſpectively: And an Account of the

Charge of coining Gold and Silver Money; and the eſtabliſhed Charge of the Mint in *England* and *Scotland*, and incident Charges attending the ſame:

And the Title thereof was read.
The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

AN Account of the clear Produce of the Coinage-Duty for the Three ſeveral Years laſt paſt reſpectively.

The Produce of this Duty was,	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From 25th *December* 1712 to *Ditto* 1713 — — — — — —	8,039	0	11
From 25th *December* 1713 to *Ditto* 1714 — — — — — —	8,720	19	0½
From 25th *December* 1714 to *Ditto* 1715 — — — — — —	11,894	9	8
Total —	28,654	9	7½

AN Account of the Charge of coining Gold and Silver Money; and the eſtabliſhed Charge of the Mint in *England* and *Scotland*, and incident Charges attending the ſame.

Charges ariſing by the Coinage in the Years ending at *Chriſtmas*

	1713.	1714.	1715.
Charge of aſſaying, refining, and reducing, the Bullion to Standard — — — — — —	172 19 11	331 8 6	499 13 7
Charge of melting and coining the Gold and Silver Monies — — — — — —	4,474 9 9½	9,721 12 10	12,840 6 0½
Aſſaying and trying the Pix — — — —	118 10 5	— — —	58 17 8
Stationary-ware, and mending the Scales and Weights	16 2 0	22 10 0	26 6 0
Total Charge ariſing by the Coinage — —	4,782 2 1½	10,075 10 4	13,425 3 3½
Charge of receiving the Money at the Exchequer —	17 15 6	81 16 0	37 17 0
Paſſing the Accounts — — — — —	107 1 6	106 1 6	106 1 6
Half the Diet — — — — —	29 12 0	35 2 5	24 16 8
Eſtabliſhed Salaries — — — —	2,590 0 0	2,590 0 0	2,590 0 0
Repairs of Houſes and Offices — — —	370 2 6	375 11 10	358 6 0
Allowance to the Moneyers, now ceaſed — —	400 0 0	300 0 0	— — — —
Allowance to a Clerk, now ceaſed — — —	24 19 11	— — —	— — — —
Several ſmall Incidents — — — —	140 18 3	157 6 0	140 3 5
Eſtabliſhed Charge of the Mint in *Scotland* — —	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0
Eſtabliſhment for proſecuting Clippers and Coiners, not to exceed 400 *l. per Ann.* This Charge hath been about	250 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0
Total Charge of both Mints — — —	9,912 11 9½	15,171 8 1	18,132 7 10½

Mint-Office,
16° *Feb.* 1715.

Richard Sandford,
Iſaac Newton.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament, for amending the Road from *Shoreditch* to the furthermoſt Part of *Enfeild*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the Paſſing of the ſaid Act of Parliament, there has been laid out, over and above all the Toll produced by the Turnpikes, above 3,500 *l.* occaſioned by the Roads being gone ſo very much to Ruin and Decay, and by the great Length thereof, the ſame being 12 Miles from *London*, or thereabout; and, upon a Computation made, moſt, if not all, the Toll, for the Term to come in the ſaid Act, ought to be laid out in the Highway; whereby the Money borrowed cannot be repaid; for, if it ſhould, the Road muſt, of Neceſſity, go to Decay again: And notwithſtanding there was at firſt advanced and lent 3,000 *l.* for a Year, without Intereſt; and although the Truſtees have always borne their own Expences in the Execution of the ſaid Act; yet they find, if they ſhould pay off any of the principal Money borrowed, the ſaid Road cannot be effectually mended: And there being ſeveral Clauſes wanting in the ſaid Act, to prevent the evading the Toll to be collected at the Turnpikes; and for the more effectually obliging the ſeveral Inhabitants to do their Statute-work, and keep their Ditches and Watercourſes ſcoured and cleanſed: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for lengthening the Time of the ſaid Act of Parliament, with ſuch other Clauſes for the more effectually mending the ſaid Road, as to this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit and reaſonable.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Smithſon*, and Mr. *Gould*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *John Tovey*, One of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *St. Martin in the Fields*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for inſulting and abuſing *Charles Medlycot* Eſquire, One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *Weſtminſter*, in reſpect to the Evidence by him given before the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and the Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas the Petitioner, upon a Complaint made from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and the Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, that the Petitioner had inſulted and abuſed *Charles Medlycot* Eſquire, One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *Weſtminſter*, in reſpect to the Evidence by him given before the ſaid Committee, was adjudged guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe; and that the Petitioner, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege, was ordered to be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms then attending, and at this preſent doth remain, to the great Prejudice of the Petitioner, unleſs relieved herein by your Honours: That foraſmuch as the Petitioner is greatly ſenſible of his Miſdemeanor, and, in moſt humble manner, begs the Pardon of your Honours for ſuch his Tranſgreſſion: And praying, That your Honours would, in your great Goodneſs, take this his Caſe into Conſideration; and pleaſe to grant, that he may, through the

the Favour of this Houſe, be diſcharged from the Confinement he now lieth under, on account of his Offence aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Tovey* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

A Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe a Copy of her late Majeſty's Inſtructions to the Governors of *New-England*, her General, and Admiral, and other Officers, concerned in the Expedition to *Canada*; together with all Letters, Orders, Inſtructions, and Directions, given by her ſaid late Majeſty, or any of her Miniſters, relating to the ſaid Expedition; and all other Papers concerning the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe all Orders, Inſtructions, and Directions, given to the late Paymaſter of the Army; and all Letters, and other Papers, relating to the ſaid Expedition to *Canada*; together with all the original Bills of Exchange drawn on account of the ſaid Expedition, and Warrants for their Acceptance; with a Copy of all the Proceedings, and other Matters, relating thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe an Account of Monies granted in the Seſſion of Parliament beginning the 17th of *March* 1714, for the Service of the Navy, excluſive of the Ordnance, according to the Votes of the Houſe of Commons of the Second of *April*, the Tenth of *May*, and Eleventh of *Auguſt*, laſt:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

Navy-

Navy-Office, 17° *Januarii* 1715.

AN Account of Monies granted in the Seſſion of Parliament beginning the 17th *March* 1714, for the Service of the Navy, excluſive of the Ordnance, according to the Votes of the Honourable Houſe of Commons of the 2d of *April*, 10th of *May*, and of the 11th of *Auguſt*, laſt, and of the appropriating Clauſe, Page 410, in the Act for inlarging the Capital Stock of the *South-Sea* Company, *&c.* for maintaining 10,000 Men at Sea 13 Months, and 6,000 Men for Half a Year; for the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year 1715, including the Half-Pay to Sea-Officers; and for the extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet; with the Proportions, according to the uſual Medium, allowed to each of the Naval Heads; and what the Treaſurer of the Navy hath certified to have received thereon to the 31ſt of *December* 1715; prepared purſuant to an Order from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty of the 16th inſtant; *viz.*

	Ordinary of the Navy, including Half-Pay to the Sea-Officers.	Extraordinary Repairs of the Fleet.	For 10,000 Men 13 Months, and 6,000 Men Half a Year.			Total.
			Wear and Tear.	Seamens Wages.	Victuals.	
	l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	
The full Proportions — — — — —	233,471 0 11	237,277 0 0	228,150 0 0	253,500 0 0	160,550 0 0	1,112,948 0 11
Whereof has been certified to be received by the Treaſurer of the Navy, and has been applied accordingly — — — —	96,500 0 0	— — — —	166,417 19 4	159,024 0 0	129,705 3 10	551,647 3 2
So remained, on the 31ſt *December* paſt, to be applied — —	136,971 0 11	237,277 0 0	61,732 0 8	94,476 0 0	30,844 16 2	561,300 17 9

But, towards completing the ſaid 561,300 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* the ſaid Treaſurer has certified to have further received, and to be remaining in his Hands, on the ſaid 31ſt of *December* paſt, as undermentioned; to be applied as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall direct; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
In Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1715 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	199,193	0	5½
In *South-Sea* Stock, ſubſcribed into the Books of the ſaid Company — — — — — — — — — — — —	185,859	3	4
In Stock, ſubſcribed into the Fund for raiſing Annuities at 5 *l. per Cent.* by the Bank of *England* — — — — — — — — — —	124,440	0	0
In Tallies on Malt, *Anno* 1715 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	22,000	0	0
	531,492	3	9½
However, there was wanting, to complete the full Proportions granted for the Navy, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — —	29,808	13	11½
	561,300	17	9

J. Aiſlabie, *Cha. Wager,* *Cha. Cornwall.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Time being come for the Conference with the Lords, in relation to the Proceedings on Impeachments exhibited by the Commons;

Ordered, That the Committee, who were appointed to prepare what was proper to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference, do manage the Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and delivered to the Lords what the Houſe had directed.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Two publick Bills, and One private Bill, following; *viz.*

An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1716:

An Act to attaint *John* Earl of *Mar*, *William Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Tullibardine*, *James* Earl of *Linlithgow*, and *James Drummond* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Drummond*, of High Treaſon:

An Act for naturalizing *Henry Cornelijon:*

And that afterwards his Majeſty was pleaſed to command the Lord Chancellor to declare, in his Majeſty's Name and Words, the Cauſes of his coming to his Parliament at this time, beſides the paſſing the Bills which were ready for the Royal Aſſent; as they were contained in a Speech, which his Majeſty delivered to the Lord Chancellor from the Throne: Which Speech the Lord Chancellor read to both Houſes; and of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Take this Opportunity of acquainting you, That my Forces have obliged the Pretender to fly out of *Scotland*; and he is ſince, as I am informed, landed near *Gravelines:* But I don't know yet, whether any Country in Amity with us will give him Protection, after having ſo publickly invaded our Kingdom.

The Dangers, to which the Nation was expoſed, made me determine, that neither the extraordinary Rigour of the Seaſon, nor any fallacious Propoſal of the Rebels, ſhould divert me from uſing all poſſible Endeavours towards putting a ſpeedy and effectual End to this unnatural Rebellion.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I muſt return you my Thanks for the great Progreſs you have made in the Supplies. The neceſſary Diſpoſitions are made for raiſing additional Forces; but, as I ſhall always conſult the Eaſe of my People, as far as it is conſiſtent with their own Security, I ſhall not make uſe of the Confidence you have placed in me, unleſs the reſtleſs Malice of our Enemies ſhould make it neceſſary to go on with thoſe Levies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I promiſe myſelf, from the Zeal and Wiſdom of this Parliament, that the future Happineſs and Tranquillity of my Subjects will be eſtabliſhed on a ſolid Foundation; and ſuch Meaſures taken, as may deprive our Enemies at home of the Power, ſince that alone can deprive them of the Inclination, again to attempt the Diſturbance of my Government: This, therefore, is what I think myſelf obliged to recommend to you, as a Deliberation of the utmoſt Importance to the future Safety, Eaſe, and Proſperity, of my People.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to congratulate his Majeſty on the Succeſs with which it has pleaſed Almighty God to bleſs his Arms, in driving the Pretender out of his Majeſty's Dominions; and humbly to beſeech his Majeſty, That he will uſe the moſt preſſing and earneſt Inſtances with all Powers in Amity with his Majeſty, not to receive, or give Protection to, the Perſon who has preſumed, in ſo publick a manner, to invade this Kingdom: To aſſure his Majeſty, that this Houſe does ſo intirely depend upon his Goodneſs, and Concern for his People, that they will chearfully enable his Majeſty utterly to ſubdue the Malice of his Enemies; and will take the moſt effectual Meaſures for the Safety of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and Tranquillity of his Kingdoms.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. Comptroller, Colonel *Grahme*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Craggs*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Lord *Newport*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *John Hobart*, Mr. *Whitmore:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Minſhall*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Tufnall*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Maſters*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 18vo *die Februarii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That *Herbert Rudhale Weſtfaling* and *Nicolas Philpot* Eſquires be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Hereford*.

Ordered, That the Freemen of the ſaid City, who petitioned on the behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other Freemen of the ſaid City, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining alſo of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid City.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petitions.

A Petition of *Gerard Roeters*, of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance;

but conſtantly profeſſed the true Proteſtant Religion; and hath given Teſtimony of his Loyalty and Fidelity to his Majeſty, and the Good of the Kingdom of *Great Britain:* And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Petitioner's Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Morice* and Sir *Tho. Hales* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

John Tovey, One of the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *St. Martin in the Fields*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was, according to the Order of Yeſterday, brought to the Bar, in order to his Diſcharge: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the Reſolution of Yeſterday, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, do, with Hearts full of Gratitude, return your Majeſty our unfeigned Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne; and do beg Leave moſt heartily to congratulate with your Majeſty upon the Succeſs with which it has pleaſed Almighty God ſo far to bleſs your Arms, as to force the Pretender out of your Majeſty's Dominions.

We are willing to hope, that no Prince or State in Amity with your Majeſty will give Refuge, Countenance, or Protection, to a Perſon who, in ſo notorious a manner, has diſturbed the Peace of your Kingdoms: But the Dangers to which your Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, and Government, the Religion, Laws, and Liberties, of our Country, have been once expoſed, by this vile Attempt, would leave your Commons without Excuſe to thoſe they repreſent, if they ſhould ſee, with Patience, the Nation expoſed to the like Hazard for the future, by the Pretender to your Majeſty's Crown being ſheltered in your Neighbourhood: We do therefore make it our humble Requeſt to your Majeſty, That you will uſe the moſt earneſt and preſſing Inſtances with all Princes and States in Amity with your Majeſty, That he may not be harboured in their Territories: And we beg Leave to give your Majeſty the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances, That we will, to the utmoſt of our Power, contribute whatever ſhall, by your Majeſty, be judged neceſſary to render thoſe Inſtances effectual.

The tender Regard which your Majeſty expreſſes for the Eaſe of your People, in declining to put the Nation to any farther Expence, at preſent, for additional Forces, does, if poſſible, heighten that Confidence which we ſo juſtly had repoſed in you: But we beſeech your Majeſty, that, in ſettling the Proportion of Forces to be maintained this Year by Sea and Land, your Majeſty will have ſuch a regard to the Diſpoſition and Preparations of our Neighbours, from time to time, as to provide effectually for the Security of your Kingdoms againſt any Power that ſhall preſume to countenance or abet the Pretender.

Your Commons cannot ſufficiently expreſs the juſt Senſe they have of your Majeſty's conſummate Wiſdom, and firm Reſolution, not to be diverted or amuſed by any Difficulties of the Seaſon, or any ſpecious Artifices, from purſuing the Rebels in *Scotland* to their ſeveral Retreats; ſince that Method alone could reſtore, and ſecure with Honour, Peace and Tranquillity to that Part of your Dominions.

It is with the utmoſt Concern we obſerve, that the Malice and Inveteracy of our Enemies at home is ſo great, that they want not the Inclination to diſturb your Majeſty's Government; but your faithful Commons, in Duty to your Majeſty, and Love for their Country, will endeavour to deprive them of the Power, by taking ſuch prudent and neceſſary Meaſures, as may moſt effectually ſecure the future Safety, Eaſe, and Proſperity, of your People.

The ſaid Addreſs was read a Second time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Members to prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of a Perſon's Name to be a Commiſſioner for putting in Execution the Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed;

The Clerk, and Clerk-Aſſiſtant, went on each Side of the Houſe, with Glaſſes, to receive from the Members Liſts of a Perſon's Name to be the ſaid Commiſſioner: And the ſaid Liſts being received, and brought up to the Table;

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the ſaid Liſts; and to report to the Houſe upon what Perſon the Majority falls:

And it is referred to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Colonel *Grahme*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Ingram*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Craggs*, Sir *Richard Goſſe*, Mr. *Briſtow:* And they are to withdraw, immediately, into the Speaker's Chamber.

And they withdrew accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 20° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been waited upon humbly to know when he will pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Day, at Half an Hour after Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *St. James's*.

Sir *John Ward* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Exporters of the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; of the principal Traders, and others concerned in the Woollen Manufactury, of the City of *New Sarum*; of the incorporate Company of Clothiers in the City of *Worceſter*; of the Company of Worſted-Weavers of the City of *Norwich*, and County of *Norfolk*; and of the Clothiers of the County of *Wilts*; were referred; That they had examined the Matter contained in the ſaid Petitions; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and the ſaid Report and Reſolutions are as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee have taken the ſaid Petitions into their Conſideration: And, having, according to the Order of the Houſe, heard the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; and upon Examination of the Mat-

ters of Fact; it appeared to the Committee, upon hearing the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in relation to the Importation of Cochineal;

That, by a Medium, the Importation of Cochineal has been annually about 59,236 *l.* Weight, and the Exportation has been about 9,797 *l.* Weight; and, from thence, the annual Remainder, for the Home-conſumption, appears to be about 49,439 *l.* Weight:

That Cochineal has, in an Average of Seven Years, from 1708 to 1714, been at between 19 and 20 Shillings *per* Pound:

That the preſent Price here is about 43 Shillings *per* Pound:

That the Price in *Holland* is now about 63 Skéllins; which, being reduced, will bring it to about 36 Shillings Sterling here:

That the annual Conſumption uſed to be about 50,000 *l.* Weight:

That there may be better than 3,000 *l.* Weight now in *London* for Sale:

That there are 30 Bags, containing about 7,500 *l.* Weight, ſoon expected from *Bilboa*; which were ſent from *Holland:*

That, ſhould Permiſſion be granted for a free Importation from all Parts, it would not leſſen the Price above Five Shill. *per* Pound:

That about 120 Bags are bought up abroad:

That it is probable there may be conſiderable Quantity ſaved out of the Flotilla; all the Sloops and Veſſels belonging to *Jamaica* being gone on that Expedition; and, if any Cochineal is ſaved, the ſame will be carried directly to *Carolina*, *New-England*, or *New-York*; from whence it may be brought hither in about Six Weeks or Two Months:

That ſome may be expected from the *Canaries:*

That the Price in *Spain* is now about 27 Shillings and Six Pence *per* Pound; and there may be there about Two Ton, which is about 4,000 *l.* Weight:

That the *South-Sea* Company has ſent a Ship to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*, which ſailed from the *Downes* the Second of the laſt Month; and ſhe may probably be here in about Eight or Nine Months.

That, upon the Examination of ſeveral Merchants, and others, concerned in the Woollen Manufactory, it was alleged,

That, admitting 50,000 *l.* Weight of Cochineal to be the annual Conſumption; and that there ſhould be about 3,000 *l.* Weight in hand; there would then be wanting above 40,000 *l.:* But, by the ſtricteſt Inquiry and Examination that they were able to make, they can hear of but One Bag in the Firſt Hand; *viz.* one Mr. *Mitchell*'s, a Merchant; and that there might be about 200 *l.* Weight in the Salters Hands:

That there is Ten Pound *per Cent.* Difference in the Weight between *Holland* and *England*; which reduces the Price to 33 Shillings Sterling; ſo the Difference is Ten Shillings *per* Pound Weight, admitting it to be 63 Skellins in *Holland*, and 43 Shillings *per* Pound Weight here:

That the leaſt Quantity of Cochineal allowed for dyeing a Cloth into Scarlet, or other Grain-Colours, is Five Pound; and many Cloths that coſt under Nine Pound *per* Cloth, white, have ſo much beſtowed on them:

That of long Bays, which may coſt, white, about 7 *l.* 10 *s. per* Bay, many are dyed into Grain-Colours; and the leaſt Allowance of Cochineal for doing it, is Three Pound *per* Bay; ſo, in *Holland*, they can ſave 2 *l.* 10 *s.* Sterling *per* Cloth, and 1 *l.* 10 *s.* Sterling *per* Bay, in the Article of Cochineal only, beſides what they ſave in the Labour; being much cheaper in *Holland* than *England:*

That, not above a Year and a Half ago, the Price for dying Grain-Colours here was but 7 *l.* 10 *s.* and now 14 *l. per* Cloth, by reaſon of the Scarcity of Cochineal:

That the Bay of *Biſcay* is a very troubleſome Sea, and the Bar of *Bilboa* very dangerous; and that the Ships from *Holland* going to *Bilboa* loſe Four Months time; and the Spring-time is the only Seaſon for Dyeing:

That there are great Quantities of white Cloths, which at preſent lie at *Blackwell-hall*, and in the Factors Hands, undiſpoſed of: That one particular Factor had above 800 Cloths lying upon hand, for want of Cochineal; and that if the Price was fallen upon Cochineal, he could ſell 500 Cloths immediately:

That the Price here upon white Cloths was much fallen: And ſeveral Inſtances were given of the Charge being at preſent conſiderable leſs in dyeing white Cloths in *Holland* than in *England*; but, if Cochineal was cheaper, they ſhould not ſend their Cloth thither:

That all that was deſired was, That they might be put upon an equal Foot with their Neighbours; that Permiſſion for a free Importation might be granted for ſome ſhort time, in order to leſſen the Price of Cochineal, which muſt otherwiſe unavoidably increaſe; that our neighbouring Nations may not under-ſell us in foreign Markets, to the Detriment of our Woollen Manufactury.

That, upon Conſideration of the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully made out the Allegations of their Petitions.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayers of their Petitions.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal from all Places, during a Time to be limited in the Bill: And that Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Colonel *Moreton*, and Mr. *Stephens*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Liſts, given in by the Members on *Saturday* laſt, of a Perſon's Name to be a Commiſſioner for putting in Execution the Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed; and to report upon what Perſons the Majority of Votes fell; That the Committee had inſpected the Liſts accordingly; and that the Majority of Votes had fallen upon *Robert Briſtow* Eſquire—180.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table until the ingroſſed Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed, be read the Third time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the Third time Tomorrow Morning.

Ordered, That Sir *William Drake* Knight and Baronet be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Honyton*, in the County of *Devon.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe, of the Twenty-third of *January* laſt, relating to the Eſtates of Popiſh Recuſants convict, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe,

Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 21° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Morice* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Gerard Roeters:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellows:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire a Conference with this Houſe To-morrow, at Two of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to meet the Lords at the Conference, at Two a Clock, as is deſired.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Sir *Iſaac Rebow* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for giving Liberty to Perſons who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Order of the Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt* laſt, whereby the Committee of Privileges and Elections was diſcharged from hearing the Matter of the Petition of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Eſſex*, during this Seſſion of Parliament, be diſcharged.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Petition upon *Wedneſday* the Fourth Day of *April* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Barington*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow:*	125.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Mr. *Palmer:*	92.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty, and preſented their Addreſs: To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this dutiful and affectionate Addreſs: I will endeavour, by all proper Means, to prevent the Pretender's being ſuffered to give perpetual Jealouſies, by continuing in our Neighbourhood; and will, if the Advices I ſhall receive from abroad do render it neceſſary, not loſe any time in making ſuch an Augmentation of Forces, by Sea and Land, as may, with the Bleſſing of God, effectually anſwer your Wiſhes to ſee the Nation ſecured from any foreign or inteſtine Attempt whatſoever.

The Orders of the Day being read;

An ingroſſed Bill to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time:

And the Blanks left therein for the Commiſſioner's Name, inſtead of the ſaid Mr. *Smith*, were filled up with the Name of *Robert Briſtow* Eſquire.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed; and for continuing the former Act until the 10th Day of *March* 1716.

Ordered, That the Lord *Wm. Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Names of the Members, who, upon the Call of the Houſe the 31ſt of *January* laſt, made Default to appear; and were not excuſed; were called over.

And ſeveral of them appeared:

And others, who did not appear; *viz.* Mr. *Pugh*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Sir *Arthur Chicheſter*, and Sir *Michael Wharton:*

And they were ſeverally, upon the Queſtion put, excuſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 22° die Februarii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do adjourn till To-morrow Sevennight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Grove:*	162.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *North:*	155.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And the Houſe adjourned, accordingly, till To-morrow Sevennight, Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Jovis,

Jovis, 1° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Gerard Roeters took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, an Account ſhewing how Senna was rated, or charged, before the Act 3° *Annæ*, wherein it is mentioned to be uſed in Dyeing; and how it has been rated, or charged, ſince the making thereof: And alſo,

Certificates of Druggiſts, and others, about the Uſe of Senna: And alſo,

An Account of the Quantity of Senna imported for Three Years, to *Chriſtmas* laſt.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts and Certificates were read.

The ſaid Accounts and Certificates are as follows; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled.

IN Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, ſignified to us by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, purſuant to an Addreſs of this Honourable Houſe to his Majeſty, we have cauſed an Account to be prepared by the proper Officers, ſhewing how Senna was rated, or charged, before the Act paſſed in the 3d Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, wherein it is mentioned to be uſed in Dyeing; and how it has been rated, or charged, ſince the Making thereof: Which Account we herewith humbly lay before this Honourable Houſe, in the Paper annexed, Number I.

And, in further Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, by the annexed Certificate, N° II. of ſeveral eminent Salters, Drugſters, Dyers, and Apothecaries, which we cauſed to be procured, it appears, that the Drug, called by the Name of Senna, is made uſe of in Phyſick, and not in Dyeing; the Commodity uſed in Dyeing being only Baſtard Senna, or Plantain.

We have likewiſe cauſed an Account to be prepared of the Quantity of Senna imported for Three Years, to *Chriſtmas* laſt; which we take Leave humbly to lay before this Honourable Houſe, in a Paper, N° III.;

And to obſerve, That, by a Medium thereof, the Difference of the preſent net Duties from what the ſame would have amounted to, in caſe Senna had not been mentioned in the ſaid Act to be for Dyers Uſe, appears to be upwards of 1,300 *l. per Annum*.

All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe.

Cuſtom-houſe, *London*, 28th of *February*, $17\frac{1}{16}$. *J. Pulteney*, *Charles Peers*, *Walter Yonge*, *M. Dudley*, *J. Walker*.

AN Account how much the groſs and net Duties on Twenty Pounds of Senna, imported from the Place of its Growth, would have amounted to, in caſe Senna had not been declared to be for Dyers Uſe, by the Act of the 3d of the late Queen.

When granted.	Names of the Duties.	Groſs Duties.	Net Duties.
12th *Charles* IId, and 8th and 9th *Wm.* IIId — — —	Subſidy — — —	— — — 2 6	— — — 2 $4\frac{10}{20}$
2d *Wm.* and *Mary* — —	Impoſt-Duty — — —	— — — 1 8	— — — 1 $6\frac{15}{20}$
1ſt *Annæ* — — —	Further Subſidy — — —	— — — — 10	— — — 0 $9\frac{10}{20}$
2d and 3d *Annæ* — —	$\frac{1}{4}$ Subſidy — — — —	— — — — $3\frac{6}{20}$	— — — — $3\frac{3}{20}$
3d and 4th *Annæ* — —	$\frac{1}{3}$ Subſidy — — —	— — — — $6\frac{12}{20}$	— — — — $6\frac{7}{20}$
3d and 4th *Annæ* — —	Additional Duty on Coffee, Drugs	— — — 1 8	— — — 1 8
10th *Annæ* — — —	Additional Duty on Hides, Drugs	— — — 10 0	— — — 10 0
	£.	— — — 17 6	— — — 17 $2\frac{5}{20}$

AN Account of what the groſs and net Duties of the above Twenty Pounds of Senna doth amount unto, by reaſon of its being accounted for Dyers Uſe by the ſaid Act of the 3d of the late Queen.

When granted.	Names of the Duties.	Groſs Duties.	Net Duties.	
12th *Char.* IId, and 8th and 9th *Wm.* IIId — — —	Subſidy — —	— — — — 10	— — — — $9\frac{10}{20}$	
2d *Wm.* and *Mary* — —	Impoſt-Duty — —	— — — 1 8	— — — 1 $6\frac{15}{20}$	
	£.	— — — 2 6	— — — 2 $4\frac{5}{20}$	— 2 $4\frac{5}{20}$
	The Difference in 20 *l.* of Senna —			£. 0 14 10

E. Rumbold, S^r. G.
Chr. Tower, D. Col.

Tho. Andrews,

THESE may certify whom it may concern, That I never ſold the Drug Senna; nor do I believe it proper for Dyers Uſe. I have ſold a Commodity, called Plantain, and ſometimes Senna, imported from *France*; which I never knew valued at more than Thirty Shillings *per* Hundred Weight; which Commodity, I am informed, is not at all medicinal. Witneſs my Hand, this 17th Day of *February* 1715. *Law. Parker*, Dry-Salter.

Witneſs, *Tho. Peirce*.

THESE are to certify whom it may concern, That we, who have hereunto affixed our Hands, never ſold any Senna, but to Perſons whom we believed did deſign to uſe or ſell it as Phyſick: Nor do we know, or ever heard, that it was proper for any other Uſe. We have not known it of leſs Value than Eighteen Pence *per* Pound; and believe it always is imported from *Turkey*, or *Leghorn*. Witneſs our Hands, this 18° Day of *February* 1715.

Witneſs, *Thomas Hollinworth*, *James Eyton*. *John Caresby*, *Tho. Bromfeild*.

THESE are to certify whom it may concern, That we, who have hereunto affixed our Hands, did never uſe the Drug Senna in Dyeing: A Commodity called Senna, or Plantain, we have uſed; which Commodity, we believe, is imported from *France*; and we never knew it in Value more than Forty Shillings *per* Hundred Weight. *Feb.* 18th, 1715. *Matthew Bromfeild*, *Edmund Carrington*, Dyers.

Witneſs, *George Haſtings*.

THESE are to certify whom it may concern, That I have ſold a Commodity called Plantain, or wild Senna; which, I believe, was imported from *France*; and never knew it of more Value than Forty Shillings *per* Hundred Weight; and I never ſold any other Sort. Witneſs my Hand, this 18° Day of *February* 1715.

Witneſs, *John Sherwood.* — *John Dickinſon*, Dry-Salter.

THESE are to certify whom it may concern, That we, who have hereunto affixed our Names, do uſe the Drug Senna very conſiderably in Phyſick; and don't believe, or have ever heard, that it is in any other Way uſeful. *Feb.* 17th, 1715.

Witneſs, *Richard Nurſe*, Druggiſt. — *Richard Lawrence*, *Robert Pead*, Apothecaries.

AN Account how much the groſs and net Duties on One hundred and ten thouſand Five hundred and Eleven Pounds of Senna, imported from the Place of its Growth, for Three Years, commencing from *Chriſtmas* 1712, to *Chriſtmas* 1715, would have amounted to; provided Senna had not been declared to be for Dyers Uſe by the Act of the 3d of the late Queen.

When granted.	Names of the Duties.	Groſs Duties.	Net Duties.
12th *Cha.* the IId, and 8 and 9 *Wm.* the IIId — — —	Subſidy — — — —	690 13 10½	656 3 2
2d *Wm.* and *Mary* — —	Impoſt-Duty — — — —	460 9 3½	431 13 8
1ſt *Annæ* — — —	Further Subſidy — — —	230 4 7½	218 14 4½
2d and 3d *Annæ* — —	½ Subſidy — — — —	76 14 10½	72 18 1½
3d and 4th *Annæ* — —	⅔ Subſidy — — — —	153 9 9	145 16 3
3d and 4th *Annæ* — —	Additional Duty on Coffee, Drugs — —	460 9 3	460 9 3
10th *Annæ* — — —	Additional Duty on Hides, Drugs — —	2,762 15 6	2,762 15 6
	£.	4,834 17 1½	4,748 10 4

AN Account of what the groſs and net Duties of the aboveſaid Quantity of Senna, imported in the ſaid Three Years, hath amounted to, as being accounted for Dyers Uſe, by virtue of the ſaid Act of the 3d of the late Queen.

When granted.	Names of the Duties.	Groſs Duties.	Net Duties.	
12th *Ch.* IId, and 8 and 9 *Wm.* IIId	Subſidy — — —	230 4 7½	218 14 4½	
2d *Wm.* and *Mary* — —	Impoſt-Duty — — —	460 9 3	431 13 8	
	£.	690 13 10½	650 8 0½	£. 650 8 0½
	The Difference — — —			4,098 2 3½

Tho. Andrews, *Chr. Tower*, — *E. Rumbold*, Sr. G. D. Coll.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts and Certificates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Kelſey*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, Copies, from the Minute-Book kept at the Treaſury, of all the Minutes entered therein, which any-ways concern the Expedition to *Canada:* And alſo,

Copies of all Letters ordered by the Treaſury, and ſigned by the Secretaries thereof, or One of them, about Affairs relating to the Expedition to *Canada:* And alſo,

Copies of all Warrants ſigned by the Treaſury, which relate to the Expedition to *Canada:* And alſo,

Copies of all Warrants ſigned by the late Queen, which paſſed the Treaſury, relating to the Expedition to *Canada:* And alſo,

A Copy of a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the Navy, ſignifying, That all Letters, and other Paſſages, concerning the Expedition to *Canada*, have been already preſented by them to the Committee, to whom the Merchants Petition was lately referred: And alſo,

A Copy of a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the Victualing, ſignifying, That all Letters, and other Paſſages, concerning the Expedition to *Canada*, have been already preſented by them to the Committee, to whom the Merchants Petition was lately referred.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Copies were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Caſtleriſing*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in the room of the Honourable *William Fielding* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Clerks Comptrollers of his Majeſty's Houſhold.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he had received a Letter from Sir *William Courtenay* Baronet, ſignifying, That he, being elected a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Devon*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Honyton*, in the ſame County; deſires to make his Election to ſerve for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Honyton*, in the room of the ſaid Sir *Wm. Courtenay.*

Sir *John Ward* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the

further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was committed; be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Mr. *Moleſworth*, from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inſpect the Poors Rates, and Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, acquainted the Houſe, That they had examined ſome of the Poors Rates, and were ready to make a Report to the Houſe of ſeveral Facts relating to the ſaid Poors Rates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Bill for naturalizing *Gerard Roeters* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Baylie*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Mr. *Betts*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Guybbon*, Mr. *Lutwich*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Sloper*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, ſeveral Copies of Orders relating to the late Expedition to *Quebeck*:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, tradeing to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 2° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That the Perſons complained of for a Breach of Privilege, committed againſt *Charles Maſon* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, by arreſting his Servant *Edward Cowley*, have ſubmitted, and made Satisfaction to the ſaid Mr. *Maſon* for the ſaid Offence;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſideing in, *New-York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, their Agents and Factors, and other Perſons reſiding in *New-York*, did furniſh the Government with ſeveral Sums of Money for the Expedition to *Canada*; and received Bills of Exchange for the ſame, drawn by Colonel *Hunter*, Governor of *New-York* aforeſaid, on the Treaſury, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions to him for that Purpoſe: That notwithſtanding her late Majeſty was pleaſed to promiſe, in the ſaid Inſtructions, which were read to the Merchants in thoſe Parts, punctual Payment of the ſaid Bills; yet the Petitioners have not been able to get more than a Part of ſome of the ſaid Bills paid, and that in *South-Sea* Stock, when at Eighteen *per Cent.* leſs than Par; and of others no Part at all; after a long and tedious Attendance on the late Lord Treaſurer, and ſeveral References to the Auditors of the Impreſt, without Effect: And praying to take their Caſe into Conſideration, and make ſome Proviſion for the Monies they ſo readily advanced for the Uſe of the Government, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions, which they have been ſo long kept out of, to the great Detriment of their Trades; and that you would be pleaſed to allow them Intereſt for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account of the clear Produce of the Coinage-Duty for the Three ſeveral Years laſt paſt reſpectively; and an Account of the Charge of coining Gold and Silver Money; and the eſtabliſhed Charge of the Mint in *England* and *Scotland*; and incident Charges attending the ſame; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That *John Fowler* Mayor, and the Burgeſſes, of the Borough and Town of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts: And that Mr. *Lechmere*, the Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Molyneux*, and Mr. *Hungerford*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati,

Sabbati, 3° *die Martii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Dormer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryals of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the Honour and Eſtate of *John* Duke of *Athol* in *James Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *James Murray*, after the Death of the ſaid Duke: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Honour and Eſtate of *John* Duke of *Athol* in *James Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *James Murray*, after the Death of the ſaid Duke, be now read.

The Bill was accordingly read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Three thouſand Seven hundred and Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Seven Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, to diſcharge One Year's Intereſt, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, of the Sum of Sixty-one thouſand Seven hundred Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Two Pence, or thereabouts, remaining due and unſatisfied of the Sum, not exceeding Seven hundred thouſand Pounds, which was borrowed on an Act, made in the 3d Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, for laying Duties upon Low Wines, and other things therein mentioned; and towards the Repayment whereof another Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, charging Coffee, and other Merchandizes, for the Term of Four Years; which expired on or about the 23th Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Eighteen thouſand Eight hundred Fifty-three Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, to diſcharge One Year's Intereſt, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, of the Sum of 314,219 *l.* 11 *s.* 2 *d.* $\frac{1}{4}$, or thereabouts, remaining due and unſatisfied of the principal Sum, not exceeding Five hundred thouſand Pounds, which was borrowed on the Act of Parliament of the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, for laying Duties upon Candles, and other Duties, for Five Years; which expired on the 1ſt Day of *May* 1715.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Forty-two thouſand Six hundred Sixty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupplying the Deficiency of the Fund of 168,003 *l. per Annum*, to make good the Payments to the Ten Pound Lottery of 1712, for the Two ſeveral Years ended at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, for defraying the Charge of his Majeſty's Mints, and the Coinage of Gold and Silver Monies, and other incident Charges of the Mints, and thereby to encourage the Bringing in of Gold and Silver to be coined, a Revenue, not exceeding Fifteen thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, be made up, ſettled, and ſecured, for Seven Years, to commence from the Firſt Day of *May* 1715.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up Articles, and prepare Evidence, againſt the Seven Lords, impeached by this Houſe the Ninth Day of *January* laſt, be appointed Managers at the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeſſop* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antony Cracherode* be appointed Sollicitor, to attend the Managers in proſecuting the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid *George* Earl of *Winton*.

Mr. *Bond*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the ſaid Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That if any Perſons in *Scotland*, who ought to have taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths, and taken and ſubſcribed the Aſſurance, in the Manner, at the Places, and by the Times, in the ſaid Act limited; or, being *Quakers*, ought to have taken the Effect thereof upon their ſolemn Affirmation; ſhall, by a Time to be limited, ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and the Aſſurance, in ſuch manner, and at ſuch Places, as in and by the ſaid Act is preſcribed; or, being *Quakers*, ſhall take the Effect thereof on their ſolemn Affirmation; ſuch Perſons ſhall be, for ſuch Neglect only, by this Act indemnified; and ſhall be recapacitated, as if ſuch Perſons had taken and ſubſcribed the ſaid Oaths, and the Aſſurance, in ſuch Manner, at ſuch Places, and within ſuch Times, as by the ſaid Act is preſcribed; or, being *Quakers*, had taken the Effect thereof:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And another Amendment being propoſed to be made to the Bill;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

Mr. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, a Book, containing Copies of Memorials and Reports from the Board of Ordnance to the Treaſury, and alſo of Orders from the Treaſury, about Bills of Exchange drawn on Account of the Expedition to *Canada*:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book, containing the ſaid Copies, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Book is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ,

Lunæ, 5° *die Martii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Coleby* attended from the late Commiſſioners of Tranſport;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Tranſport-charge for the Expedition to *Canada*, *Anno Domini* One thouſand Seven hundred and Eleven; and alſo a Book, containing Copies of Letters and Orders to and from the Commiſſioners of Tranſports, relating to the Expedition to *Canada*.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Account and Book were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account and Book be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Account and Book are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill for giving Liberty to Perſons, who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 31. After "*Colcheſter*," to inſert "to uſe "and exerciſe the ſaid Trade of Bay-making:"

Pr. 2. L. 10. Before "weaving," to inſert "Bay:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for giving Liberty to Perſons, who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town.

Ordered, That Sir *Iſaac Rebow* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Oley Douglas* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Francis Delavall* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, were Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Northumberland*, in the room of *Thomas Forſter* Eſquire: And that the ſaid *Francis Delavall* is returned by the Sheriff of the ſaid County; although not duly qualified to be choſen, or ſerve, as a Knight of the Shire, according to the Intent and true Meaning of a late Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by the further qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons: That the Petitioner being duly qualified at the time of the ſaid Election, and ought to have been returned: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Petition upon *Wedneſday* the Second Day of *May* next;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryals of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty, be now taken into Conſideration.

The ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Pr. 2. L. 11. After "Treaſon," inſert "in levying "War againſt his Majeſty:"

L. 14, 15, 16, Leave out "or in abetting or "aſſiſting any ſuch Offenders in their ſaid Treaſons:"

At the End of the Bill, add a Proviſo marked A:

A: "Provided always, That this Act, or any thing "therein contained, ſhall not extend to alter the Place of "Indictment, or Tryal, unleſs the Perſon or Perſons in-"dicted ſhall, upon his or their Tryal, be proved to have "been actually in Arms, or to have perſonally joined with "others while in Arms, in the Rebellion, or War, charged "in the Indictment; but upon Failure of ſuch Proof, "ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged "of and from ſuch Indictment, in the ſame Manner, and "to the ſame Intents and Purpoſes, only, as he and they "ſhould have been, in caſe this Act had never been "made:"

The Firſt and Second of the ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Third Amendment, being Proviſo marked A, being thrice read, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Return from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; and alſo the Account, ſhewing how Senna was rated, or charged, before the Act of 3° *Annæ*, wherein it is mentioned to be uſed in Dyeing; and how it has been rated, or charged, ſince the Making thereof; and the Certificates of Druggiſts, and others, about the Uſe of Senna; and alſo the Account of the Quantity of Senna imported for Three Years to *Chriſtmas* laſt; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 6° *die Martii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making the Laws for the Repair of the Highways of this Kingdom more effectual: And that Mr. *Archer*, and Sir *Arthur Kay*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Bertie* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, made in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway, or Road, from the Stones End in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard*, *Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road in the Pariſh of *Enfield*, in the ſame County, next the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Morice* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the naturalizing *Gerard Roeters* was committed,

mitted, That they had examined the ſame; and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Honour and Eſtate of *John* Duke of *Athol* in *James Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *James Murray*, after the Death of the ſaid Duke, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read the Third time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That, upon the humble Application of *George* Earl of *Winton* for putting off his Tryal to a further Day, for Reaſons therein alleged, their Lordſhips have inlarged the Time appointed for the Tryal of the ſaid Earl of *Winton* till *Thurſday* the Fifteenth Day of this inſtant *March*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, acquainting them, That this Houſe were prevented, by extraordinary Buſineſs, from meeting their Lordſhips on *Wedneſday* the Twenty-ſecond of *February* laſt, at a Conference on the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference, as was deſired by their Lordſhips; and to deſire their Lordſhips to appoint ſome other Time, when this Houſe may meet their Lordſhips at the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

A Petition of *Caſpar White* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Dominions; but profeſſes the true Proteſtant Religion, and has given Teſtimony of his Allegiance to his Majeſty: And praying, That this Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Hungerford*, and Sir *Wm. Whitelock*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Vernon*, and Mr. *Jeſſop*, be added to the Gentlemen who are ordered to bring in a Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforceing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, That he had been at the Lords, to deſire their Lordſhips to appoint ſome other Time for this Houſe to meet their Lordſhips at a Conference upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference: And that their Lordſhips have appointed To-morrow, at Two of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe a particular Account of all Goods and Merchandizes imported, not rated in the Book of Rates, but paying Duty *ad valorem*, according to the Oath of the Importer; and alſo an Account of all unrated *Eaſt-India* Goods, which pay Duty by the Value at the Candle.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Tryals of ſuch Perſons as have levied, or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Duties on Salt do lay before this Houſe an Account of the annual Produce of the ſaid Duties, and of the Drawbacks out of the ſame.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of the net Produce of the Duties on Pepper, by a Medium of Three Years before the laſt Duty was laid, and by a Medium of Three Years ſince the ſaid Duty was laid.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 7° die Martii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for the naturalizing *Gerard Roeters* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the naturalizing *Gerard Roeters*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morice* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of *Gabriel Roberts* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, upon *Tueſday* the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *March* inſtant;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Vernon*,	11.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Cholmley:* Mr. *Gibbons:*	61.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition of the Gentry, Merchants, Owners of Ships, Freeholders, and others, inhabiting in and near the Town of *Bridlington*, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Bay of *Bridlington* aforeſaid is a ſpacious and ſafe Place, as well for his Majeſty's as other Ships and Veſſels to anchor in ſtormy Weather: That the Harbour, or Quay, there, while the Piers were in good Repair, was a Place of great Security, as well as very commodious for ſupplying them with freſh Water and Proviſions: That the Town of *Bridlington* hath long been, and ſtill is, by the Advantage of its Situation, very conſiderable for its Traffick; in which very great Numbers of Men and Ships are employed, to the great Benefit and Improvement of Navigation: That, upon Decay of the ſaid Piers, an Act of Parliament formerly paſſed, granting a Duty upon Coal water-borne towards the Repairs thereof; but the Profits ariſing thereby being all expended, and having proved inſufficient to perfect that Work, notwithſtanding great Sums of Money have been alſo laid out by the Town in Aid thereof, the ſaid Piers are again, by the Impetuoſity of the Weather, and Violence of the Seas, ſhaken, disjointed, and, if not timely prevented, in imminent Danger of being deſtroyed: The Repairs of thoſe Piers will be ſo vaſtly chargeable and expenſive, that it cannot be effected without the Aſſiſtance of this Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given

given to bring in a Bill to revive and continue the ſaid Act, with ſuch other Clauſes for their further Relief, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Cholmly*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Sir *Charles Hotham*, and Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Archer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making the Laws for repairing Highways more effectual: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, from the Secretary's Office, Copies of ſeveral Letters and Inſtructions to the Governors of *New-England*, *New-York*, *Rhode-Iſland*, and *Connecticut*, and others, relating to the *Canada* Expedition:

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies of the ſaid Letters and Inſtructions be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Second of *February* laſt being read, requiring *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire to ſurrender himſelf into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe by that Day Month, at fartheſt;

The Serjeant was called upon, to know whether he had heard from the ſaid Mr. *Pryſe*; and he acquainted the Houſe, That he had not heard from him.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he had received a Letter from the ſaid Mr. *Pryſe*; and he delivered the ſame to the Clerk, to be read: And the ſame was read accordingly; and is as follows; *viz.*

Sir,

'TIS with Pleaſure that I embrace every Opportunity of returning you my Acknowlegements for the good Offices you have done me, as often as the Caſe of my unavoidable Abſence has come under Debate in the Houſe: The repeated Experience I have had of your Friendſhip in this Point, encourages me to hope for the Continuance of them; which I ſhall not offer to deſire longer than the Reaſonableneſs of my Caſe ſhall appear to deſerve them.

I beg Leave once more to repreſent it to you; and, through your Aſſiſtance, to the Honourable Houſe; whoſe Diſpleaſure, as it is a very ſenſible Affliction to me, I ſhould be glad, by any means in my Power, to remove: That as it is impracticable for me to attend by the Time appointed, becauſe of a very ſevere Fit of the Gout which I am now afflicted with, and thereby give Satisfaction to the Houſe in the Method they have inſiſted on; I hope they will accept of ſuch as is in my Power; and give me a favourable Hearing, when I repreſent to them, That I was choſe Knight of the Shire of *Cardigan* when I was at 100 Miles diſtant from it, and had been abſent thence for 10 Months before the time of my Election; which I was ſo far from ſeeking, that I never aſked a Vote for it, and was choſe even againſt my Inclinations.

I know not how far a Man is obliged to ſtand to the Choice a County makes of him: Sure I am, that I have Reaſon to complain of a Force that has adminiſtred the Occaſion of my diſobliging the Honourable Houſe, by an Abſence cauſed by Infirmities, under which I laboured at the time of my Choice, and which have continued upon me ever ſince, with the greateſt Severity, and with little or no Intermiſſion.

In theſe Circumſtances, I would fain hope, that the Honourable Houſe will rather blame the Country's Choice, than him who has been unwillingly forced into a Poſt, and lies under the Misfortune (for I flatter myſelf 'twill not be thought a Crime) of not being able to attend the Buſineſs of it; and will therefore lay aſide their Diſpleaſure, and remit the Sentence ordered againſt me:

And I am the rather encouraged to hope this, becauſe Mr. *Prynne*, in his Comment on the 4th Book of Sir *Edward Coke*'s Inſtitutes, ſhews, from various Records, That incurable Diſtempers have been conſtantly allowed by the Houſe for a juſt Excuſe of Non-attendance; and, upon Debates in ſuch Caſes, no other Puniſhment has been inflicted than excuſing the Service of the Member, and ordering a new Writ for electing a Perſon duly qualified, and capable of attending the Buſineſs of the Houſe: This being the Courſe of Parliamentary Proceedings in ſuch Caſes as mine, which I have now truly repreſented to you, and can produce Hundreds of Witneſſes to confirm, I hope, that the unhappy Incapacity I am under of attending the Service of the Houſe, will be thought to deſerve no ſeverer Treatment than has been uſual in the like Caſes; and that my ready Submiſſion to the Honourable Houſe's Pleaſure in this Point, will be a Means to reſtore me to their favourable Opinion, and engage you to promote the Requeſt of

Your moſt obliged and
Aberliefenny, *Feb.* 18° 1715. obedient humble Servant,
Le. Pryſe.

I know not how far the Houſe, in their laſt Order about me, might be influenced by any Report of the Meſſenger who came down to my Houſe; but, to prevent Miſrepreſentation, I think it proper to aſſure you, that, within Three Days after a very dangerous Fit of the Gout ſuffered me to come down Stairs, I came from thence hither to my Father-in-Law's, 18 Miles in my Way to *London:* But the Motion of even ſo ſmall a Journey brought another Fit upon me immediately; with which I have been laid up here ever ſince; not having been yet ſo much as able to return to my own Houſe.

Then the Journal of the * Day of *May* 1689, in the Caſe of Mr. *Cholmondley*, was read——

The Time for the Conference with the Lords being come;

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the laſt Conference, do manage the preſent Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported, That the Managers had met the Lords at the Conference; which was managed on the Part of the Lords by the Lord Privy-Seal, and others; who told the Managers, That the Lords had taken into Conſideration the Meſſage ſent to them by this Houſe; and, being deſirous to lay aſide, by all poſſible Means, every thing which may cauſe any Miſunderſtanding between the Two Houſes, and to maintain that good Correſpondence between both Houſes, which is ſo neceſſary for the publick Service, the Lords have come to a Reſolution, which they have entered in their Journal, to remain to Poſterity; of which they delivered a Copy to the Managers at the Conference; *viz.*

Reſolved, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, That, for the future, all Writings delivered in to the Houſe of Lords by Perſons impeached by the Commons, at the time when they put in their Anſwers or Pleas, or true Copies of ſuch Writings, ſhall be forthwith ſent to the Commons.

——The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Matter relating to Mr. *Pryſe*:

Reſolved, That *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, having been ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, the Eighth Day of *Auguſt* laſt, for not attending the Service of this Houſe; and having never qualified himſelf as a Member of this Houſe, by taking the Oaths at the Table; be forthwith brought up in Cuſtody.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 8° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *Nathanael Curzon* and *Edward Mundy* Eſquires be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of *William Coward* and *William Piers* Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, upon *Wedneſday* the Eleventh Day of *April* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Yonge*:	69.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Palmer*:	55.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of *Richard Comes*, *John Taylor*, and others, Citizens or Burgeſſes, and Freemen, Inhabitants of the ſaid City, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return, at the ſame time.

Mr. *Hungerford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Caſpar White*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Moleſworth*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors Rates, and Scavengers Rates, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, the Matter, as it appeared to them, relating to the Poor of the Pariſh of *St. Martin in the Fields*; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, finding it a Work of inſuperable Difficulty to peruſe, within any competent time, all the Books and Accounts of the ſaid Pariſhes, in ſuch manner as is neceſſary for the thorough Information of this Houſe, have thought it more for the publick Service to apply their Endeavours principally to thoſe that relate to the Maintenance of the Poor:

And becauſe the Pariſh of *St. Martin's in the Fields* has been repreſented to the Committee as the moſt free from Frauds and Abuſes, and averred to be under the beſt Regulation of any Pariſh in *London*, in reſpect to the Government of the Poor, the Committee, rather willing to propoſe a good Example for the Imitation of others, than deſirous of finding Fault, have choſe to begin with that Pariſh: And, that they might be able to ſet ſuch Matters as relate to the Poor in as true a Light as the Shortneſs of the Time would permit, they have peruſed ſeveral Volumes of Accounts; and have likewiſe endeavoured to get the beſt Informations, *viva voce*, from Perſons underſtanding, and well acquainted with, that Pariſh; which may hereafter be of ſome Uſe for Proceedings in other Pariſhes, when it ſhall be thought proper and ſeaſonable to go through with a Work of this Nature: But, becauſe the immediate Interpoſition of this Houſe ſeems neceſſary to redreſs ſuch inveterate Evils as have been complained of even in this Pariſh, though repreſented to be under the beſt Regulation, as aforeſaid, the Committee, in purſuance of the Order of *Thurſday* laſt, have prepared a Report, as far as they have proceeded; which they have directed to be made as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee finds, That the Maintenance appointed for the Poor in the aforeſaid Pariſh, ariſes from the ſeveral Funds following; Part whereof are under the Management of the Churchwardens, and the reſt under that of the Overſeers of the Poor; *viz.*

Rates on Houſes, commonly called the Poors Rates:

The Royal Bounty, and Contributions on extraordinary Occaſions:

The Fines:

The Collections at the Church and Chapel Doors:

The Compoſition for Baſtards:

The Annuities and Legacies:

The Pariſh-Eſtate:

The Altar or Offertory-money at the Church and Chapels:

The Conviction-money of Swearers, *&c.*:

The Rents of the Pews:

The Burying-money:

Monies ariſing from Petitions to Perſons of Quality at *Chriſtmas*:

The Sales of Goods of poor People deceaſed; and ſeveral other ſmall Receipts.

It is not denied, That Part of the Monies ariſing from ſome of the aforeſaid Heads is applicable to the Uſe of the Church, as to Repairs, when neceſſary, and ſeveral incident Charges; but, the principal and original Intention of theſe Charities and Funds being the Maintenance of the Poor, it may juſtly be expected, that far the greater Part ſhould be applied to ſo neceſſary and pious a Uſe: But the Committee find the Accounts of the Diſtribution of theſe Sums, in the Books, as to the Charities and Expences, ſo mixed and confuſed between the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, that 'tis a Work of ſome time, and Pains, to diſtinguiſh them: (However,)

To enable the Committee to make a better Computation of the whole yearly Produce of the afore-mentioned Funds, within the Pariſh of *St. Martin's*; as alſo of the Diſtribution of them; they ordered the Accounts of the Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor, for the Three Years 1712, 1713, 1714, to be laid before them; thoſe for this current Year 1715 not being made up till *Eaſter*; which, taking for granted the Truth of the Books and Reckonings delivered in, they find to ſtand thus:

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
1712. Collected 3,404 18 6: Arrears, 429 15 6.	The Rates on Houſes, commonly called the Poors Rates	3,834	14	0
	The Royal Bounty	100	0	0
	The Fines	152	0	0
	The Collections at the Church and Chapel Doors	14	14	6
	The Compoſition for Baſtards	207	19	6
	The Annuities	34	16	0
	The Pariſh-Eſtate	481	14	0
	The Altar or Offertory-money at the Church and Chapels	244	9	9¾
	The Conviction-money of Swearers, *&c.*	17	10	0
	The Rents of the Pews and Seats	211	9	3
	The Burying-money	349	5	11
	Money ariſing from Petitions to Perſons of Quality at *Chriſtmas*	40	2	3
	The Sales of Goods of poor People deceaſed	5	14	8
	Total	5,792	10	0¼
1713. Collected 3,380 14 6: Arrears, 406 16 0.	The Rates on Houſes, commonly called the Poors Rates	3,787	10	6
	The Royal Bounty	100	0	0
	The Fines	104	0	0
	The Collection at the Church and Chapel Doors	31	3	2
	The Compoſition for Baſtards	200	9	0
	The Annuities	31	10	0
	The Pariſh-Eſtate	481	14	0
	The Altar or Offertory-money at the Church and Chapels	142	10	5¼
	The Conviction-money of Swearers, *&c.*	3	15	0
	The Rents of Pews and Seats	211	9	3
	The Burying-money	376	16	2
	Monies ariſing from Petitions to Perſons of Quality at *Chriſtmas*	32	7	0
	The Sales of Goods of poor People deceaſed	18	15	2
	Total	5,521	19	8¼
1714. Collected 3,414 13 0: Arrears, 351 3 0.	The Rates on Houſes, commonly called the Poors Rates	3,765	16	0
	The Royal Bounty	100	0	0
	The Fines	128	1	0
	The Collections at the Church and Chapel Doors	23	19	2
	The Compoſition for Baſtards	154	7	0
	The Annuities	33	4	0
	The Pariſh-Eſtate	481	14	0
	The Altar or Offertory-money at the Church and Chapels	416	19	8¾
	The Conviction-money of Swearers, *&c.*	30	18	0
	The Rents of Pews and Seats	211	9	3
	Burying-money	413	5	6
	Monies ariſing from Petitions to Perſons of Quality at *Chriſtmas*	43	10	6
	The Sales of Goods of poor People deceaſed	9	9	10
	By more in ſeveral ſmall Receipts	9	3	8
	Total	5,831	16	9¾

There is, beſides the above-mentioned, an extraordinary Collection of voluntary Charities from Door to Door uſually once every Year; which, according to the beſt Information the Committee can get, may amount, one Year with another, in this Pariſh, to near 100 *l. per Annum*; the extraordinary Collection for this laſt *Chriſtmas* being about 130 *l.*: But of theſe no manner of Account is given in, the Monies being both collected, and diſtributed by the Collectors, without Controul: However, this ought to be added to the Sums above particularized, as Part of the Poors Maintenance yearly.

It is further to be obſerved, That the Money raiſed by Collections for the Charity-Schools, whether at Sermons preached for that Purpoſe, or otherwiſe, is not comprehended in the Articles for Orphans; neither are the Receipts or Diſburſements upon that Score taken notice of in any of theſe Accounts; but ſuch Charities are likewiſe over and above all thoſe afore-mentioned.

The Diſtribution of the aforeſaid Sums, according to the Books delivered in by the Churchwardens and Overſeers for the ſaid Three Years, are, in groſs, as follows; *viz.*

					l.	*s.*	*d.*
1712.	Churchwardens Accounts				1,091	15	2
1712.	Overſeers Accounts, under the Three Heads following;						
	To Orphans	825	11	9			
	To Penſioners	1,249	4	0			
	To caſual Poor, and other extraordinary Diſburſements	1,812	13	7			
					3,887	9	4
1713.	Churchwardens Accounts				1,500	16	0
1713.	Overſeers Accounts, under the Three Heads following;						
	To Orphans	786	10	9			
	To Penſioners	1,302	7	0			
	To caſual Poor, and other extraordinary Diſburſements	1,794	12	7			
					3,883	10	4

1714.	Churchwardens Accounts — — — —			1,834	8 $2\frac{1}{2}$
1714.	Overſeers Accounts, under the Three Heads following;				
	To Orphans — — — — —	820	0 0		
	To Penſioners — — — — —	1,218	16 10		
	To caſual Poor, and other extraordinary Diſburſements —	1,876	16 4		
				3,915	13 2

The Obſervations which the Committee made on theſe Accounts were theſe;

1. That there are very great Sums of Money rated and collected yearly, in this Pariſh, for the Uſe of the Poor.

2. That, the Books being filled with great Multitudes of Names, and of Sums diſtributed at ſeveral times to Perſons carrying thoſe Names, it was impoſſible to diſtinguiſh which were fictitious, and which were real; but the moſt Part muſt be taken upon Truſt.

3. Several material Objections were made to the Largeneſs of the Sums in the Articles of the Orphans, and penſionary Poor; but, as to that of the caſual Poor, it appears, that it amounts yearly to near One-third above what is diſtributed to the known or ſtanding Poor: And it is in this Article, principally, that the Committee is of Opinion the Publick may be more than ordinarily impoſed on; ſeveral ſmall Articles being blended into this, under the Name of Extraordinaries, to make it appear the greater.

4. That the Purchaſes of Houſes or Land, called Part of the Pariſh-Eſtate, which is thought to belong more immediately to the Repairs of the Church, are made with the Poors Money; and moſt of the extraordinary Expences of the Pariſh are deducted out of the ſaid Money.

5. That the Arrears of the Poors Rates, amounting yearly to a great Sum, and, in theſe afore-mentioned Three Years, to 1,187 *l.* 14 *s.* 6 are given in as deſperate, and totally loſt to the Pariſh; whereas, upon Peruſal of the Books of Arrears by the Committee, it appeared, that many Perſons named therein were very ſufficient, and of Quality and Reputation; and that from ſome of them the Arrears had been demanded; ſo that the Committee has Grounds to believe ſeveral of them may have been collected, though never brought to Account, afterwards.

What confirmed the Committee in this Opinion is, That, they having ſummoned *Peter Hill*, formerly an Overſeer of the Poor in the ſaid Pariſh; he, being examined by the Committee, teſtified,

That, in the Year 1698, there was a Surplus of 300 *l.* in the Overſeers Hands, for that Year, above what maintained the Poor; and which, as the Law directs, ought to have been paid into the Hands of the ſubſequent Overſeers; but was, by a Majority of *St. Martin's* Veſtry, voted to be paid into their Hands: And that, in the Year 1699, the ſaid *Hill* being then One of the Overſeers, there did likewiſe remain, in his and his Partner's Hands, an Overplus of about 220 *l.*; which he the ſaid *Hill* would have paid over to the ſucceeding Overſeers; but his Partner oppoſing the ſame, and the Veſtry, taking Cognizance of their Diſpute, did, notwithſtanding all the Oppoſition he could make to ſo illegal a Practice, by Majority of Voices, oblige him to pay the ſaid 220 *l.* to them, and not to the ſucceeding Overſeers as he hath been ſince informed he might by Law have done, without their Conſent or Approbation:

And the ſaid *Hill* further ſaid, That he being afterwards, in the Year 1705, required to pay his Proportion of the Arrears of an additional Aſſeſſment, made in the ſaid Pariſh for the Maintenance of the Poor for Four or Five Years before, and refuſing to pay the ſame, becauſe that additional Charge was unneceſſarily laid; he knowing of the aforeſaid great Surpluſages, which would have ſaved the ſaid additional Aſſeſſment, if thoſe Sums had been applied as the Law directs; Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Vincent*, and Mr. *Ithell*, the then Churchwardens and Veſtrymen of *St. Martin's* Pariſh, with a Conſtable, Two Collectors, and a Beadle, of a diſtant Ward, did diſtrain a Silver Pepper-Box out of his Houſe, and detained the ſame, till he had paid his Proportion to the ſaid additional Aſſeſſment: Alſo, that ſeveral of his Neighbours were frightened into Payment of the ſaid Aſſeſſments, under the Apprehenſion of the like Diſtreſſes; being ſummoned to the Veſtry; and there threatened to have their Goods ſeized, if they did not pay; by which means, great Sums were raiſed out of the Deficiencies of the Poors Rates for ſeveral Years after the Books were delivered up, wherein they returned ſuch as inſolvent.

6. That although the *French* Inhabitants, and ſome Diſſenters from the Church of *England*, pay their Share of the Poors Rates, and other Collections; yet they receive nothing out of it towards the Maintenance of their own Poor; but do it themſelves.

As to the Altar or Offertory Money, the Committee cannot but obſerve, that the Methods uſed in *St. Martin's* Pariſh for collecting Sacrament-money, is ſuch as is liable to great Frauds; being without Cheque or Controul, and, according to the Confeſſion of the Churchwardens themſelves, wholly left to the Diſcretion of ſuch as collect it, and thoſe they pretend ſometimes to account to: Whereby there is Reaſon to believe, this great and ſignal Piece of Chriſtian Charity, offered to God for the ſole Uſe of the Poor, at the Times of the moſt ſolemn Devotion, is, notwithſtanding the Directions given by the Rubrick (which orders, That the Money given at the Offertory ſhall be diſpoſed of to ſuch pious and charitable Uſes as the Miniſters and Churchwarden ſhall think fit; wherein if they diſagree, it ſhall be diſpoſed of as the Ordinary ſhall appoint), diverted from its primitive Uſe and Deſignation, and turns to the private Profit of thoſe who ought to be moſt exemplary to others for Piety and Charity.

8. The Committee further takes notice, That, conſidering the Multitude of Communicants at *St. Martin's* Church, upon the ſcore of qualifying themſelves for Employments, and the Frequency of Sacraments there (being every *Sunday*), the Account given in of the Offertory-money does not ſeem to riſe in a juſt Proportion; and they are confirmed the rather in this Opinion, becauſe *Charles Medlycot* Eſquire, a Juſtice of the Peace, and Veſtryman of the ſaid Pariſh, avers, and is ready to teſtify upon Oath, That *Jeremiah Roſe*, Churchwarden for the Year 1714, did aſſure him, the ſaid *Charles Medlycot*, upon his Inquiry, That the Offertory-money for *St. Martin's* Church alone, excluſive of the Chapel, amounted that Year to above 400 *l.*: And *John Bignall*, One of the Veſtrymen, and formerly Churchwarden, of the ſaid Pariſh, affirmed to the Committee, That the ſaid *Jeremiah Roſe* had, at another time, confeſſed to him, That the Offertory-money of *Saint Martin's* Church, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Fourteen, amounted to 400 *l.*: Notwithſtanding which, the ſaid *Roſe*, forgetting himſelf, has, in the Accounts now delivered in, reckoned the Offertory-money, of the Year 1714, to amount to no more than 344 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.*

9. That the Money ariſing from the Rents of the Pews in *Trinity* Chapel do fully maintain the ſaid Chapel, in every reſpect; and, as to the Offertory money, it was diſpoſed of without Controul, as at *St. Martin's* Church; and that all other Emoluments whatſoever, ariſing from the *Eaſter* Offerings, Chriſtenings, Marriages, and Burials, there, as well as the Balances of the Offertory-money, are paid to the Vicar.

10. That there is 30 *l. per Annum* charged as Rent paid for *Oxendon* Chapel; which, the Committee conceives, might, and ought to, be paid out of the Rent of the Pews; ſeveral of which are not lett, by reaſon of the high Rent demanded for them.

11. That the Collections, and Diſtributions, of all extraordinary

ordinary and voluntary Charities do wholly depend upon the Honeſty of the Collectors, who are generally the Diſtributors of the ſame; and are uſually the ſame Set of Men, named and appointed by *John Eddridge*, Clerk of *St. Martin*'s Veſtry, and principal Agent of the ſaid Pariſh, who makes up and keeps the Books, and inſtructs the Churchwardens and Overſeers in the Methods taken by their Predeceſſors, or fit to be followed by them.

12. The Committee, having carefully examined the ſaid *Eddridge* what thoſe caſual Poor were, on whom ſuch great Sums were yearly expended, could get no good Account from him of them: Sometime he ſaid, They were the like as ſettled Poor, though not entered upon the Penſions; ſometimes, that they were ſuch as had received ſome Misfortune accidentally in the Pariſh: And, being further demanded, Whether he had the Warrants from Juſtices of the Peace for relieving ſuch Poor, according to the Statute; he ſaid, He had: But when his Books were produced, to that Intent, he could not ſhew ſo much as one ſingle Inſtance ſatisfactory to the Committee: That the ſaid *Eddridge*, over and above his ſtanding Salary, raiſed, in the ſaid Three Years, great Sums out of the ſaid Poors and Pariſh Money, amounting to above 832 *l.* excluſive of what he receives upon Account of the Surveyors and Scavengers; which, upon Peruſal of ſeveral particular Accounts of his, did clearly appear to the Committee to be unreaſonable, if not fraudulent; which Accounts are ready to be produced to this Houſe, whenever they ſhall be called for; whereby it may appear how neceſſary a Perſon this ſaid *Eddridge* is to the governing Part of the ſaid Pariſh, when ſuch Accounts ſhall be ſuffered to paſs.

13. That the Veſtry of *St. Martin*'s Pariſh, at leaſt the acting Part of it, is compoſed of ſuch as have been Churchwardens themſelves; it being the Cuſtom, when a Churchwarden goes out of his Office, to elect him a Veſtryman: Theſe ſtate the Accounts of all ſucceeding Churchwardens and Overſeers, and elect all Veſtrymen; ſo that, ſhould once any Corruption get in, 'tis ſcarce poſſible it can otherwiſe be remedied than by the Authority of this Houſe:

That whatever is wanting for the Uſe of the Church, ſuppoſing the Accounts of Quantities and Qualities to be fairly given in, is bought at the worſt Hand, and paid for at extravagant Rates; becauſe the Perſons who furniſh their Goods, or their Work, are, for the moſt part, ſuch as have been Churchwardens and Veſtrymen; of which the Committee had ſeveral Inſtances produced.

Some Extracts out of the Churchwardens and Overſeers Books of Accounts for the Years 1712, 1713, 1714, being ſuch only as are delivered in and owned by the ſaid Churchwardens, *&c.* are here inſerted, in order to give this Houſe a Specimen of the Whole; to which no material Anſwers, or Objections, were made by the Churchwardens.

Obſervations on the Accounts of Mr. *Thomas Lunn*, Churchwarden of the Pariſh of *St. Martin's*, in the Year 1712, by *Charles Medlicott* Eſquire.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Several Expences at Taverns, with Viſitations, with Dr. *Lancaſter*, Lectors, Miniſters, Juſtices, Veſtrymen, Overſeers, *&c.* — — — — — — — —	72	19	7
Paid Mr. *Eddridge* his Salary, as Clerk of the Veſtry — — — — — —	10	0	0
Paid *ditto* his Bills for Work done — — — — — — — —	83	8	0
Paid for Bread and Wine for the Sacrament (near the ſame Sum being charged every Year; though 'tis well known, that, in the Year 1714, there were about 2,000 Communicants more than in this Year 1712, in order to their Qualifications) — — — — — — —	87	9	2
For 69 Dozen of Candles, is 828 *l.* from *All-holland-tide* to *Candlemas* (being about Three Months, at an exceſſive Price, at near 7 *d. per* Pound, before the laſt Duty was laid on them) — —	23	5	8
The Sexton's Bill for Neceſſaries, and chiming in to Prayers, and Allowances to Palls — —	22	13	8
To the Ringers for Dr. *Sacheverell*'s Reſtoration — — — — — —	—	10	0

Mr. *Medlicot*'s Obſervations and Objections made to the Accounts of Mr. *William Leeſon*, Churchwarden to the Pariſh of *St. Martin*'s, *Anno* 1713.

Spent at divers Places, at many Meetings, on Veſtrymen, Overſeers, Viſitations, Dr. *Lancaſter*, Juſtices, Mr. *Griſdale*, *&c.* — — — — — — — —	65	0	4
To Mr. *Eddridge*, his Salary, as Clerk of the Veſtry — — — — — —	10	0	0
Paid him at divers Payments this Year, examining the Poor — — — —	170	16	12
To Serjeant *Cheſhire* and *Darnell*, Fees — — — — — — —	6	12	0
Boards to the Grave-digger in One Year — — — — — — —	4	2	0
For Sacrament-Wine (not ſeen the Bills) — — — — — — —	88	10	0
Paid towards a Robbery — — — — — — — —	21	14	0
For Two new Hoods, and Making — — — — — — —	2	4	0
For Paving (which is paid out of the Surveyor's Accounts) — — — —	6	2	0
For 55 Dozen of Candles, 660 *l.* Weight, at 7 *s.* — — — — —	22	0	0
Paid Mr. *Harcourt* of the Crown-Office his Bill — — — — —	15	5	5
Paid Sir *Thomas Croſs*, for paſſing Vagrants, being Treaſurer of the Liberty — — — —	19	4	7
Paid for Acquittances of 1 *l.* 10 *s.* Paid 4 *s. ditto* 2 *s.* 6 *d. ditto* 1 *s.* 4 *d.* — — —	—	8	0
Received by an Aſſeſſment upon the Pariſh for Repairs of Bridges, and Robberies, 143 *l.* 19 *s.* and paid out of that Sum but 91 *l.* 2 *s.* 5 *d.* Remains due on that Head — — —	52	16	7
The Rent of *Oxendon* Chapel, 30 *l.*; which ought to be paid for out of the Pew-money — —	30	0	0

Objections made by *Charles Medlicot* Eſquire to the Accounts of Mr. *Jeremiah Roſe*, late Churchwarden of *St. Martin's in the Feilds*, *January* 171$\frac{4}{5}$.

Paid Mrs. *Mayor*, to quit her Houſe (in order that the Churchwarden might take it; *viz.* Mr. *Roſe*) —	10	0	0
Paid for the Repairs of the ſaid Houſe by *ditto* Churchwarden (for his own Uſe) — — —	100	0	0
Spent by *ditto* on ſeveral Veſtrymen and Overſeers, at ſeveral Taverns, and couched in ſeveral Articles —	72	0	0
Spent by *ditto* at One Dinner, at the *Mulberry* Garden — — — — —	49	13	4
Paid by *ditto* for Sacrament-Wine (out of which a great Part was drank in the Veſtry) — —	90	0	0
Paid Mr. *Braman*, Upholſterer, the preſent Churchwarden, for an unneceſſary Screen, not worth Half the Money, 8 *l.* 15 *s.*; and for Two Hours Uſe of ſome dirty ſtriped Hangings, 2 *l.*: His whole Bill is 44 *l.*; bought of himſelf, and paid by Mr. *Roſe* — — — — —	10	15	0
To Mr. *Eddridge*, Clerk of the Veſtry, his Salary *per Annum* — — — — —	10	0	0
Paid *ditto*, for examining the Settlements of ſome Poor — — — — —	115	0	0
Paid for a Draught, on a Sheet of Paper, of a Spot of Ground (which any Builder or Bricklayer would have done for Four Pence) — — — — — — —	5	7	6

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
New-caſting ſome Bells, paid yet only in Part — — — — — — —	150	0	0
Spent, at the King's Entry, on Dr. *Lancaſter*, and ſome Juſtices — — — — — —	3	15	0
Paid Miniſters aſſiſting Mr. *Griſdale* the Reader: Spent in Two Dinners — — — —	6	9	2
Spent at a Tavern, going to *Hicks's-hall* about a Baſtard Child — — — — —	2	7	0
For 62 Dozen of Candles burnt in the Church in Three Months; although the Burials find their own Candles — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20	8	4

The Account out of which this laſt Specimen is taken, is averred by *Roſe*, then Churchwarden, to be the beſt, and moſt modeſt, that has yet been delivered in by any Churchwarden of that Pariſh.

15. The Committee finds, upon Examination, That the Expences and Diſburſements of the Churchwardens and Overſeers, given in for the Three afore-mentioned Years, excluſive of all Charities to the Poor, amount to 5,448 *l.* 10 *s.* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* being almoſt One whole Year's Revenue of the Pariſh, in Three Years time; whereof, the Committee conceives, $\frac{3}{4}$ds might be ſaved.

Mr. *Griſdale*, Clerk of *St. Martin*'s Church, being ſent for, and his Books of Burials being peruſed for the Three laſt Years, the Committee obſerved, That the Proportion of Children buried far exceeds that of Men and Women; and, being examined touching the ſame, ſaid, That, one Year with another, there was about 1,200 Chriſtenings; and that above $\frac{3}{4}$s of thoſe die every Year; which he could not attribute to any thing, unleſs the Air of *St. Martin*'s Pariſh was more unwholſome than that of other Pariſhes:

He further took notice, That the Burials in the Months of *December* and *January* laſt, being the moſt rigorous Part of the Winter, were twice as many as was uſual in other Months; and, according to the Liſt given in, amount to 97 of the caſual Poor, not reckoning others.

16. The Committee have taken theſe Accounts of Collections and Diſtributions *De bene eſſe*, according as they were delivered in; but, ſhould either of theſe prove unfair, the Abuſes complained of will be much the greater; and, by ſeveral Inſtances already diſcovered, the Committee finds Reaſon to doubt of the Truth of many of them.

17. The Penſioners, or ſettled Poor, are given in at between 1,200 *l.* and 1,300 *l. per Annum*, for the laſt Three Years; and Multitudes of Names are entered in the Books, which the Committee could find no Method of comptrolling; much leſs that other vaſt Article of the caſual Poor, amounting to between 1,800 *l.* and 1,900 *l. per Annum*: Notwithſtanding all which real or pretended Diſtributions, the begging Poor about the Streets, in this Pariſh, are obſerved to be as numerous as ever.

18. The Orphans are given in in a diſtinct Article from that of Pariſh-Nurſe Children, and Baſtards, which are comprehended under that of caſual Poor; and amounts to a great Sum yearly; namely, to 800 *l.*

The Committee has had no time to inquire into the Particulars of other Pariſhes; but has received the following Informations in general;

1ſt. That in many Pariſhes, notwithſtanding that the Poors Rates amount to a very great Tax; yet, under Pretences that there is not ſufficient levied for the Poors Uſe in the Four Quarters, they raiſe more Money; which, improperly, they call Five, Six, nay, even to Seven, Quarters, ſome Years; which comes to near as much as a Land-Tax at 2 *s. per* Pound.

2d. That the Money lately collected by voluntary Contributions, upon account of the exceſſive cold Winter, in order to the immediate Relief of the Poor, has not been diſtributed in purſuance of the ſaid charitable Intention; but, in many Pariſhes, remains undiſtributed to this Day; ſome being carried into the Chamber of *London*, from whence it is not eaſily to be retrieved within any competent time; ſo that Multitudes of Poor, which ought to have been relieved, have ſtarved to Death during this moſt rigorous Winter; and this may appear by the large Increaſe in the Bills of Mortality about that time.

3d. That a great many poor Infants, and expoſed Baſtard Children, are inhumanly ſuffered to die by the Barbarity of Nurſes, eſpecially Pariſh-Nurſes, who are a Sort of People void of Commiſeration, or Religion; hired by the Churchwardens to take off a Burden from the Pariſh at the cheapeſt and eaſieſt Rates they can; and theſe know the Manner of doing it effectually, as by the Burial-Books may evidently appear, according to Mr. *Griſdale*'s own Obſervation.

4. That the Increaſe of ſtrange Beggars, Cripples, luſty idle Men and Women, Vagabonds, blind People, pretended and real Mad-folks, and ſuch-like, is altogether owing to the Negligence of thoſe that ſhould remedy it, and of the Pariſh-Officers, who take no due Care to purge their ſeveral Pariſhes of ſuch Sort of Vagrants; but connive at them, on purpoſe that ſuch appearing Objects of Charity may give a fair Pretence to theſe yearly exorbitant Collections of all kinds; this kind of Beggars receive little or no ſettled Pariſh-Alms, but live upon what they can extort by their Cries and Importunities in the Streets, and at Coach-ſides; and what they thus get, they are generally obliged to ſpend at ſome Tipling-houſe kept by the Beadles, who have good Salaries allowed them, or their Friends and Relations, who ſell unwholſome Spirits, which carry off Multitudes of them every Year.

5. The Committee obſerved ſeveral Raſures in the Pariſh-Books delivered in to them; as alſo, that ſome Books of Accounts are freſhly written; but cannot ſay this was done to any ſiniſter Intent.

Upon the whole Matter, the Committee cannot induce themſelves to be of Opinion, that much above One-half of the great Sums aforeſaid, which are collected by, and paid to, the Churchwardens and Overſeers yearly, are really expended on that pious and charitable Work of relieving the Poor; but that, in conſequence of the preſent Methods taken, the Poor are rather increaſed in this great City, of late, than diminiſhed; and thoſe of them which are relieved, are not done ſo in the manner they ought to be; but that many very miſerably periſh for Want.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better regulating ſelect Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons, at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor: And that Mr. *Moleſworth*, the Lord *Coningsby*, the Lord *Wm. Powlett*, and Mr. *Minſhull*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do appoint the printing the ſaid Report: And that no other Perſon do preſume to print the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 9° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

CAſpar *White* took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

Ordered, That the Bill for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway or Road from the Stones-end, in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard*, *Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road, in the Pariſh of

of *Enfield*, in the ſame County, next the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*, be now read a Second time.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Bertie*, Colonel *Codrington*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Geo. Warrington*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Mr. *Wynn*, Sir *Edward Prideaux*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, General *Erle*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Hyde*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *John Williams*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Herbert*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Thomſon*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Willoughby*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Colonel *King*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. *Godfrey*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Hertford*, *Eſſex*, *Cambridge*, *Suffolk*, and *Huntingdon*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Strickland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to revive, and continue, an Act made in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Lord *Wm. Powlet* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being acquainted, That, in tranſcribing the Report from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Poors and Scavengers Rates within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, there is an Omiſſion of One Article in the Churchwardens Account, after the Article of 75 *l.*; *viz.*

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Ordered, That the ſaid Article be inſerted in the ſaid Report, and printed with it.

A Petition of the Tanners, Curriers, Leather-ſellers, Shoemakers, and *Spaniſh* Leather-dreſſers, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the laying on the Duties upon Hides and Skins, ſeveral Branches of the Leather-Trade is mightily fallen to Decay, chiefly occaſioned by the Uſing of Ticking, Canvas, *&c.* to cover the upper Part of Shoes with, inſtead of Leather; by reaſon of which, both Tanners, Curriers, and other Dealers in Leather, find a very great Decay in the Dreſſing and Selling of Calves Skins, and all other Sorts of thin Leather: The Dreſſing of *Spaniſh* Leather, being a Manufacture that hath been attained to in this Kingdom, hath proved a good Livelihood to many Families; and the Crown receives conſiderable Duties upon importing Goat-ſkins, and other Commodities, uſed in that Trade; the ſaid Trade being very much declined by the Uſing of other Things, as aforeſaid: Likewiſe *Turkey* and *Morocco* Leather, which, upon Importation, pays a very high Duty to the Crown, is, in a great meaſure, become uſeleſs: And praying to take their Caſe into Conſideration, how injurious it is to the Revenue, as well as to the Petitioners; and grant them ſuch Relief as in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 10mo *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Two-third Parts of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Leaſes, and Farms, of all and every Perſon and Perſons, who is, are, or ſhall be, a Popiſh Recuſant, or Popiſh Recuſants, convict, which, by any the Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in Force, are, or may be, ſeized or taken into his Majeſty's Hands for ſuch Recuſancy, and the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, be raiſed, levied, and applied, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for ſuppreſſing the preſent unnatural Rebellion, and re-eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance till the 24th Day of *June* 1716, be further continued, and charged, upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made, or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made, for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the 23d Day of *June* 1716 to the 24th Day of *June* 1717.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards defraying the Charge of his Majeſty's Mints, and the Coinage of Gold and Silver Monies; and other incident Charges of the Mints; the Act of Parliament of the 7th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, intituled, An Act for continuing the former Acts for the Encouragement of the Coinage; and to encourage the bringing foreign Coins, and *Britiſh* or foreign Plate, to be coined; and for making Proviſion for the Mints in *Scotland*; and for the proſecuting Offences concerning the Coin in *England*; be continued for the Space of Seven Years, to commence from the 1ſt Day of *March* 1715, and until the End of the Firſt Seſſion of Parliament then next following.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, be impowered, out of the publick Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament,

ment, to furniſh ſo much as, together with the Coinage-Duty, may make up any Sum, not exceeding 15,000 *l. per Annum* to carry on the Coinage.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, upon the Importation of Senna, which is a Drug uſed in Medicine, and not in the Dyeing-Trade, the ſame be charged with the reſpective Duties payable to his Majeſty as a medicinal Drug, without being exempted under the Notion of a Drug uſed in Dyeing.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all the Stocks of the ſaid Commodity called Senna, in the Hands of any Perſons who ſell or retail the ſame, or of any in Truſt for them, or to their Uſe, be charged with ſo much as ſhall make up the Duties to be paid on the Importation of Senna as a medicinal Drug.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, or Bills, upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill or Bills.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for better Execution of former Laws againſt Exportation of Wool, Wool-felts, Wool-flocks, Mortlings, Shorlings, Fullers-earth, Fullers-clay, and Tobacco-pipe-clay: And that Colonel *Morton*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Bond*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment propoſed to be made to the Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 12° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take, in *England*, the Oath of Office as One of the Vice-Treaſurers, and Receivers-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf thereby for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office: And that Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Gybbon*, and Mr. *Addiſon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill for making the Laws for repairing Highways more effectual was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Lord *Wm. Pawlett*, Colonel *Grahme*, Sir *Char. Wager*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Leigh*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *Edward Ernley*, Mr. *Down*, Mr. *Bigg*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon*, *Suſſex*, and *Cornwall*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to repeal that Part of the Act, of the 22d Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, An additional Act for the better Repair of Highways, which provides, That, where the Highways cannot be ſufficiently repaired before the Feaſt of the Nativity of *St. John Baptiſt* yearly, the ſame may, and ſhall be, ſufficiently repaired before the Feaſt of *St. Luke* yearly, without incurring any Penalty for the not Doing thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cowper* and Mr. *Jeſſop* be added to the Gentlemen who are to bring in a Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Honour and Eſtate of *John* Duke of *Athol* in *James Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *James Murray*, after the Death of the ſaid Duke, be now read the Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* informed the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been acquainted with the Contents of this Bill before it was brought into the Houſe of Lords; and that he was graciouſly pleaſed to conſent to it.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That General *Roſſe* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Petition of *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Firſt Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, the Houſe of Commons was pleaſed to take into Conſideration the great Services done by Mareſchal *Schonburg* to their Majeſties, and this Kingdom, and the great Loſſes he had ſuſtained for the Proteſtant Religion; and to have a Conſideration of the ſame in the Proviſion that was then made for the Civil Government: That the King thereupon ſigned a Warrant for a Grant to paſs the Great Seal, directing the Payment of the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds to Truſtees therein named, to be laid out in purchaſing Lands of Inheritance for the Benefit of *Frederick* Duke of *Schonburg*, and of his Poſterity; and communicated the ſame to this Houſe by Sir *Henry Capell*, then One of the Lords of the Treaſury: That the ſaid Grant had not the intended Effect, by reaſon of the ſudden Departure of the ſaid Duke for *Ireland*, where he was ſlain, at the memorable Battle of the *Boyne*; and his Son, the Marquis of *Harwich*, who ſucceeded him in his Honour, commanding his Majeſty's Forces in *Piedmont*, was alſo ſlain there, at the Battle of *Marſaglia*: That the Petitioner *Maynhard*, the preſent Duke of *Schonburg* and *Leinſter*, being, by the Limitations and Appointments of the ſaid intended Grant, to have taken Benefit thereby to him, and his Heirs, his Majeſty King *William*, in Conſideration that the State of his Affairs did not then admit of the Payment of the aboveſaid Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, did, by Letters of Privy-Seal, and afterwards by Letters Patents, grant to the ſaid Duke, and the Heirs Male of his Body, the yearly Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of the Revenue of the

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Poſt-Office, for the Intereſt and Forbearance thereof until Payment of the ſaid Principal; promiſing, for himſelf and Succeſſors, to pay and ſatisfy the ſame as ſoon as the State of Affairs would admit; and declaring, That when the ſaid Sum, or any Part thereof, ſhould be paid, the Intereſt ſhould ceaſe in proportion; and the principal Money ſhould be laid out in purchaſing Lands of Inheritance, to be ſettled on the ſaid Duke, and the Heirs Male of his Body; and, on Failure of ſuch Iſſue, to the right Heirs of Duke *Frederick* for ever: That the ſaid Patent is taken notice of, and preſerved by Exception, in ſeveral Acts of Parliament; but the Duke is adviſed by his Counſel, That the Grant is defective as to the Payment of the Intereſt of the ſaid One hundred thouſand Pounds; the ſame being limited only to the ſaid Duke, and the Heirs of his Body: And praying, That this Houſe will pleaſe to give Leave, that a Bill be brought in to enable his Majeſty to ſupply the Defect of the ſaid Grant by a new Grant on the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, for ſecuring the ſaid Intereſt of Four *per Cent.* until Payment of the ſaid principal Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds to the Petitioner the ſaid Duke, and the Heirs Male of his Body; and, on Failure of ſuch Iſſue, to the ſaid Duke, and his Heirs.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer informed the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been acquainted with the Caſe; and was graciouſly pleaſed to give his Conſent, That ſuch a Bill may be brought in, if this Houſe thinks fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of the Revenues of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid: And that the Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Conyers*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, being read;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads therein mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1715, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Money, Tallies, *&c.* remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands on the 31ſt of *December* 1715, over and above the Aſſignments on them from the Navy-Board, and which may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the Debt of the Navy, in caſe it ſhall be applied to the Service thereof, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of Monies granted in the Seſſion of Parliament beginning the 17th Day of *March* 1714, for the Service of the Navy, excluſive of the Ordnance, according to the Votes of the Houſe of Commons of the Second of *April*, the Tenth of *May*, and the Eleventh of *Auguſt*, laſt, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 13° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *James Long*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Conningsby*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Carbury*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Jennings*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Fowler*; and all that ſerve for the County of *Middleſex*, City of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and County of *Surrey*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; be read the Third time upon *Friday* Morning next.

A Bill for naturalizing *Caſpar White* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Wynn*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Liſter*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *John Norris*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Lord *Down*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Gould*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *D'Bovery*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter* of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Broderick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take, in *England*, the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf thereby for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Ma-

Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions: And that Mr. *Broderick* and Mr. *York* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 14° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Hungerford* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for naturalizing *Caſpar White* was committed, That they had examined the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker*.

Alſo they were commanded by the Lords to acquaint his Houſe, That their Lordſhips will be ready to go down into *Weſtminſter-hall* on *Thurſday* Morning next, at Ten of the Clock, in order to the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*, upon the Impeachment of this Houſe exhibited againſt him.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will be preſent at the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*, as a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Secrecy, to whom the Anſwer of *George* Earl of *Winton* was referred, be appointed Managers to make good the Articles of Impeachment exhibited by this Houſe againſt the ſaid Earl.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will proceed to the Court in *Weſtminſter-hall*, erected for the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*, in the ſame manner as they did to the hearing Judgment pronounced againſt the Six condemned Lords.

Ordered, That the Conſtables of *Weſtminſter* do give their Attendance, for keeping the Paſſages to and from *Weſtminſter-hall* clear, during the Tryal of the Earl of *Winton*, ſo that the Members of this Houſe may not be incommoded.

A Petition of *Dominick Donnelly* Gentleman was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, at the Requeſt of One of the Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament to receive Propoſals for the ſpeedy and effectual preſerving the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, by ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, did, at a conſiderable Expence, provide Boats, Hands, and other Neceſſaries, to ſurvey, and take a Plan of, the ſame: That the Petitioner, after he had ſpent above Two Months in taking the ſeveral Soundings, and in making ſuch Obſervations and Experiments as were neceſſary to find the Puſh of the Water at the Mouth of the ſaid Breach, and the Nature of the Earth at the Bottom thereof, did actually ſurvey, and take an exact Plan, both of the Breach, and the Levels overflowed thereby: That, on the Petitioner's Return to *London*, he made Models of the ſeveral Machines he had contrived to ſtop the ſaid Breach, and then delivered in his Propoſals to the Truſtees; and offered to undertake, and perfect, the ſame for 15,000 *l.*: But Mr. *Boſwell*, being a prior Propoſer, was employed, notwithſtanding the Petitioner did then aſſign undeniable Reaſons to convince both *Boſwell*, and his Friends, that his Method was impracticable: After the Loſs of a whole Year, and Seven thouſand Pounds Expence, *Boſwell*'s Works blew up; and the ſtopping the ſaid Breach is thereby rendered more difficult, and the Sand-Bank at the Mouth thereof very much increaſed: Upon the Firſt Notice in the *Gazette* for receiving new Propoſals, the Petitioner did again deliver in his Propoſals for ſtopping the ſaid Breach, and demanded only 16,300 *l.*; but the Truſtees then inſiſted upon Security for Ten thouſand Pounds Forfeiture, in caſe his Method did not ſucceed: But, on the Petitioner's repreſenting the Hardſhips of ſuch Reſolution, they reduced the Forfeiture to 6,000 *l.*; but then allowed him Two Days only to get ſuch Security: A Committee being appointed to inſpect the ſeveral Schemes, of which Notice was agreed to be ſent to each Propoſer, the Petitioner was prepared with his Plans and Models; but had no Notice till after the Committee had met, and agreed in favour of Mr. *Perry*, One of the Propoſers; ſince which, the Petitioner could never prevail to have his Scheme examined; the Truſtees have agreed to pay to the ſaid Mr. *Perry* 25,000 *l.* and to advance what Money he ſhall have Occaſion for in the Undertaking; notwithſtanding the Petitioner propoſed to perfect the ſame for 16,300 *l.*: That ſeveral able Mathematicians, who have conſidered Mr. *Perry*'s Scheme, have declared it as their Opinion, That the ſaid Scheme will be found to be impracticable: And praying this Houſe, to prevent any further Miſapplication of publick Money, and the great Damages that may ariſe, by future Miſcarriages, to the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, and the Trade of this Kingdom, to appoint a Committee to examine the ſeveral Schemes of the Petitioner and Mr. *Perry*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Delavall*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Darcey*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Maſon*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Sir *Nath. Mead*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Colonel *Cornwall*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Pawlett*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Harry Aſhburſt*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Sir *Geo. Bing*, Mr. *Papillon*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Minſhull*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Kent*, *Eſſex*, *Surrey*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe; and all the Members that ſerve for the Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of *William Boſwell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Year 1714, the Petitioner entered into Contract with the Truſtees appointed by an Act of Parliament to treat for the ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham* in *Eſſex*, being near 500 Feet wide; and was to have, at Three ſeveral Payments, 16,300 *l.* for performing the ſame, the Petitioner's Contract commencing the 5th of *Auguſt*, and obliging him to complete the ſaid Works in 15 Months from that Date; but, the ſaid Articles being not finiſhed for ſigning till about *October*, and the Winter approaching, the Petitioner could not begin to work till the latter End of *February*; at which time he proceeded in a regular Method, ſuch as was approved of by a Committee of the Truſtees, who went down to ſurvey the ſame; and ſo far advanced the ſaid Works ſince, as to cloſe them to 30 Foot; but the latter End of the Summer being very wet and ſtormy, occaſioned boiſterous Tides, by which the Petitioner's ſaid Works received ſome Damage, and made him not only elapſe the Time of his own,

own, without receiving One Peny from the Publick, he applied himſelf to the Truſtees for Money, and likewiſe for a further Time to enable him to complete the Works: But, the Contract being laid before this Houſe, the acting Truſtees would not comply with either; and the Petitioner was forced, at the Expiration of his Contract, to deſiſt from working: And praying, in Conſideration of the 8,000 *l.* he has already laid out on the ſaid Works, the Experience he has ſhewn therein, and a great Part of the Works now ſtanding, he may have Liberty to carry them on; ſince he can complete them cheaper than any other Perſon whatſoever; or otherwiſe will pleaſe to order him ſuch other Relief as .. your Honours ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly* is referred.

A Petition of *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Letters Patents have lately paſſed the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to conſtitute the Petitioner to be his Majeſty's High Treaſurer of the ſaid Kingdom: That the Petitioner, by reaſon of his preſent Service, and Attendance, in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, cannot go into *Ireland*, to qualify himſelf there for the ſaid Office, as the Law directs: And praying, That a Bill may be brought into this Houſe, to enable him to take the uſual Oath of Office, and to qualify himſelf, here in *England*, for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Darcy*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *London*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, take into Conſideration the State of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 15° die Martii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That there are ſeveral Members, and Strangers, in the Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* where the Members are to ſit, and in the Paſſages thereto;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go into the Places appointed for the Members of the Houſe in *Weſtminſter-hall*, and clear the ſame of all Strangers; and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. *Smith*, be added to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the Bill for better Execution of former Laws againſt Exportation of Wool, Wool-felts, Wool-flocks, Mortlings, Shorlings, Fullers-earth, Fullers-clay, and Tobacco-pipe-clay.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That, upon the humble Requeſt of *George* Earl of *Winton*, That General *Carpenter*, a Member of this Houſe, may be examined as a Witneſs, at his Tryal, their Lordſhips do deſire, That this Houſe will give Leave to the ſaid General *Carpenter* to be ſo examined at the ſaid Earl's Tryal.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That General *Carpenter* have Leave to be examined as a Witneſs at the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton*.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take into his Cuſtody all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be in the Lobby, or Paſſages leading to *Weſtminſter-hall*, or in the Places prepared for the Members of this Houſe, or who ſhall attempt to come into thoſe Places while the Members are ſitting there.

The Houſe being informed, That there are already ſeveral Members in the Places in *Weſtminſter-hall*;

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to go, with the Serjeant, and a Clerk, into the Places appointed for the Members of this Houſe, and the Paſſages thereto, and ſee the Orders of the Houſe obeyed, for clearing the ſaid Places and Paſſages; and to take the Names of ſuch Members as ſhall refuſe to obey the ſame:

And it is referred to Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Lowther*:

Who went accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. *John Chetwynd* reported from the ſaid Committee, That there were ſeveral Members in the ſaid Places, who refuſed to come out of thoſe Places into the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Chetwynd* do report the Names of the ſaid Members.

And he reported the ſame accordingly; *viz.* That Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Thomas Onſlow*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Tho. Wynn*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, and Mr. *Eyles*, were in the ſaid Places; and refuſed to come out of thoſe Places into the Houſe:

And it was thereupon

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do go and ſummon the ſaid Members to attend the Service of the Houſe, in their Places, immediately.

And the Committee went, and ſummoned the Members accordingly: And they all came into the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords had commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips were now ready to go into *Weſtminſter-hall*, to the Tryal of the Earl of *Winton*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Meſſengers be called in; and acquainted, That this Houſe had conſidered their Meſſage; and that this Houſe had ſtaid till the Places prepared for the Members of this Houſe in *Weſtminſter-hall* were cleared; and, being informed, That the ſaid Places are now clear, they are preparing to go into *Weſtminſter-hall*, immediately.

Ordered, That no Member preſume to go into *Weſtminſter-hall* till the County for which he ſerves is called.

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to be Managers be called over.

And they were called over accordingly:

And they went to the Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* appointed for them. And,

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to be preſent at the ſaid Tryal.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And then the Members were called over by the Clerk, by their County, as uſual:

And they went into *Weſtminſter-hall* accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have ordered, That the Earl of *Winton* be brought to the Bar of their Houſe, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, To-morrow, at Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon: And that their Lordſhips do then intend to proceed further in the Tryal of the ſaid Earl.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 16° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for naturalizing *Caſpar White* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for naturalizing *Caſpar White*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hungerford* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; be read the Third time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, take into Conſideration the State of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to be Managers upon the Tryal of *George* Earl of *Winton* be now called over.

And they were called over accordingly; and went to the Places appointed for them in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to be preſent at the Tryal of the Earl of *Winton*.

And the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the Members were called over, at the Table, by the Clerk, by their Counties, as uſual:

And they went into *Weſtminſter-hall* accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 17° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That the Commiſſioners for the Duties on Salt attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the annual Produce of the Duties on Salt in *England*; and of the Drawbacks out of the ſame.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

AN

AN Account of the annual Produce of the Duties on Salt in *England*; and of the Drawbacks out of the same.

	Gross Produce.			Particulars of the Drawbacks.																		Total Amount of the Drawbacks.		
				For Discount on prompt Payment.			For Salt exported.			For Fish exported.			For Beef and Pork exported.			For Salt loft at Sea.			For foreign Salt over-entered.			For Rock-Salt melted and refined into White-Salt.			For Waste on Salt carried Coaft-wise.					
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
From 25th *March* 1708 to 25° *March* 1709	380,128	19	½	18,838	17	7½	80,762	3	6¾	39,530	2	10¼	9	10	0	2,723	2	6	—	—	—	37,291	6	2	9,705	5	7	188,860	8	3¾
From 25th *March* 1709 to 25° *March* 1710	399,493	8	0½	18,750	13	7	88,152	10	7¾	29,886	14	10½	60	3	10	1,697	16	3	—	—	—	39,761	6	4½	9,923	16	9½	188,233	2	4
From 25th *March* 1710 to 25° *March* 1711	406,508	2	5	19,023	2	5½	103,443	5	0½	34,539	16	4½	6	12	10½	2,655	17	8½	—	—	—	41,831	5	0½	10,001	12	6¾	211,501	12	0½
From 25th *March* 1711 to 25° *March* 1712	373,480	8	9½	18,758	7	9	91,354	16	11½	50,230	12	9¾	—	—	—	3,125	6	4¾	3	11	8	34,462	10	9½	10,053	19	10½	207,989	6	2¾
From 25th *March* 1712 to 25° *March* 1713	368,161	9	—	19,432	8	11	68,122	11	1¾	62,412	5	0½	—	—	—	1,248	15	—	42	18	6	41,143	3	3½	9,911	3	11½	202,313	5	9½
From 25th *March* 1713 to 25° *March* 1714	481,713	4	3	20,252	14	9¾	101,229	6	3	86,217	4	10	18	—	—	2,467	7	1	49	3	4	45,446	19	3½	11,219	10	1½	266,900	5	8½
From 25° *March* 1714 to 25° *March* 1715	543,515	10	4½	21,004	19	8½	192,823	9	3¾	105,951	4	8½	2	—	—	759	14	2	—	—	—	42,968	16	10½	11,648	11	9	374,258	16	6½

Salt-Office,
15th *March* 1715.

Exa. *Mat. Greenwood*, *Wm. Sumpter*, } Accomptants.

B. Mildmay,
T. Woodcock,
James Cardonnel,
A. Ingram,
Cha. Dent.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners for the Duties on Salt do lay before this Houſe a particular Account of the ſeveral Allowances made on Exportation of Fiſh; and what Quantities of Salt are uſed in curing the ſame, reſpectively; and of the Frauds by them diſcovered concerning the ſame.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to their Addreſs, a State of the Half-Pay granted by Parliament for the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, and Marines, for the Year 1715; with an Eſtimate of the Sum wanted to make up the ſame full Pay for One Year, after deducting the Money ſaved by the Death, or Proviſion, of any of the ſaid Officers, between the 25th of *December* 1714, and the 24th of *December* 1715: Alſo,

A Liſt of ſeveral Officers to whom his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to grant Half-Pay by Warrant: Alſo,

An Account of the Sum wanting to make up the Half-Pay full Pay to ſeveral Officers, from the 26th of *July* 1715, to the reſpective Days of their Death, or Proviſions: Alſo,

An Eſtimate of the extraordinary Charges relating to *Dunkirk*, for which no Proviſion has been made in Parliament: Alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Sum wanting to make up the Half-Pay of the reduced Officers full Pay for One Year, from the 26° of *July* 1715, to the 25th of *July* 1716: Alſo,

A Liſt of the reduced Officers dead, or provided for, within the Year 1715, with the reſpective Sums ſaved by their Half-Pay: Alſo,

An Eſtimate of Half-Pay for the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces and Marines unprovided for, for One Year, from the 25th Day of *December* 1715, to the 24th of *December* 1716:

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid State, Liſts, Account, and Eſtimates, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid State, Liſts, Account, and Eſtimates, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Company of Soap-makers of the City of *London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the ſeveral Acts made in the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, whereby ſeveral Duties have been laid upon Soap, amongſt other the Penalties therein contained, the Sum of 20 *l.* and no more, is laid upon any Makers of Soap, who ſhall fraudulently hide or conceal, or cauſe to be hid or concealed, any Soap chargeable by the ſaid Acts, or any of the Materials for making the ſame, to the Intent to deceive his Majeſty of the ſaid Duties: That by ſeveral Diſcoveries made, and Convictions had, before the Honourable the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Revenue of Exciſe, that the ſaid Penalty is too ſmall to deter ſome Perſons from ſuch fraudulent Concealments; whereby the Duty is very much leſſened, and the fair Dealer greatly injured: And praying this Houſe will be pleaſed to think of ſome proper Method, the better to ſecure his Majeſty's Duty, and protect the fair Trader.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716, ſhall be read a Second time.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants in and about the Towns of *Hertford*, *Ware*, *Hoddeſden*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners living in and about the Towns of *Hertford*, *Ware*, *Hoddeſden*, and Parts adjacent, being Perſons trading from the ſaid Places to *London* with Carts and Carriages, *&c.* obſerving, that conſiderable Part of the ſaid Roads are lying and being within the Pariſh of *Amwell Magna*; and the Roads there are very bad, and in ſome Places ſcarcely paſſable with Carriages, *&c.*; and although the ſaid Pariſh has raiſed and laid out upon them Six Pence in the Pound, as by Law directed; the Petitioners hearing, that the Commiſſioners for the Turnpike that is at *Kingſland* for the Uſe of the ſaid Road, in part, are endeavouring to add ſome farther Time to their preſent Term, for the better amending the ſame: And whereas we the Petitioners, and the Places to which we belong, do contribute very largely, by paying to the ſaid Turnpike, towards amending the ſaid Roads: And praying, That their Caſe may be taken into Conſideration, and ſuch Allowances made to us out of the Produce of the ſaid renewed or prolonged Term, as to your Honours great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Bertie* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, made in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway or Road from the Stones End in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road in the Pariſh of *Enfield*, in the ſame County, next the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for preventing the Miſchiefs occaſioned by Carmen, Carters, and Draymen, riding on their Carts, Waggons, or Drays, in any of the Streets of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, the Borough of *Southwark*, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for better regulating the Lamps, and other Lights, in the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality.

Mr. *Broderick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That an Account be laid before this Houſe what Number of Troops were in *North Britain* upon the 20th of *July* 1715; and in what manner they were diſpoſed of.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That an Account be laid before this Houſe when the Three Regiments of Foot, which, about the ſame time, were in *North Britain*, were ordered to go from thence into *Ireland*; the Time they received their laſt Orders for going; and the Time and Place they embarked for *Ireland*, purſuant to thoſe Orders.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That they have ordered the Lieutenant of the *Tower* of *London* to bring *George* Earl of *Winton* to the Bar of their Lordſhips Houſe, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, on *Monday* next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, that their Lordſhips may proceed further, in order to Judgment upon the ſaid Earl. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Gerard Roeters*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will be preſent, as a Committee of the whole Houſe, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, when the Lords ſhall proceed further, in order to Judgment upon *George* Earl of *Winton*.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Committee appointed to manage the Impeachment againſt *George* Earl of *Winton* be impowered, in caſe the Houſe of Lords ſhall proceed to give Judgment before the ſame is demanded by this Houſe, to inſiſt upon it, That it is not Parliamentary for their Lordſhips to give Judgment until the ſame be firſt demanded by this Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That the Perſons complained of for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *George Evans* Eſquire, now Lord *Carberry*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, a Member of this Houſe, by ſuing him at Common Law, and proceeding to Tryal, and threatening to ſign Judgment againſt him, have ſubmitted, and made Satisfaction to his Lordſhip for the ſaid Offence;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 19° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, take into Conſideration the State of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to manage the Impeachment againſt *George* Earl of *Winton* be called over.

And they were called over accordingly:

And they went to the Places appointed for them in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to be preſent in *Weſtminſter-hall* when the Lords proceeded further, in order to Judgment upon *George* Earl of *Winton*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the Members were called over, by the Clerk, by their Counties:

And they went into their Places in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately go, with their Speaker, and the Mace, to the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, and demand Judgment of High Treaſon againſt *George* Earl of *Winton*, upon the Impeachment of the Commons.

And the Houſe being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had been at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, with their Speaker, and the Mace; where he had, in the Name of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, demanded Judgment of their Lordſhips againſt *George* Earl of *Winton* for High Treaſon.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes, of *Saturday* laſt, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſeveral Accounts thereby deſired ſhall be laid before this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips are preſently going down into *Weſtminſter-hall*, to give Judgment againſt *George* Earl of *Winton*, who ſtands convicted of High Treaſon.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to be preſent when the Lords give Judgment againſt *George* Earl of *Winton*, who ſtands convicted of High Treaſon, upon the Impeachment exhibited againſt him by the Commons.

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to be Managers of the Impeachment againſt the Earl of *Winton* be called over.

And they were called over accordingly by the Clerk:

And they went into the Places appointed for them in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And, the Members being returned to the Houſe;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Thomſon*, Mr. *Dixy Windſor*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Jenkins*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Blunt*, *John Searing*, and others, on behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, is referred.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 20° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That *George Wilcocks* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Hindon*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe being informed, That a Perſon from the Comptrollers of the Army attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe Copies of ſeveral Papers relating to the Expedition to *Canada*.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies of the ſaid ſeveral Papers be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of *John Champante* Eſquire, Agent of the Province of *New-York*, for and on the behalf of Brigadier-General *Robert Hunter*, his Majeſty's Governor in Chief of the ſaid Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Precarioufneſs of the Trade of *Great Britain* with the Northern Crowns for Naval Stores having occaſioned great Difficulties, the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and the Plantations, in the Year 1709, laid a Propoſal before the late Queen in Council, That Three thouſand of the *Palatines*, then lately arrived here, might be employed, to the very great Advantage of this Kingdom, in the Province of *New-York*, on the Production and Manufacture of Naval Stores; which Propoſal her ſaid Majeſty was pleaſed to approve of, and to charge the ſaid Governor with the Care and Execution thereof: That the Charge of making ſuch a Settlement of the ſaid *Palatines* was computed to amount to Thirty thouſand Pounds; which the ſaid Governor had Aſſurances ſhould be made good to him; and, purſuant thereto, had the Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds iſſued to him, towards their Tranſportation, and to anſwer other Charges on their Account; and, as to the Remainder of the ſaid Thirty thouſand Pounds, he had Directions to draw, Quarterly, Bills of Exchange on the Treaſury for proportionable Parts of the ſame; which accordingly he has been neceſſitated to do; but none of his Bills, except Two of One thouſand Pounds each, have been ever accepted, or paid; which has turned not only to his very great Damage, but to the Prejudice too of the publick Credit, upon the Faith of which the ſeveral Sums of Money he drew for were advanced: And praying, That this Houſe would take the ſaid Governor's Caſe into Conſideration, in relation to the Monies due on the ſaid Bills of Exchange, which were drawn purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions, and the Directions of the Treaſury; and to cauſe, that Proviſion may be made for the Payment thereof.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

A Bill to revive, and continue, an Act, made in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Fitzwilliams*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *York*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Ingram*, Colonel *Grahm*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Delaval*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*; and all the Members that ſerve for the County of *York*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they examine how the Money granted by the former Act has been applied; and what Lands or Eſtates are appropriated for repairing the ſaid Piers.

A Petition of *Philip Norris*, *Stephen Roome*, *Nathanael Throughton*, and *Gilbert Page*, Undertakers for Funerals, in the behalf of themſelves, and divers others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are informed, that there is a Bill depending in this Houſe for Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Weekly Bills of Mortality; which if the ſame ſhould paſs into a Law, the Petitioners will be great Sufferers thereby: And praying, That they may be heard, by Counſel, or otherwiſe, before the Committee, to whom the Bill is committed, as in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take in *England* the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf thereby for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Delaval*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Campbell*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Powlett*, Lord *Newport*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Newport*, Sir *Stephen Leonard*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Ward*, Admiral *Aylmer*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his Majeſty has been pleaſed, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to conſtitute and appoint the Right Honourable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland*, and the Petitioner, to be his Majeſty's Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Revenues, Profits, and Caſualties, whatſoever, of his ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to be Treaſurer at War there: That the Petitioner, by reaſon of his preſent Service and Attendance in Parliament, cannot go into *Ireland* to qualify himſelf for the ſaid Office: And praying, That a Bill may be brought into this Houſe, or a Clauſe in ſome Bill, to enable him to take the uſual Oath of Office, and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take in *England* the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues of the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; is committed.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Ordered, That Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord *Hinchinbroke*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Methuen*, Lord *Carberry*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Bond*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly* Gentleman is referred.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal during the Time therein limited.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *John Ward* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Sir *John Ward* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Report be received upon this Day Sevennight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Chetwynd:*	66.
Tellers for the Noes,	Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Morice:*	113.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Thurſday* next, at One of the Clock.

An ingroſſed Bill for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That ſuch Perſons as refuſed to take the Oaths before a Day to be appointed ſhould not be reſtored:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Third time;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Weſtern:*	120.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Colemore:*	52.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative:

The Clauſe was accordingly read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Pr. 2. L. 17. To leave out "ſuch:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for prolonging the Time for Perſons to take the Oaths, purſuant to the Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bond* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 21° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, an Account of the Number of Troops in *North Britain* the 20th of *July* 1715, and in what manner they were diſpoſed of; with an Account when the Three Regiments of Foot there were ordered from thence to *Ireland*:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

AN Account of the Number of Troops in *North Britain* the 20th of *July* 1715, and in what manner they were diſpoſed of; *viz.*

Dragoons.	Eſtabliſhed Numbers.	Totals.	Where diſpoſed.
Earl of *Portmore*'s Regiment	237		at *Haddington*
Earl of *Stair*'s	237		between *Glaſgow* and *Sterling*.
		474	
Foot.			
Lord *Irwin*'s Regiment	485		at *Fort-William*
Lord *Shannon*'s	485		at *Edenburgh*
Colonel *Campbell*'s Independent Company	49		In the *Highlands*
Colonel *Grant*'s	49		
Captain *Monroe*'s	49		
Gariſon of *Blackneſs* Caſtle	22		
Gariſon of *Dunbarton* Caſtle	22		
Gariſon of *Edenburgh* Caſtle	77		
Gariſon of *Sterling* Caſtle	76		
		1,314	
		1,788	

AN Account when the Three Regiments of Foot under-mentioned were ordered from *North-Britain* to *Ireland*; with the Time and Place of their Embarkation.

	Date of their Order of March.	Time of Embarkation.	Place of Embarkation.
Lord *Forfar*'s Regiment	10th *June* 1715	2d *July* 1715	*Port-Patrick*
Earl of *Orrery*'s	*Ditto*	3d *Ditto*	*Ditto*
Colonel *Montague*'s	*Ditto*	8th *Ditto*	*Ditto*

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Darcy* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office: And the ſame was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

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A Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller be added to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service.

The Houſe being informed, That the Honourable *Thomas Wentworth* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, whoſe Election for the Borough of *Malton*, in the County of *York*, is petitioned againſt by Sir *William Strickland* Baronet, and by ſeveral Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough, and alſo a material Witneſs for the ſaid Mr. *Wentworth*, are very ill, and not able to attend the Hearing of the Matters of the ſaid Petitions before the Committee of Privileges and Elections upon *Monday* next, as the ſame is appointed;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matters of the ſaid Petitions upon *Monday* the Twenty-third Day of *April* next.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, made in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway, or Road, from the Stones End in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road, in the Pariſh of *Enfield*, in the ſame County, next the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, made in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway, or Road, from the Stones End in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road, in the Pariſh of *Enfield*, in the ſame County, next the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bertie* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome Words of Heat had paſſed between Mr. *Wentworth* junior and Mr. *Strickland*, Members of this Houſe; and that Mr. *Strickland* was gone out of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go and ſummon Mr. *Strickland* to attend the Service of the Houſe immediately.

And the Serjeant went accordingly.

Mr. *Strickland* being come into the Houſe;

Mr. *Wentworth* ſtood up in his Place, and acknowleged he had uttered ſome Words to Mr. *Strickland* which he was ſorry for.

Whereupon Mr. *Strickland* ſtood up in his Place, and ſaid, He ſhould not proſecute the Matter any further.

Ordered, That ſuch Papers and Accounts as have been laid before this Houſe this Seſſion by the Truſtees appointed for putting in Execution an Act for the ſpeedy, and effectual, preſerving the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, by ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly* is referred.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the State of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*:

And Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* delivered in at the Clerk's Table a Letter to the Duke of *Argyle*, dated the 15th *February* 1716;

Which Letter was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Grace,

THE unfortunate Circumſtances our Country is reduced to, by our late Diviſions, are ſuch as muſt move the Pity and Compaſſion of any true-born *Scotſman*; and we have juſt Ground to expect, that the Generoſity, which every Man allows to ſhine ſo bright in your Grace's Character, will make it very diſagreeable to you to ſee your Country in that Situation.

The many and great Hardſhips we groaned under ſince the late Union, were not the leaſt Motives of making us take Arms; and, however our Judgments may have been miſtaken in the Way of procuring Redreſs, our Intentions muſt, we think, be allowed to be honourable, and what became a People who have, for ſo many Ages, preſerved their Independency.

Whatever Hardſhips, and unexpected Accidents, have attended our Undertaking, we are the more eaſy under them, that we always were reſolved to bear the worſt, and were willing to hazard our Lives in a Cauſe which appeared to us ſo juſt: But were our Lives our only Conſideration, we would not have given your Grace the Trouble of this Letter: That which touches more ſenſibly is, the melancholy View we have of ſo many old and worthy Families as muſt fall with us; which makes us wiſh, for the Good of our Country, that Peace and Tranquillity were reſtored; and that once more we ſhould all return to that Love and Affection to one another, that ought to be the Entertainment of ſo many People link't together by Blood and Relation.

This Reflection, we are confident, will touch your Grace as much as it does us, and make you uſe your Endeavours to obtain ſo happy an End; which would be beſt effectuated, could we expect the Government would grant an Indemnity to ſuch as are willing to live peaceably at home, and Liberty for thoſe to go abroad who are deſirous to paſs the reſt of their Lives beyond Seas.

It may not, perhaps, be unworthy the Government to accept the Acknowlegements of ſo many Noblemen and Gentlemen as have appeared here in Arms; and the Experience of all Ages ſhews what a Body of Men, reduced to Deſpair, may do; and we ſhould conſider it as the greateſt Hardſhip that can be impoſed on us, were we forced to act a Part of that Nature, which muſt prove ſo fatal, in our Country:

Your Grace has now an Opportunity offered you of ſhewing your Affection to it, and, at the ſame time, doing a conſiderable Service to the Government, by ſecuring the Obedience of ſo many Noblemen and Gentlemen by the Ties of Gratitude, which muſt be conſidered very ſtrong by Men of Honour; and, we hope, theſe Motives will prevail with your Grace to give us a ſpeedy Anſwer, and let us know what are the Reſolutions of the Government concerning us; and whether we may expect an Indemnity for what is paſt, and Protection for our Lives and Fortunes in Time coming; which we conſider the only Means of obtaining the End we now aim at, the Peace and Welfare of our Country, by preſerving ſo many honourable Families as are engaged in this Affair.

We are fond to make your Grace the Inſtrument of procuring our Safety, and to owe you a Favour, which will always oblige us to acknowlege ourſelves,

May it pleaſe your Grace,

Your Grace's moſt humble and moſt obedient Servants,

Ruthven in *Badenuck*, 15th *February*, 1716.

D. MackDonald, *Mackdonell*,
A. Robertſon, of *Strowan*, *Alex. Gordon*,
J. M. Dougall, *Linlithgow*,
Alexander M'kenzie, *Southeſque*.
Clan Ranald,
James Ogilvie,

Then Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That there were ſeveral Perſons at the Door, who could give an Account what Perſons of Diſtinction had been in Arms in *Scotland*, on the Part of the Rebels, during the preſent Rebellion there, either at *Perth*, or elſewhere:

They were ſeverally called in, and, at the Bar, examined; and gave the Houſe an Account, That they had ſeen the Earl *Mariſchal*, the Earl of *Seaforth*, the Earl of *Southeske*, and the Earl of *Panmure*, in Arms there, on the Part of the Rebels; together with ſeveral others, who were particularly named by the ſaid Witneſſes.

And then they ſeverally withdrew.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to attaint the Earl *Mariſchal*, the Earl of *Seaforth*, the Earl of *Southeske*, the Earl of *Panmure*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Cowper*, Lord *Coningſby*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Haldane*, and Mr. Recorder, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill the more effectually to ſecure the Peace of the *Highlands*, and the North Parts of *Scotland*: And that the ſame Gentlemen who are to bring in the ſaid Bill of Attainder, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 22° die Martii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe their Return to Two Orders of this Houſe of the Sixth inſtant; being a particular Account of all Goods and Merchandize imported, not rated in the Book of Rates, but paying Duty, *ad valorem*, according to the Oath of the Importer: And alſo,

An Account of all unrated *Eaſt-India* Goods which pay Duty by the Value at the Candle: And alſo,

An Account of the net Produce of the Duties on Pepper, by a Medium of Three Years before the laſt Duty was laid, and by a Medium of Three Years ſince the ſaid Duty was laid.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

Upon the Petitions of Sir *Wm. Lowther* Baronet, and *Hugh Bethel* Eſquire; and of *Chriſtopher Hayford*, and others, Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*; complaining of an undue Election and Return of the Honourable *John Dawney* and *Robert Frank* Eſquires for the ſaid Borough:

The Committee examined the Merits of this Election.

That it was agreed, That this was a Borough by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in Perſons having a Freehold of Burgage-tenure, paying a Burgage-rent.

The Poll was,

For Mr. *Dawney*, 149: For Sir *Wm. Lowther*, 122:
Mr. *Frank*, 145: Mr. *Bethel*, 111.

That the Petitioners Counſel complained of Partiality in the Mayor, Recorder, and Town-Clerk; and alleged they ſhould add 41 to their Poll, and take off 38 from the Sitting-Members.

It appeared by the Poll, That Two voted twice for the Sitting-Members.

And, by the Evidence of *Wm. Lee*, it appeared, That Three *Quakers* tendered their Votes for the Petitioners; and were refuſed, becauſe they would not take the Abjuration-Oath; though they offered to take the Affirmation to the Effect thereof:

That the Mayor was governed in the Poll by the Recorder, and Mr. *Edmund Abbot* the Town-Clerk; who was an Agent for the Sitting-Members, and took ſeveral Votes for them, who had no Right; and refuſed ſeveral for the Petitioners, who had a Right: And that *Abbot*, who has the making up of the Fee-farm Book every Year for the Mayor, wherein the different Tenures ſhould be diſtinguiſhed, and all the Burgages truly entered, had marked therein ſeveral as Burgage-tenants, who were not ſo; and omitted the marking others, who were; which Partiality run in favour of the Sitting-Members; and that Diſputes upon the Poll had been frequently determined by this Book:

That Twelve Perſons, who, by Conveyances from Sir *William Lowther*, dated *January* 2d, 1712, and proved by Mr. *Lee*, claimed Twelve Burgages, Part of an Eſtate formerly *Wakefield*'s, and which pay Burgage-rent, and were purchaſed by Sir *Wm. Lowther* in 1711, tendered their Votes for the Petitioners; but were refuſed; although moſt of them, or their Predeceſſors, had been admitted at former Elections, when they voted in a contrary Intereſt.

The Petitioners Counſel proceeded to add Eleven, who, by Conveyances from Sir *Wm. Lowther* and Mr. *Bethell*, dated *January* 5th, 1714, claimed Eleven Burgages, Part of an Eſtate formerly *Engliſh*'s, and which pay Burgage-rent, and were purchaſed by Sir *Wm. Lowther* from *Harriſon*, and others, in *December* 1714: The ſeveral Conveyances to them were proved by Mr. *Lee:* And it appeared, that *Engliſh*, the former Owner, being a *Quaker*, did not vote in Elections; but that the Premiſes were Burgage-tenure, and paid Burgage-rent, and were ſo entered in the Town-Books.

To add Six to the Petitioners Poll, Mr. *Lee* proved the Conveyances of Six Burgages from Sir *Wm. Lowther*, and others, to Six Perſons, in 1714; and he named Six other Perſons who voted on the Sitting-Members Side for the ſame Burgages; and therefore ought to be taken from their Poll.

Nine were inſiſted on to be added to the Petitioners Poll, whoſe Conveyances of Burgages from Sir *Wm. Lowther*, and others, ſome in 1714, and others in former Years, were produced, and proved by Mr. *Lee*, and others; by whoſe Evidence, and by the old Books and Writings, it ap-

ppeared, that theſe Premiſes were ancient Burgages, paid Burgage-rents, and that Votes had been formerly given for moſt of them.

It appeared, That the 41 Votes, thus offered to be added, did tender themſelves for the Petitioners, and were refuſed: And, on proving their Titles before the Committee, it appeared, That the Conſideration-monies were not paid, but Notes given as Securities for the ſame.

The Petitioners Counſel objected to 30 of the Sitting-Members Voters, beſide the Eight before-mentioned to be taken off their Poll:

And by the Evidence of Mr. *Wm. Lee*, Mr. *John Wildman*, and *Sam. Medley*, it appeared, That, of thoſe 30 Voters laſt objected to, ſeveral were not Burgage-tenants; ſome had not Freeholds; ſome were ſplit Votes, or diſputable; others had been formerly rejected; and that ſome of them had no Title.

Mr. *Wm. Lee* added to what he had before ſaid of *Abbot* the Town-Clerk, That he had inſpected the Fee-farm Books of the Burgage-tenants; and believed there were 40 or 50 Alterations made therein, of the Town-Clerk's Hand-writing, differing from former Books: That ſome of the Rents were changed, to make or not make them Burgage-rents, as it ſhould favour the Sitting-Members:

That 50 were left out who were Burgage-tenants: That this was done for the Sitting-Members Intereſt, in whoſe favour *Abbot* was very active during the Poll; diſputing all that came againſt the Sitting-Members, and none that voted for them; ſometime acting by the Direction of the Recorder, without the Mayor, and ſometime of his own Authority.

Mr. *John Lee* teſtified, That *Abbot* put down ſeveral upon the Poll, and refuſed others, according to the Recorder's Directions, without any Order of the Mayor, who was then preſent.

The Sitting-Members Counſel alleged, They ſhould juſtify the Poll, by qualifying thoſe objected to, and diſqualifying thoſe the Petitioners would add; and that they ſhould vindicate *Abbot* the Town-Clerk in the ſeveral Matters objected againſt him; but offered no Evidence for any of theſe Purpoſes, other than the ſame *Abbot*, who is complained of in the Petition, and charged by the Petitioners Evidence with ill Practices in favour of the Sitting-Members.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Honourable *John Dawney* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Frank* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Wm. Lowther* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Hugh Bethel* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Report be re-committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *John Bland*, Mr. *Baker*:	77.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Liddall*:	148.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The ſaid Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*, by raſing out the Names of the Honourable *John Dawney* Eſquire, and *Robert Frank* Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of Sir *Wm. Lowther* Baronet, and *Hugh Bethell* Eſquire.

Sir *John Ward*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 23° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*.

A Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the more effectually obliging the Receivers-General of the Land-Tax, and other Duties, to make ſpeedy Payment of the Money in their Hands into the Exchequer.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for transferring to the Regiſter to be kept by this Act, the Principal and Intereſt deficient on the Regiſter for the Malt-Act, which ended at *Midſummer* 1715.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets, and Orders, burnt, loſt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims to Benefit-Tickets in the ſeveral Lotteries not yet adjuſted.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the regular Payment of the Salaries, and other Charges, for executing the Lottery-Act of 1710.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners for the Land-Tax within the Borough of *St. Albans*, to recover Monies in the Hands of former Collectors, or Conſtables, on Account of Land-Taxes in that Borough not yet accounted for, or anſwered.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Company of Soap-makers of the City of *London*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for ſupplying a Defect in the Act, of the Third Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing Money by Sale of Annuities therein mentioned.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into Abuſes practiſed in the manufacturing Tobacco; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And

And it is referred to Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Lord *Down*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Bethell*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Bond*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That the Meſſenger who went, purſuant to the Order of the Seventh Inſtant, to bring *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire up in Cuſtody, was returned:

Whereupon he was called in; and, at the Bar, gave the Houſe an Account what he had done purſuant to that Order; *viz.*

That he had been at *Aberlleferry*, where he had heard Mr. *Pryſe* was; but did not find him there; and that he had been at Mr. *Pryſe*'s Houſe in *Cardiganſhire*, and had ſearched that and ſeveral other Houſes for him, but could not find him: But that one Dr. *Pugh*, Mr. *Pryſe*'s Phyſician, delivered a Letter to him from Mr. *Pryſe*, dated the 12th Inſtant at *Aberleferry*; which he delivered in; and it was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Mr. *Kingham*, *Aberlleferry*, *March* 12° $17\frac{15}{16}$.

HAVING had ſome Intelligence of your coming here, I thought it more adviſeable to be removed out of the Way, than to make myſelf a Priſoner, in this ſickly Condition that I am now in; the Conſequences of which would be fatal to me, if I ſhould be required to undertake a *London* Journey, as my Phyſician, and the whole Country, can inform you. I am

Your Friend and Servant,

Le. Pryſe.

Reſolved, That *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, having been ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, the 8th Day of *Auguſt* laſt, for not attending the Service of this Houſe; and having never qualified himſelf as a Member of this Houſe, by taking the Oaths at the Table; and having been, on the 2d of *February* laſt, ſummoned to ſurrender himſelf into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, upon pain of being proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Severity; and he having abſconded, and peremptorily refuſed to ſurrender himſelf into Cuſtody; be, for the ſaid Contempt, expelled this Houſe.

A Petition of the Three *French* Regiments of Foot, late under the Command of Major-General *Lameloniere*, Brigadier *Belcaſtell*, and the Right Honourable the Lord *Lifford*, formerly Brigadier *Ducambon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, being all *French* Proteſtant Refugees, and having ſerved, the former War, in *Ireland* and *Flanders*, with a Zeal ſuitable to the Gratitude they owe for the Protection they have received from the *Engliſh* Nation, this Houſe, out of a more particular Care for them, did, by a Reſolution, of the 1ſt of *March* 1698, appropriate, for Payment of their Arrears, the Sum of 32,551 *l.* 9 *s.* 5 *d.* Part of the 800,000 *l.* then granted by Parliament for Payment of the Arrears due to the Forces in *Ireland*; which paſſed the Royal Aſſent on the 1ſt *February* before; notwithſtanding which, and contrary to the ſaid Reſolution, above One-third Part of that Money was withheld from them, and diverted to other Purpoſes: That this Houſe, upon their Application in the Years 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, and 1709, being very ſenſible of the Grievance they had ſuſtained, of the Juſtneſs of their Demands, and the great Zeal they have likewiſe ſhewn, during the laſt War in *Flanders*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, cauſed ſeveral Bills, at ſeveral times, to be brought in for their Relief; but it appearing, that their Accounts required too much time to have them ſettled, the Petitioners obtained an Addreſs to her Majeſty, to command the Auditors of the Impreſt to ſtate their Accounts; which, on the 10th *March* 1708, were, by the ſaid Auditors, laid before this Houſe: That the Petitioners found themſelves aggrieved, in ſeveral reſpects, in their Accounts, as ſtated by the Auditors of the Impreſt; made, in the Year 1710, their Application to this Houſe; praying, That, as the Sums due to them were of the ſame Nature with the Deficiencies, the Payment whereof was, by a Bill then depending, aſſigned on the *South-Sea* Stock, their Payment, both Principal and Intereſt, might likewiſe be aſſigned to them on the ſaid Stock; ſeeing all theſe Deficiencies had been equally made good, and, upon preſſing State-Exigencies, applied by the Government to other Uſes than they had been intended for: That the Petitioners, notwithſtanding their earneſt Sollicitations, had the Misfortune not to be comprehended in the ſaid Bill, which was paſſed into an Act: That the Petitioners are ready to prove ſeveral Errors in the Accounts paſſed by the Auditors of the Impreſt: And praying this Houſe to refer them to the Commiſſioners appointed for taking and ſtating the Debts due to the Army, that they may examine what is lawfully due to them on the Balance of their Accounts, and give in a true State thereof; to the end that the Petitioners may be paid in ſuch manner as ſhall be judged moſt proper and convenient.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to appoint a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed; and for continuing the former Act until the Tenth of *March* 1716; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account, State, and Liſts, relating to the Half-Pay Officers, and the Eſtimate of the extraordinary Charges relating to *Dunkirk*, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had conſidered the Matters to them referred; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe being informed, That the Matter of the Complaint of the Breach of Privilege againſt *John Forteſcue Aland* Eſquire, was appointed to be heard before the Committee of Privileges and Elections laſt *Wedneſday*; but that the ſame was not then heard;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Complaint upon *Friday* the 20th of *April* next.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers, immediately.

Accordingly,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the publick and private Bills following; *viz.*

An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters:

An Act for appointing a Commiſſioner for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts due to the Army, in the room of *Thomas Smith* Eſquire, deceaſed; and for continuing the former Act until the Tenth Day of *March* 1716:

An Act for veſting the Honour and Eſtate of *John* Duke of *Athol* in *James Murray* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *James Murray*, after the Death of the ſaid Duke:

An Act for the Naturalization of *Frederick Guliker:*

An Act for naturalizing *Gerard Roeters.*

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage to this Houſe, ſigned by his Majeſty; and he preſented it to the Houſe:

And the ſame was read by Mr. Speaker; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty has been pleaſed to direct, That Letters Patents be prepared for granting the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North* and *South Wales*, and *Cheſhire*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales:* But, it not being in his Majeſty's Power to grant the ſame in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, were uſually granted to former Princes of *Wales*; his Majeſty hopes you will think it reaſonable to enable him to make this Grant accordingly.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales:* And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Molyneux*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Craggs*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 24° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1715.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer* acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Commiſſioners appointed by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, purſuant to an Act of Parliament, paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion for the Miniſters of the Fifty new Churches, which are to be built in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof; and for rebuilding, and finiſhing, the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Wolnoth*, in the ſaid City of *London*; to lay before this Houſe a Duplicate of the Report preſented to his Majeſty by the ſaid Commiſſioners: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe accordingly:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Duplicate is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Archer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making the Laws for repairing Highways more effectual was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of the ſaid Amendments, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Lord Mayor, and the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City of *London*, and the Commiſſioners of Sewers, ſhall, from time to time, within the ſaid City, and Liberties thereof, uſe and execute all the Powers veſted in them reſpectively by an Act; and the Lord Mayor, and Juſtices, ſhall have the like Power and Authority, within their Juriſdiction, to put in Execution this Act, as any Juſtices of the Peace for any County or City have by virtue of this Act; excepting ſuch Matters as are veſted in the Commiſſioners of Sewers by the Act 22° and 23° *Carol.* II*di:*

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 230,623 *l.* be granted to his Majeſty, for the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy performed, and to be performed in the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 87,160 *l.* 11 *s.* be granted to his Majeſty to make up the Half-Pay to the Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines diſbanded, being his Majeſty's natural-born Subjects, or naturalized, full Pay for One Year, from the 26° of *July* 1715 to the 25th of *July* 1716.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 100,146 *l.* 15 *s.* be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-Pay for the Year 1716, upon Account, to the Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines diſbanded, being his Majeſty's natural-born Subjects, or naturalized.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 3,311 *l.* 16 *s.* 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* be granted to his Majeſty, to defray ſeveral extraordinary Charges relating to the Demolition, and other Charges, at *Dunkirk.*

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. *Broderick* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take in *England* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf thereby for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was committed; and to whom the Petition of *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter* was referred; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill; and had conſidered the ſaid Petition; and had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of *Robert Ludgate*, of the Pariſh of *St. Saviour's, Southwark*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, upon Notice in the *Gazette* about Three Months ago, That the Truſtees appointed, by Act of Parliament, for ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, would meet at *Guildhall*, to receive Propoſals for ſtopping the ſaid Breach, laid a Scheme, and Propoſals, for that Purpoſe, before the ſaid Truſtees; which Scheme had been viewed and approved by ſome of the ſkilfulleſt Men in the Kingdom; and when the Queſtion was aſked in Court by One of the Truſtees, Whether the Petitioner's Scheme would do, not One of the Truſtees could ſay it would not: Notwithſtanding which, the ſaid Truſtees were pleaſed to prefer Captain *John Perry*'s Scheme; though the Petitioner propoſed to do the Works for 5,000 *l.* leſs than they agreed to allow the ſaid Captain *John Perry*; and notwithſtanding the Petitioner offered to bring up the Works to Low-water-mark, at his own Charge, before he touched a Peny of the publick Money: And praying, That his Scheme, and Propoſals, may be referred to the Committee appointed to look into the Schemes and Propoſals of Mr. *Dominick Donnelly*, and the ſaid Mr. *Perry*; not in the leaſt doubting but the Publick, and the Petitioner, will have Juſtice from this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly* is referred.

Mr. *Molyneux* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners for inquiring into, and taking an Account of, all ſuch Eſtates, both real and perſonal, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, which have been, or ſhall be, forfeited for High Treaſon by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, during the preſent Rebellion: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *John Ward* acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred; and to whom the Petition of *John Champante* Eſquire is referred; to move the Houſe, That they may be impowered to examine into the whole Affair relating to the Expedition to *Canada*; and that all the Papers relating to the *Palatines* may be laid before the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be impowered to examine into the whole Affair relating to the Expedition to *Canada*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe all Papers relating to the *Palatines* who were ſent to the *Weſt-Indies*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Andover*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of the Honourable *James Brudenell* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Maſter of the Jewel-Office to his Majeſty.

A Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited, be read the Third time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 26° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Darcy*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Harry Houghton*, Mr. *Trevor*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *John Tirwhit*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Bell*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Stanhope*, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Aiſlaby*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Lord *Carberry*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and the County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable

able his Royal Highneſs to make Leaſes of Lands, Parcel of his Royal Highneſs's Duchy of *Cornwall*, or annexed to the ſame.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 27° *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Bailiffs, Coroners, Conſervators of the Piers, Common-Councilmen, Truſtees of the Society called *Trinity-houſe*, Maſters, Owners, Part-owners, of Ships and Veſſels, Inhabitants of the Corporation of *Scarborough*, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners believe, that this Houſe is not ſenſible, and truly ſatisfied, of the many great and almoſt intolerable Preſſures and Burdens the Navigation in general, and particularly the Coal-Trade, now labours and ſtruggles under, by reaſon of the great Taxes and Payments incumbent on the ſaid Coal-Trade; and that if any other Taxes or additional Impoſitions, whatſoever, eſpecially ſuch as are or may be made appear unreaſonable or unſerviceable, be laid or impoſed upon the Coal-Trade, they muſt certainly impoveriſh and leſſen, and, in all Probability, in a ſhort time, end in the great Weakening, if not total Deſtruction, of the ſaid Trade, and all its Dependencies, in which the Petitioners are ſo very great Sharers: The Petitioners therefore humbly crave Leave to repreſent, and lay before this Houſe, ſome few of the many juſt and true Reaſons and Objections they have, and will have if a reaſonable longer Time were given, againſt the ſaid Bill, before it paſs into a Law; and, in order to it, the Petitioners, in the Firſt place, humbly repreſent to your ſerious Conſideration the aforeſaid former Act, and all other the Grants, Matters, and Things, therein contained; and the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and Incomes and Profits, thereof, by the ſaid Act and Grant directly appointed and appropriated for the Uſes therein contained, and what Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, do now belong the ſaid Piers, for the Repairs thereof, or are ſet apart, by the former Act, and other Grants, for that Uſe, and the Value thereof; and alſo why the ſame are not immediately applied to ſuch Uſes, before any Application to the Government, to bring ſuch unreaſonable and unequitable Load upon the ſaid Trade; to which, by a moderate Computation, the Petitioners will pay yearly above 120 *l.* for the Shipping of this Town only; and that, upon the ſame Computation, the Town of *Bridlington* will not pay yearly, but a great deal leſs than, the Tenth Part of the aforeſaid Sum; and, indeed, very little; having a ſmall Dependence on the Coal-Trade: The Petitioners do own, there is a good Bay; and that there is great Quantities of Corn exported from the aforeſaid Town yearly; but with ſome Expence to the Government, by Drawbacks, *&c.*; but there being a private Intereſt to the Merchants, Petitioners for the ſaid Bill: And praying to be relieved, eaſed, and acquitted, from the aforeſaid Bill, for the future; and that the ſame may not paſs into a Law, for the Reaſons aforeſaid, as to this Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to revive, and continue, an Act, made in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*.....

A Motion being made, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *John Anſtis* Eſquire; to whom her late Majeſty granted the Office of Garter Principal King of Arms, after the Death of Sir *Henry St. George*, who is now dead;

Ordered, That the Letters Patents, by which the ſaid Office is granted to the ſaid Mr. *Anſtis*, be laid before this Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland* to take in *England* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf thereby for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland*, and *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify themſelves for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Mr. *Broderick* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *John Chetwynd* acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee, who were appointed to inquire into Abuſes practiſed in the manufacturing Tobacco, had made ſome Progreſs in the Examination of that Matter; and it appearing to them, that there hath been a great Fraud carried on of late, by mixing ſeveral Sorts of Leaves with Tobacco, in which one *John Sheffield* is chiefly concerned, they had directed him to lay the ſame before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Sheffield* be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſend his circular Letters to the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, to ſummon the Members to attend the Service of the Houſe upon this Day Fortnight:

Which Letters are as follows; *viz.*

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The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ingroſſed Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited, be now read the Third time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the Third time To-morrow Morning; and nothing to intervene.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Molyneux* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Molyneux* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 28vo *die Martii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Darcy* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was committed; That they had made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Conyers*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid, was committed, the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Broderick* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Broderick* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made One Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon To-morrow Fortnight.

An ingroſſed Bill for making the Laws for repairing Highways more effectual was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for making the Laws for repairing the Highways more effectual; and for the better paving, and cleanſing, the Streets in the City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Archer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed, That the Letters Patents, by which the Office of Garter Principal King of Arms, after the Death of Sir *Henry St. George*, was granted by her late Majeſty to *John Anſtis* Eſquire, have been delivered to the Clerk of this Houſe; and are now on the Clerk's Table;

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters Patents be now read.

The ſaid Letters Patents were read:

And a Motion being made, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *John Anſtis* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Garter Principal King of Arms, granted to him by her late Majeſty after the Death of Sir *Henry St. George*, who is now dead;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Debate be adjourned till *Friday* Sevennight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Trenchard:*	153.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Hern:*	45.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Molyneux*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*, was committed, the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The ingroſſed Bill for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

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An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Pr. laſt, L. laſt but One, to inſert "the Dominions of "the *French* King only excepted:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited.

Ordered, That Sir *John Ward* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do adjourn till *Monday* Sevennight.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned till *Monday* Sevennight, Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Lunæ, 9° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Papers relating to the *Palatines*, who were ſent to the *Weſt-Indies*.

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon To-morrow Sevennight.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill to revive, and continue, an Act, made in the 8th and 9th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, is committed, That they report to the Houſe what Lands or Eſtates are appropriated for repairing the ſaid Piers; and how the Revenues of the ſaid Lands, and likewiſe the Monies granted by the ſaid former Act, have been applied.

A Petition of the Provoſt, Bailiffs, Dean of Gild, Deacon-Conveener, Theſaurer, and remanent Members, of the Town-Council of *Glaſgow*, for themſelves, and in the Name of the whole Societies, Incorporations, Inhabitants, and Community, of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid City, and the Inhabitants thereof, are very numerous, and wholly employed in Trade, next to *Edinburgh*: That, nevertheleſs, the publick Revenue of the ſaid City is very mean and inconſiderable, not exceeding One thouſand Five hundred Pounds Sterling yearly, *communibus annis*; which is no-ways ſuitable to anſwer and diſcharge the Service of the Government of the City, and annual Burdens, with which it is chargeable: That ſmall Revenue is chargeable, and yearly burdened, with the Payment of the Stipend of Five of the City Miniſters, the Salaries of the Rector, and other Maſters of the Grammar-Schools, and with Salaries to the Maſters of other Schools, for teaching *Engliſh*, Writing, Book-keeping, and Navigation; and with Salaries to ſeveral Office-Bearers and Servants of the City, and to the Clerks and Beadles of the Churches, *&c.*: That, to prevent the Ruin and Sinking of the ſaid City, whoſe Inhabitants, by their Trade and Navigation, make a very great Addition to the publick Revenue, and bear a very large Share of the publick Taxes of *North Britain*, the Government of *Scotland* did always judge it neceſſary to provide for an Addition to their Revenue; and accordingly, for Time out of Mind, before the late Revolution, allowed the City a Tax upon their own Ale; and, ever ſince the Revolution, allowed them a Grant of One-ſixth of a Peny Sterling upon the *Engliſh* Pottle of all Ale and Beer brewed, and retailed, within the City; which Grant is to terminate and expire in a very few Years: And praying to allow a Bill to be brought in for continuing, and renewing, the above Grant, in favour of the ſaid City, to commence from the Termination of the former Grant, and to continue for the Space of Years, or for ſuch time as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City: And that Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, and Mr. *Haldane*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Printers, Painters, and Stainers, of Paper-Hangings, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, on behalf of themſelves, and many others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the late Act for laying a Duty of One Peny Halfpeny *per* Yard Square upon the ſaid Paper-Hangings, there is no Proviſion made, as there is in the Caſe of the Callicoes, for the ſtamping the ſaid Paper-Hangings; whereby a great Number of private and inferior Workmen, who, regarding neither Juſtice to his Majeſty, nor their own Reputation, do privately and fraudulently vend the ſaid Manufacture, without Payment of the ſaid Duty; which fraudulent Practices do not only under-ſell thoſe Venders of the ſaid Manufacture, who conſtantly pay the ſaid Duty, but do alſo conſiderably leſſen that Branch of his Majeſty's Revenue: For the Prevention of this Evil, it is humbly propoſed, That every Sheet of the ſaid Paper, ſo manufactured, either in Pieces, Reams, or Quires, as well Stock in Hand as that which is to be wrought for the future, may, by proper Officers appointed for that Purpoſe, be ſtamped, under a certain Penalty to be impoſed on the Maker and Vender of the ſaid Manufacture; and that a Clauſe may be inſerted in ſome Act of this Seſſions of Parliament, for that Purpoſe; whereby the ſaid Duty will not only be preſerved, and very much advanced, without any further Charge to the Government; but alſo the ſaid unfair Dealers effectually prevented from under-ſelling, or any-ways prejudicing, the honeſt Dealers in the ſaid Manufacture: And praying, That this Houſe will either take ſuch Methods as are above particularly mentioned, or appoint ſuch other Means for preventing the ſaid Evil, as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe,

Houſe, upon the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Mr. *Darcy* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*; and alſo to enable his ſaid Royal Highneſs to make Leaſes of Lands, Parcel of his Royal Highneſs's Duchy of *Cornwall*, or annexed to the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Molyneux* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 10mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

Mr. *Cockburne*, from the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, ſeveral Papers relating to the *Palatines* at *New-York*:

And the Titles of them were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants tradeing to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for calling the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to attaint *George* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *John Elwill* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, at the late Election of a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Honiton*, *in Com' Devon*, in the room of Sir *Wm. Courtney* Baronet; who, being likewiſe choſen a Knight of the Shire of the ſaid County, had made his Election to ſerve for the County; the Petitioner, and Sir *Wm. Pole* Baronet, ſtood Candidates: That ſeveral corrupt and indirect Practices were made uſe of, in behalf of the ſaid Sir *Wm. Pole*, by *Wm. Gill*, Portreeve of the ſaid Borough, in admitting ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid Sir *Wm. Pole* who had no Right; and refuſing others who had a Right, and would have voted for the Petitioner; and therefore the Petitioner ought to be returned: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to the Addreſs of this Houſe, Copies of Papers in the Office of Ordnance relating to the *Palatines* ſent to the *Weſt-Indies*:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants tradeing to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 11mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John Enſor*, as Plaintiff, hath, by *Job Beardſley*, his Attorney, brought an Action at Common Law againſt *Edward Terry*, a menial Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member of this Houſe, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Town and Corporation of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, an Act paſſed for the making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh: That the ſaid Act hath proved defective: And praying, That this Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave to bring in a Bill for explaining and amending the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Tho. Conyers*, and Mr. *Baker*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of Sir *Alexander Rigby* Knight, and Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner hath, for above Three Years, been a Priſoner for Debt in his Majeſty's Priſon of the *Fleet*; and what the Occaſion have been of his Misfortunes, in relation to the Copartnerſhip he was concerned in at *Leghorn* in *Italy*, are ſo well known, that the Petitioner will not ſpend the Time of this Houſe in repeating them: That the Petitioner is willing, and deſirous, to diveſt himſelf, upon obtaining his Liberty, of all he now has, or can claim, in the World, except Wearing-apparel, and Houſhold-goods, to ſuch a Value as this Houſe ſhall think fit; and that the ſame may be, immediately upon his being at Liberty, veſted in Truſtees, for the Benefit of his Creditors: That, upon another Petition of the Petitioner's, this Houſe were pleaſed, on the 18th of *Auguſt* laſt, to order it ſhould be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for Relief of inſolvent Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, was committed, That they had Power to receive a Clauſe for Relief of the Petitioner, according to the Prayer of his ſaid Petition: That the Petitioner finds the Committee have not ſat on the ſaid Bill: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for releaſing him from his Impriſonment; and thereupon veſting all his Eſtate, real and perſonal, which he now hath, or can claim, or whereto he is now intitled in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, or Remainder, except Wearing-apparel, and Houſhold-goods, to the Value of in Truſtees; and enabling them, and their Aſſigns, to diſcover, and recover, the ſame, for the Benefit of his Creditors, for or towards Satisfaction of their Debts; and for the quieting the Petitioner, and ſecuring his Perſon from Impriſonment, for the future, after he is ſo diveſted of his Eſtate, as to the Debts he now owes.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. *Herne*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, and Freeholders, of the County of *Cornwall*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid County is near 90 Miles in Length: That his Majeſty's Courts of Aſſizes, *Niſi prius*, and Gaol-delivery, for the ſaid County, have, for ſome time paſt, been held and kept at the Town of *Launceſton*, in the ſaid County: That, the ſaid Town of *Launceſton* lying within Two Miles of the County of *Devon*, many of the Freeholders have been obliged to travel, ſome Seventy Miles, and ſome more, to attend the Aſſizes; which has been very prejudicial to them; and it has been ſometimes impoſſible to bring Witneſſes thither, who are aged and infirm, to give Evidence in Tryal; and Jurymen, who are moſt capable to attend that Service, are unwilling, and do very often neglect, to appear, by reaſon of the great Diſtance from their Habitations: That the North, South, and Weſtern, Sides of the ſaid County are bordering on the Sea; and the Town of *Launceſton* lies on the Borders of the Eaſtern Part of the ſaid County; ſo moſt of the Gentry are commonly preſent at the Summer-Aſſizes: That the Town of *Bodmin* being ſituate near the Centre of the ſaid County, wherein is a publick Hall, and all other Accommodations and Conveniencies for the holding the Aſſizes, and for ſuch as ſhall reſort thither; it being more for the Eaſe of the Gentry, and Freeholders, in general, if the ſaid Courts be, for the future, kept at the ſaid Town of *Bodmyn*: And praying, That this Houſe will be pleaſed to give Leave to bring in a Bill for keeping and holding of the Court and Courts of Aſſizes, *Niſi prius*, and Gaol-delivery, for the ſaid County of *Cornwall*, at *Bodmyn*, in the ſaid County.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Craggs*:	136.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Vernon*:	78.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Edgecomb*, and Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, do prepare, and bring in, the Bill.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to put their Lordſhips in mind of the Bill, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers to ſit in the Houſe of Commons.

Ordered, That Sir *John Cope* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The Orders of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen;

Ordered, That the Petition of the Printers, Painters, and Stainers, of Paper-Hangings, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Sir *John Cope* reported, That he had, according to Order, been at the Houſe of Lords, and delivered the Meſſage to their Lordſhips.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 12mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Colby*, One of the late Commiſſioners for Tranſports, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, purſuant to their Addreſs for that Purpoſe, a Book, containing Copies of Orders, Letters, &c. to and from the Commiſſioners for Tranſports, relating to *German* Proteſtants ſent to *New-York*; and alſo to *Palatines* that were deſigned to be ſent to *Scilly*; with an Account of the Charge thereof.

And then they withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Book was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

The ſaid Book is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Eden* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716, was committed, the Amendments which they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Charters of the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, whereby they claim the Privilege of having the Aſſizes for the County of *Cornwall* held at the ſaid Borough, be laid before this Houſe.

Mr. *Broderick*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions, was committed, the Amendment they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Mellor* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland*, and *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify themſelves for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; without any Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Caſpar White*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Bill to attaint *Geo.* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 13° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Freman* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *Lionel Cranfield* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Charles* late Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, the Petitioner's Father, deceaſed, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, in Writing, by him duly executed, dated the 12th *July* 1705, deviſed all his Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Kingdom of *England*, whereof he was ſeiſed in Fee-ſimple, or had any other Eſtate of Inheritance in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or Expectancy, or which he had any Right or Equity to redeem, or Power to diſpoſe of, to the late *James* Duke of *Ormond*, *Charles* late Lord *Hallifax*, and the late Counteſs of *Dorſet*, his then Wife, deceaſed, and their Heirs, to ſeveral Uſes, upon ſeveral Truſts, and to ſeveral Intents and Purpoſes, therein mentioned and declared: That the ſaid late Lord *Halifax*, and Counteſs of *Dorſet*, are both dead; whereby the ſaid Truſt-Eſtate became veſted in the ſaid late Duke of *Ormond*, and his Heirs, by Survivorſhip; and that, by the Attainder of the ſaid late Duke, the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ſo veſted in him by Survivorſhip, are now come to his preſent Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors; and the Petitioner has applied to his Majeſty for Leave to transfer the ſaid Truſt-Eſtate to ſome Perſons, and their Heirs, for Performance of the Truſts created by the ſaid Will of the ſaid late Earl: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for veſting the ſaid Eſtate in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, to the ſame Uſes, upon the ſame Truſts, and to the ſame Intents and Purpoſes, as in the ſaid Will is mentioned and declared of and concerning the ſame.

And Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That Ap-

Application had been made to his Majeſty for Leave for ſuch a Bill; and that his Majeſty had commanded him to ſignify his Pleaſure, That, as far as he is concerned, he is willing ſuch a Bill ſhould be brought in.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Butler*, and Mr. Attorney-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Pulteney*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service; was committed; the Amendments the Committee made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ingroſſed Bill to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions, be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was read accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Weſtern:*	183.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Elford:*	59.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Title be, An Act to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Broderick* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by the Lord Chief Juſtice *King* and Mr. Juſtice *Eyre:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Princes of *Wales*; and alſo to enable his ſaid Royal Highneſs to make Leaſes of Lands, Parcel of his Royal Highneſs's Duchy of *Cornwal*, or annexed to the ſame; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being acquainted, That *Jonathan Elford* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, has been ſummoned by *John Metcalfe* and *Alexander Ward* Eſquires, Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, to appear before them to take the Oaths appointed by the late Act of Parliament; which Summons was delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and read; and is as follows; *viz.*

To *Jonathan Elford* Eſquire, in *Red-Lyon-ſtreet*.

WE, whoſe Hands and Seals are hereunto ſet, his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex (Quorum unus)* do hereby ſummon you perſonally to be and appear before us at the *Caſtle* Tavern near *Gray's-Inn-Gate*, in *Holborn*, on *Saturday* next, being the 31ſt Day of *March*, by Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon; then and there to take the Oaths expreſſed, and appointed to be taken, in and by an Act of Parliament, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty King *George*, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs *Sophia*, being Proteſtants; and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open and ſecret Abettors. Hereof fail not at your Peril. Given under our Hands and Seals, this 28th Day of *March Anno Domini* 1716.

John Metcalfe,
A. Ward.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Metcalfe* and *Alexander Ward* Eſquires do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Encouragement of the Coinage in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Mellor* and Mr. *Orlebar:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 14° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Metcalfe* and Mr. *Ward* attended, according to Order;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, were examined touching their iſſuing a Warrant for Mr. *Elford* to come before them, and take the Oaths: And they acknowleged, That they did iſſue a Warrant for Mr. *Elford* to come before them, and take the Oaths; but that they did not know he was a Member of this Houſe until they had made a Return into the Quarter-Seſſions.

And then they withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex* do attend this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning next, with the Return made by the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County for the Diviſion of *St. Andrews, Holborn*, above Bars, of ſuch Perſons as have neglected, or refuſed, to take the Oaths, having been ſummoned ſo to do.

Mr.

Mr. *John Chetwynd* reported, from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire into the Abuſes practiſed in the manufacturing Tobacco, the Matter, as it appeared to them; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; which he afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee had inquired into the ſaid Abuſes, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes for that Purpoſe; and find the Matter to be as follows;

Edward Willis ſaid, That he had ſpent much Time and Labour, in order to diſcover the Frauds and Abuſes committed in the Manufacturing, and Selling, of Tobacco: That he knows great Quantities of Walnut-tree Leaves, Hop Leaves, and Cheſnut-tree Leaves, have been gathered, upon the Fall of the Leaf, at *Caſhalton*, in *Surrey*, and other Places; which Leaves have been dried, ſtripped, cut, and mixed with Tobacco, and many times ſold for Tobacco unmixed; and that Two Perſons may gather a Ton of ſuch Leaves in a Day:

That *John Sheffeild* has a Work-houſe, or Cutting-houſe, at *Lambeth*; where he employs ſeveral Perſons in the Manufacturing of ſuch Leaves, inſtead of Tobacco; of which he has ſold great Quantities to divers Perſons, as *Sheffeild* told him: That *Sheffeild* employed, all laſt Winter, Half a Dozen Men, who might eaſily manufacture about 20 Hundred Weight of ſuch ſham Tobacco in a Week:

That, to diſcover this ill Practice, he went to an Alehouſe near the ſaid Cutting-houſe, and ſent for the ſaid *Sheffeild*; but, he not being there, * *Clerk*, One of the Cutters, came to him; of whom he aſked the loweſt Prices of the ſeveral Sorts; who told him, they were ſold at 9 *d.* 10 *d.* and 11 *d. per* Pound; but recommended him to *Thomas Sharples*, who was then at Work with one Mr. *Horton*, a Tobacconiſt in *Queen-ſtreet*, for his better Information; but neither *Clark* nor *Sharples* ſhewed him any Samples: That, afterwards, *Willis* met with *Sheffeild* at the *Pyed Bull*, in *Thames-ſtreet*; but he produced no Samples, although he left a Note with *Clark* for that Purpoſe; preſuming, that *Sheffeild* ſuſpected *Willis* came as a Spy, in order to diſcover the Fraud; but yet *Sheffeild* appointed another Meeting; ſaying, the loweſt Prices of the ſeveral Sorts was 8 ½ *d.* 9 *d.* and 10 *d. per* Pound; and aſked *Willis* what Quantity he wanted; who anſwered, 1,000 Pound Weight, if he liked the Goods, and they could agree.

That *Abel Lee* informing *Willis*, That *Sheffeild* told him, he had ſold 10 or 11 Hundred Weight of ſuch Leaves, mixed with Tobacco, to one *Burley*, a Tobacconiſt at *Shadwell* Dock, at 10 *d. per* Pound, *Willis* afterwards went to *Burley*'s, and asked a Woman, then in the Shop, for a Pound of ordinary Tobacco; who ſaid, She had none under 12 *d. per* Pound; of which he bought a Pound, and went to a neighbouring Alehouſe, where *Abel Lee* waited for him; and there he opened the Pound he bought at *Burley*'s, and, comparing it with the Samples which *Lee* had from *Sheffeild*, found it to be of the ſame ſort with One of the Samples:

That on *Lady-day* laſt he was at *Lambeth*, and there ſaw the aforeſaid Work-houſe as full as it could hold of the ſaid Leaf-cuttings; but what Quantity it might contain, he knows not:

That *Sheffeild* has alſo a Warehouſe in *Green Lettice-lane*, in *Cannon-ſtreet*; wherein he keeps great Quantities of the ſaid cut Leaves for Sale; which ſometimes are mixed with Tobacco; whereof there is not above One-fourth Part.

Abel Lee, Tobacconiſt, ſaid, That he knows the ſaid *John Sheffeild* has employed ſeveral Men in gathering, and cutting, great Quantities of Walnut-tree Leaves, Cheſnut Leaves, and Hop Leaves; which he ſells inſtead of Tobacco; and ſometimes mixes a ſmall Quantity of Tobacco with ſuch Leaves; which he ſells at different Prices; and has been told, that ſeveral other Perſons uſe the like Practices:

That *Lee* went to *Sheffeild*, in order to know the Price of the ſeveral Sorts of ſuch manufactured Leaves, and Tobacco; telling *Sheffeild*, he ſhould have Occaſion for 2,000 W^t; and *Sheffeild* ſaid, The loweſt Prices were, for Hop-Leaves only, 8 ½ *d. per* Pound; mixed with *Spaniſh* Tobacco, 9 ½ *d. per* Pound; and mixed with *Oronoko* Tobacco, 10 *d. per* Pound; but *Sheffeild* then ſhewed him no Samples: That, the next Day, he met *Sheffeild* again, expecting to ſee Samples of the ſeveral Sorts aforeſaid; but *Sheffeild* told him, he had not brought the Keys of his Warehouſe; nor then produced any Sample; but, on *Monday* the 19th of *March* laſt, he met *Sheffeild*, and then he produced Three Samples; *viz.* One of Hop Leaves only, another mixed with *Spaniſh*, and the Third with *Oronoko*, Tobacco; ſaying, He had ſold great Quantities of thoſe Sorts to ſeveral Perſons; and particularly named one *Burley*, living at *Shadwell* Dock; who had bought 10 or 11 Hundred Weight of him, at 10 *d. per* Pound:

That, afterwards, *Lee* and *Willis* went to the ſaid *Burley*'s; and *Willis* bought a Pound of Tobacco at *Burley*'s, which coſt him 12 *d.*; and, upon comparing it with One of the Samples he had from *Sheffeild*, found it to be of the ſame ſort; which Pound he produced to the Committee:

That *Sheffeild* has a Cutting-houſe at *Lambeth*, where he employs ſeveral Men in the manufacturing the ſaid Leaves; who work privately, and convey them from thence by Night; and that, on *Lady-day* laſt, he ſaw there about Four Tons of them, as near as he could gueſs; and produced ſeveral Samples of the ſaid Leaf-cuttings, which he had from *Sheffeild*'s Work-houſe at *Lambeth*.

Sheffeild has alſo a Warehouſe in *Canon-ſtreet*, where he keeps great Quantities of the ſaid Cuttings for Sale; and there likewiſe he ſaw, ſome time the Week before *Lady-day*, Nine or Ten Stands, of about 4 or 500^d Weight each; and ſeveral Bags, which might contain near the like Quantity.

Fra. Palmer, of *Weſtminſter*, ſaid, That he knows great Quantities of Hop Leaves have been gathered up at *Dartford*, in *Kent*, and *Farnham*, and Walnut-tree Leaves at *Caſhalton*, in *Surrey*, for the Uſe of *John Sheffeild*, who has a Cutting-houſe at *Lambeth*, where he manufactures the ſaid Leaves in Likeneſs of Tobacco, and ſells them ſometimes mixed with Tobacco, and ſometimes unmixed: That he has ſeen *Sheffeild*'s Men at Work at *Lambeth*; and knows all or moſt of them; *viz.* *Sharpleſs*, and his Brother, * *Clark*, and * *Incbley*; and this Practice was firſt begun about Three Years ſince:

That Walnut-tree Leaves have alſo been gathered up in *Hyde* Park, for the Uſe of Mr. *Carter*, Tobacconiſt, in *Katherine-ſtreet*, and one *Snell* in *Spittle-fields*, as he has been told:

That he has diſpoſed of conſiderable Quantities of ſuch manufactured Leaves, mixed with Tobacco, ſometimes ¼, ⅓, and ½, of Tobacco, from 9 ½ *d.* to 11 *d. per* Pound, for Mr. *Sheffeild*; in the Whole, amounting to about 25 Hundred Weight; but believes the Buyer generally knew the Tobacco was mixed with ſomething, though they knew not what; and he believes, that the ſame was ſold for the Home-Conſumption; but does not know, that any was exported.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds in manufacturing Tobacco: And that Mr. *John Chetwynd*, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Heyſham*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct the Attorney-General to proſecute *John Sheffeild*, and others, who have been concerned in Frauds relating to the Manufacturing of Tobacco.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of *Simon Finch*, of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, after many Years Study and Experience, the Petitioner hath gained ſuch Knowlege in Engineering, as,

he humbly conceives, may be uſeful to the Publick; and, in particular, the Petitioner hath, at his own Coſt, prepared a Model, which, he believes, upon Examination, will be found the moſt effectual for ſtopping the Breach at *Dagenham:* And praying he may, for the publick Good, be admitted to lay before this Houſe, his Model, and Propoſals, for ſtopping the ſaid Breach.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Mr. *Daniel Campbell* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Pennies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to attaint *George* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *Wm.* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 16° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Conyers* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Eden*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Mr. *Strickland*, Lord *Downs*, Sir *Tho. Morgan*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *Jeffry Palmer*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Dr. *Paſk*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Heron*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Willoughby*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Rowney*, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Montague*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Wm. Thomſon*, Mr. *Levinz*, Sir *Arthur Key*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Urquart*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *York*, *Nottingham*, and *Northumberland:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place of the ſaid County: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read the Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon this Day Sevennight.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Hardiſty*, Deputy of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, attended, according to Order;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe the Return made by the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, for the Diviſion of *St. Andrew's*, *Holborn*, above Bars, of ſuch Perſons as have neglected or refuſed to take the Oaths; having been ſummoned ſo to do.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Deputy-Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, be called in; and, at the Table, eraſe the Name of *Jonathan Elford* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, out of the Return made by *John Metcalfe*, and *Alexander Ward*, Eſquires, Two of the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, of ſuch Perſons as have been ſummoned by them to take the Oaths, and who have neglected and refuſed ſo to do.

And Mr. *Hardeſty* was called in; and, at the Table, he eraſed out the Name of the ſaid Mr. *Elford* accordingly.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to attaint *George* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 17° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the Town and County of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Coal-Trade is much diſcouraged by the great Duties payable upon Coals; and a Bill being now endeavouring to be brought in to revive, and continue, the Act for the Repair of *Bridlington* Piers; and

there having been, as the Petitioners conceive, great Sums of Money already collected, and if, rightly applied, ſufficient for the Repair of the ſaid Piers: And praying, That the ſaid Duties upon Coals, for Repairing of the ſaid Piers, may not be continued, or any longer paid.

And the Houſe being acquainted, That the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed, have gone through the Bill, and directed a Report to be made to the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report be made from the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 2. After "on," to inſert "in thoſe Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*:"

Pr. laſt, L. 6. After "Religion," to inſert "who, "ſince the 1ſt Day of *February* One thouſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, have been inliſted in his Majeſty's "Troops:"

L. 8, and 9. To leave out "at the time of "his Inliſting:"

L. 13. To leave out "ſuch:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or in the Iſlands of *Jerſey* or *Guernſey*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being moved, That their Addreſs to his Majeſty, of the Ninth Day of *February* laſt, might be read, That his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Fees are taken by the Officers of the Exchequer for paſſing Sheriffs Accounts;

The ſame was read accordingly:

And the Houſe being acquainted, That his Majeſty had directed the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to give Directions to the Officers of the Exchequer to lay the ſaid Account before this Houſe; and that the Lords of the Treaſury had given Directions accordingly; but the ſaid Account not being yet laid before the Houſe;

Ordered, That the proper Officers of the Exchequer do forthwith lay before this Houſe an Account of what Fees are taken by the ſaid Officers for paſſing Sheriffs Accounts.

Mr. *Moleſworth* preſented to the Houſe a Bill for the better regulating ſelect Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for calling over the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 18vo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Attainder of *George* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, if they render not themſelves to Juſtice by a Day to be therein limited, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Attainder of *George* Earl of *Mariſchall*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, unleſs they ſhall render themſelves to Juſtice by a Day certain therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being acquainted, That the Commiſſioners for the Salt-Duties attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe a particular Account of the ſeveral Allowances made on the Exportation of Fiſh, and what Quantities of Salt are uſed in curing the ſame, reſpectively; and of Frauds diſcovered concerning the ſame.

And then they withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

A Particular Account of the ſeveral Allowances made on Exportation of Fiſh, and what Quantities of Salt are uſed in curing the ſame, reſpectively; and of Frauds diſcovered concerning the ſame.

For every Caſk or Veſſel of Pilchards containing 50 Gallons, there is allowed, for Drawback, 40 *ſh.*; which is the full Duty of Six Buſhels of foreign Salt; and that, computed at 84 *l.* to the Buſhel, is after the Rate of 72 Gallons of Salt to 50 Gallons of Fiſh:

We conſider the Drawback, in this Article, upon the Duty of foreign Salt only; no other being proper for well Curing of Pilchards for foreign Markets; and we are aſſured, by the general Obſervation of our moſt experienced Officers, that Two-thirds of the above-mentioned Quantity of Salt allowed, is not really uſed in curing the ſame: But we muſt further obſerve, That, in caſe the Traders in Pilchards ſhall uſe *Engliſh* Salt, a greater Advantage will yet ariſe by the Drawback; Forty Shillings being the Duty on Twelve Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt; which is at Fifty-ſix Pounds to the Buſhel; and the Fiſh ſo cured will not be fit for diſtant Markets; though the Law, as it now ſtands, leaves the Trader at Liberty to uſe either.

It is alſo obſervable, that there has been a very great Increaſe of the Winter-Fiſhery for Four or Five Years laſt paſt; and that though it be known, by common Experience, that Fiſh will not receive ſo much Salt in Curing in Winter, as it will in the Summer; yet the Law has given the ſame Allowance, without any Exception to the Seaſon; which ſtill makes the Drawback the more extraordinary.

For every Barrel of White Herrings there is allowed, for Drawback, Ten Shillings and Five Pence; which is more than the Duty of Three Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt; that being the Salt with which they are cured:

In curing a Barrel of White Herrings, a Buſhel and Half of *Engliſh* Salt is the moſt that is really uſed:

For every Barrel of Red Herrings, the Drawback allowed is Six Shillings and Eight Pence; which is the full Duty of Two Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt; they being generally cured with *Engliſh* Salt.

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In the Curing of Herrings that are in part ſalted at Sea, when firſt taken, and afterwards re-ſalted in the Merchants Store-houſes, there is a Buſhel of *Engliſh* Salt uſed to a Barrel; but leſs ſerves for thoſe that are ſalted in the Warehouſes only; which is Nine Parts in Ten of what is taken; and there is not more than Half a Buſhel uſed to cure ſhotten Herrings; though they draw back as much as the other.

The Duty on a Buſhel of *Engliſh* Salt is Three Shillings and Four Pence; but Three Pence is abated out of it, for Diſcount on prompt Payment; and Three Pence for Waſte, though there be ſcarce any waſted; ſo that they really pay but Two Shillings and Ten Pence *per* Buſhel Duty:

For every Barrel of Salmon there is allowed, for Drawback, Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence; which is the Duty of Two Buſhels and an Half of foreign Salt:

There is not above Half that Quantity of foreign Salt uſed in curing a Barrel of Salmon; that being the Salt with which that Sort of Fiſh is cured.

For every Hundred of wet Cod-Fiſh, Ling, or Hake, which ſhall contain in Length 24 Inches, and upwards, from the Bone in the Fin to the Third Joint in the Tail of ſuch Fiſh, there is allowed, for Drawback, Two Pounds Ten Shillings; which is the full Duty of 15 Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt; they being generally cured with that Salt.

For every Hundred of wet Cod-Fiſh, Ling, or Hake, which ſhall be of the Length of 18 Inches, or more, and under the Size of 24 Inches, from the Bone in the Fin to the Third Joint in the Tail of ſuch Fiſh, there is allowed, for Drawback, 1 *l.* 5 *s.*; which is the full Duty of Seven Buſhels and an Half of *Engliſh* Salt:

So that, upon a Medium, there is Eleven Buſhels and a Quarter of *Engliſh* Salt allowed for the Curing of an Hundred of wet Cod-Fiſh, taking one with another; whereas there is not above Five Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt uſed in curing an Hundred of ſuch Fiſh; they being generally cured promiſcuouſly:

For every Hundred of dried Cod-Fiſh, Ling, or Hake, commonly called Haberdines, there is one Moiety of the Allowance which is on wet Cod-Fiſh, Ling, and Hake, of the ſame Dimenſions.

One Moiety of the Salt uſed in curing an Hundred of wet Cod-Fiſh, will cure an Hundred of dry, of the ſame Dimenſions:

For every Laſt of dried Red Sprats there is allowed Six Shillings and Eight Pence; which is the full Duty of Two Buſhels of *Engliſh* Salt; they being generally cured with that Salt:

No more than a Quarter of a Buſhel of *Engliſh* Salt is uſed in curing a Laſt of Sprats; their Method being only to ſprinkle a little Salt upon them, and then hang them up to dry.

We have great Reaſon to believe, that there are Frauds committed in running foreign Salt; particularly upon the Coaſt of *Cornwal*, whither the *French* Barks come from the Coaſt of *Brittany*, *Guernſey*, and *Jerſey*, and ſupply the Fiſhing-Boats with Salt, in the Night; by which means, great Quantities of foreign Salt are run; and the many Creeks and Coves on that Coaſt make it impoſſible to be intirely prevented by the greateſt Diligence of our Officers: Thus the Fiſhermen are furniſhed with Salt, for which no Duty has been paid, and yet receive the Drawback; there being no Proof required of them, that the Fiſh, ſhipped for Exportation, is cured with no other Salt than ſuch for which his Majeſty's Duties have been paid, and not drawn back; except White Herrings, for which ſuch Proof is required, upon Exportation.

Great Quantities of unmerchantable Fiſh are offered to our Officers, for Exportation; which they have refuſed; and, we are well aſſured, have afterwards been packed up, in the Middle of Caſks, amongſt good Fiſh, in order to paſs unobſerved in ſome other Port; which can't be effectually prevented, unleſs Power be given to deſtroy all ſuch bad Fiſh as ſhall be tendered for Exportation.

It is principally owing to theſe extraordinary Allowances on the Exportation of the ſeveral Species of Fiſh before-mentioned, the Over-allowances for Waſte, the running Salt from the *French* Coaſt, and the fraudulent Package of Fiſh, that we find ſo great an Abatement on our net Produce in this Branch of the Revenue; whereby our annual Payments into the Exchequer fall ſo much ſhort of the Funds for which they were given, notwithſtanding the great Increaſe of the groſs Produce; and, if theſe growing Evils are not reſtrained by Parliament, muſt every Year grow leſs and leſs.

Salt-Office,
13th *April* 1716.

B. Mildmay,
T. Woodcock,
James Cardonnel,
Cha. Dent,
A. Ingram.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 19no *die Aprilis*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That ſeveral Officers of the Exchequer attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe the ſeveral Accounts of the Fees taken by them for paſſing Sheriffs Accounts.

And then they withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts of Fees are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Strickland* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to revive, and continue, an Act, made in the 8th and 9th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, was committed, the Matter, as it appeared to them, how the Money granted by the former Act for repairing the ſaid Piers has been applied; and what Lands or Eſtates are appropriated for repairing the ſaid Piers; and alſo the Amendments the Committee had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place;

Place; and afterwards delivered the Report, and the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That an Account be laid before this Houſe, what the Debts of the City of *Glaſgow* were in the Year 1705; and alſo an Account of the Produce of the Duties granted to the ſaid City by Two Acts of Parliament, paſſed in *Scotland*, for the Diſcharge of the ſaid Debts; and alſo how the Money ariſing by the ſaid Duties has been employed; and what the Debts of the ſaid City now are;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That one *Joſeph Manuell* hath lately entered upon the Freehold Eſtate of *George Trenchard* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Henry Trenchard* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That the Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, be now read a Second time.

The Bill was read a Second time accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Campbell*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Cockbourn*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Grant*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Stuart*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Treby*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Monrow*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Nevill*; and all the Members that ſerve for *North Britain*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. Juſtice *Tracy* and Mr. Juſtice *Dormer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *Wm.* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* to qualify himſelf in *Great Britain* for the legal Enjoyment of the Office of Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Corke* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments, be now read the Firſt time.

The Bill was read the Firſt time accordingly:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be read a Second time;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *John Hobart*:	276.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Strangways*:	156.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* to qualify himſelf in *Great Britain* for the legal Enjoyment of the Office of Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 20mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Bill for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Conyers*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Northey*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Ingram*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Onſlow*, General *Lumley*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Warwick*, *Worceſter*, *Derby*, *Stafford*, *Kent*, and *Suſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* to qualify himſelf in *Great Britain* for the legal Enjoyment of the Office of Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the Third time To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making more effectual an Act, of the Fourth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better collecting Charity-money on Briefs by Letters Patents; and preventing Abuſes in relation to ſuch Charities: And that Mr. *Denton* and Mr. *Cowper* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; be printed.

Ordered, That *Thomas Webb*, Serjeant at Law, be at

Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Ludgerſhall*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That *Oley Douglas* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Morpeth*, in the County of *Northumberland*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 21mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That the Perſons complained of for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *John Forteſcue Aland* Eſquire, his Majeſty's Solicitor-General, a Member of this Houſe, by arreſting his Servant *John Wyburd*, have ſubmitted, and made Satisfaction to the ſaid Mr. *Forteſcue* for the ſaid Offence;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* to qualify himſelf in *Great Britain* for the legal Enjoyment of the Office of Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Molyneux* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Bill, without any Amendment.

A Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Mellor* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for giving Liberty to Perſons who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the Making of Bays, within the ſaid Town, without any Amendment.

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway, or Road, from the Stones End in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road in the Pariſh of *Enfeild*, in the ſame County, next to the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford*, without any Amendment.

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the free Importation of Cochineal during the Time therein mentioned, with an Amendment: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Denton*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill for making more effectual an Act, of the 4th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better collecting Charity-money on Briefs by Letters Patents; and preventing Abuſes in relation to ſuch Charities:

And the ſame was read the Firſt time:

But, proper Blanks being not left in the Bill, the ſame was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to revive, and continue, an Act made in the 8th and 9th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, was committed:

And the ſaid Report was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, who were directed to examine, and report to this Houſe, how the Money, granted by the former Act, for repairing the Piers of *Bridlington*, has been applied; and what Lands or Eſtates are appropriated for repairing the ſaid Piers; do find,

That the ſaid former Act had Continuance for Seven Years; during which time, there was raiſed, by virtue of the ſaid Act, by the Duties on Coals, the Sum of 1,665*l.* 0*s.* 10½*d.* and from the Lands granted by the Letters Patents of his late Majeſty King *James* to the late Earl of *Holderneſs*, the Sum of 1,136*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*; which, together, make the Sum of 2,801*l.* 13*s.* 7¼*d.*; which Sum was, as appeared by the Accounts laid before the ſaid Committee, applied according to the Directions of the ſaid Act: And the Committee further find, That his Majeſty King *James* the Firſt, by his Letters Patent bearing Date the 20th Day of *September*, in the 21ſt Year of his Reign, did give and grant unto *John* then Earl of *Holderneſs*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, the Site of the Caſtle of *Scarborough*, in the County of *York*, with the Appurtenances, together with the Land lying within the Walls of the ſaid Caſtle, containing 12 Acres, more or leſs, and the Moat and Ditch without the ſaid Walls; together with the Waſtes and Lands belonging to the ſaid Site, with the Appurtenances; and the Site and Circuit of the Monaſtery of *Bridlington*, in the ſaid County; and all Houſes, Buildings, Garths, Yards, Orchards, Gardens, Land, Soil, Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments, whatſoever, with the Appurtenances, within the Site of the ſaid late Monaſtery; together with the Lordſhip and Manor of *Bridlington*, and the Paſture called *Hunto*, with the Appurtenances, in *Bridlington* aforeſaid; together with all Fairs held there, and the Tolls and Profits thereof; and the Gannage of Ships in the Port of *Bridlington*, with the Appurtenances; and the Fiſhing in the Meere called *The Great Pond*, in *Bridlington*; and the Profits of Courts within the Lordſhip and Manor of *Bridlington*; all which, together with ſome Mills excepted out of the ſaid Grant, are recited to be, as by a Particular thereof, of the yearly Value of 152 17 5¾ *per Annum*, and to have been formerly Parcels of the Poſſeſſions of the Monaſtery of *Bridlington*, in the County aforeſaid: And his ſaid Majeſty further grants all Granges, Meſſuages, Lands, Paſtures, Waſtes, Woods, Underwoods, and the Soil on which they grow, and likewiſe all Tythes, Small and Great, Watercourſes, *&c.* Liberties, and Franchiſes, whatſoever, being, ariſing, or growing, within the Villages of *Scarborough* and *Bridlington* aforeſaid, and belonging to

the ſaid Manor, Site, *&c.* or taken as Part, Parcel, or Member, thereof; and the Reverſion and Reverſions, *&c.*; with Liberty to hold Courts within the Premiſes in as ample manner as the Abbot of *Bridlington* held the ſame; except nevertheleſs out of the Grant, all Advowſons, Rectories, and Vicarages, belonging or appertaining to the Premiſes; and except likewiſe Four Mills, Part of the Manor of *Bridlington*, formerly granted to *Wm. Whitmore* Eſquire, and *Edward Sayer* Gentleman; to have and to hold all and ſingular the ſaid Premiſes, except before excepted, to the ſaid *John* Earl of *Holderneſs*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to be held in free Socage as of his Majeſty's Manor of *Greenwich*; yielding and paying for the ſaid Premiſes in *Scarborough* 10 *s.* yearly; and yielding for the reſt of the Premiſes in *Bridlington* 152 *l.* 17 *s.* 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*: And the ſaid *John* Earl of *Holderneſs* did, by the ſaid Grant, for himſelf, his Heirs and Aſſigns, covenant and grant, with his ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, That he the ſaid Earl, his Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhould and would, from time to time, at their own Coſts and Charges, well and ſufficiently build, repair, and uphold, the Port or Pier of *Bridlington* aforeſaid, and all Walls, Jetties, Sluices, Sockers, and Locks, thereof, for the ſafe Cuſtody, and better Preſervation, of all Ships, and other Veſſels, which ſhould come to the ſaid Port or Pier; and that his ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, from thenceforth, ſhould be acquitted, exonerated, and indemnified, from all Expences and Coſts thereon to be expended for ever.

Then the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*, are at a very great and conſtant Charge and Expence for the repairing, maintaining, and clearing, the Haven and Piers belonging to the ſaid Town, without the leaſt Aid or Contribution from any other Port or Place whatſoever; that all Ships and Veſſels, *Engliſh* Built, and manned according to the Act of Navigation, belonging to the ſaid Town of *Great Yarmouth*, ſhould be free and exempt from the ſaid Duty of One Farthing *per* Chaldron on Coals, charged and made payable by this Act, towards Rebuilding or Repair of the ſaid Piers; ſo as the Maſter of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel belonging to the ſaid Town of *Yarmouth*, or ſome other Mariner on his behalf, reſpectively, ſhould produce and ſhew to any Perſon lawfully authorized to demand the Duties impoſed by this Act, a Certificate, made upon Oath before the Mayor of *Yarmouth* aforeſaid (which Oath the ſaid Mayor is hereby impowered to adminiſter), and under the Seal of Office of Mayoralty, that ſuch Ship or Veſſel does belong to the ſaid Town of *Great Yarmouth*; and that the Inhabitants thereof are Owners of the Whole, or major Part, of ſuch Ship or Veſſel:

And the ſaid Clauſe was once read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read a Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Jeſſop* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover, and regiſter, their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, that the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners for inquiring into, and taking an Account of, all ſuch Eſtates, both real and perſonal, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, which have been, or ſhall be, forfeited for High Treaſon, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, during the preſent Rebellion, That they do provide therein, that the Commiſſioners that ſhall be appointed for executing the Powers in the ſaid Bill be impowered to inquire into the Value of all Eſtates and Lands in the Poſſeſſion of Popiſh Recuſants within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Gentlemen, That they do provide in the ſaid Bill, That the ſaid Commiſſioners be impowered to inquire into the Value of all Eſtates and Lands given to ſuperſtitious Uſes.

Ordered, That the Lord *Coningsby* be added to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the free Importation of Cochineal during the Time therein mentioned, be now taken into Conſideration.

The ſaid Amendment was accordingly read; and is as follows; *viz.*

L. 39. Leave out "the Dominions of the *French* King "only excepted:"

The ſaid Amendment, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Colonel *Morton* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 23° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That the Mayor of the Borough of *Launceſton*, alias *Dunheved*, in the County of *Cornwall*, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe Two Charters of the ſaid Borough; *viz.* one granted by *Edward* Duke of *Cornwall*, in the 15th Year of King *Edward* the IVth; and the other by King *Henry* the Eighth, in the Sixth Year of his Reign; acquainting the Houſe, That he had other Charters alſo, if there was Occaſion for them.

And then he withdrew.

A Petition of divers Gentlemen of the County of *Cornwall*, and Parts adjacent, as well as of the Mayor, Deputy-Recorder, Aldermen, and others, of the Borough of *Launceſton*, alias *Dunheved*, in the County of *Cornwall*, and other Boroughs in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That although we cannot doubt of the Preſervation of the Rights and Privileges of all his Majeſty's Subjects by this Houſe, after the happy Diſſipation and Silencing the unnatural Rebellion that lately infeſted theſe Realms; yet, having certain Information of an Attempt intended to be made by ſome particular Inhabitants of the County of *Cornwall*, as hath been in vain done by others formerly, to interrupt the moſt ancient and undoubted Franchiſes of others of their Neighbours, and of the Members of the ancient Corporation of *Launceſton* in particular, by proſecuting a Bill in this Houſe for the Removal of the Aſſizes of the ſaid County from *Launceſton* to *Bodmyn*, we humbly crave Leave to lay before you their Caſe; and ſome Reaſons, which, we hope, may be thought worth your Conſideration, for continuing the Aſſizes where they have always been held: And, amongſt theſe, we hope, that it will not be thought the leaſt, that *Launceſton* hath been very anciently the chief Caſtle and Reſidence of the Earls and Dukes of this County; and is ſtill the chief Barony and Honour of his Royal Highneſs the Prince

Prince of *Wales* in his Duchy of *Cornwall*, to which the moſt honourable Tenures belong, and to which many of the Charters of other Boroughs in the ſaid County refer; and may be well thought to have been, therefore, endowed with that Privilege of having the Aſſizes: Whereas *Bodmyn* was only the Town of the Prior of that Place, whoſe Lands are now in private Hands, and in no manner held of the Duchy: The Hall where the Judges ſit, and other Houſes, at *Lanceſton*, have not long ſince been rebuilt, altered, and improved, by the Members of the Borough, and others, at their own Charge, to render all more convenient for the Judges, Counſel, Attornies, Jurors, and others; and 'tis ſuppoſed, that there is not any one Houſe, either publick or private, in *Bodmyn*, that can entertain the Judges, and their Officers and Servants, that neceſſarily attend them in their Circuits; which is a Complaint that cannot be made at *Launceſton:* The Judges, as well as the Counſel, that think fit to come to the Aſſizes, if held at *Bodmyn*, will be forced to travel about 60 Miles more than they now do, and will be above 70 Miles diſtant from *Exeter*, where the Aſſizes are held for *Devon*; and, by means of the Length and Badneſs of the Ways to *Bodmyn*, the Judges, Counſel, and their Retinue, will be, at leaſt, Three Days longer in the Circuit, and thereby, in ſome Vacations, when *Eaſter* happens to be early, will not have Time to return to *Weſtminſter* againſt the following Term: In the Caſtle of *Launceſton* hath always been, and ſtill is, the common Gaol for the County, where all Criminals are to be kept until the Aſſizes and Gaol-delivery; and the Conſtable of that Caſtle, and not the Sheriff of the County, is charged with the ſafe Cuſtody of ſuch; and, ſhould the Aſſizes be held at *Bodmyn*, either his Royal Highneſs, or his Deputies the Conſtables of the Caſtles, for the Time being, would be under a vaſt Charge, as well as Hazard of Eſcapes, twice every Year, in carrying and conveying the Priſoners forwards and backwards between *Lanceſton* and *Bodmyn* for their Tryal and Puniſhment; and the Keeper of the common Gaol hath no Place for their ſafe Cuſtody at *Bodmyn*; and the Priſoners are at *Lanceſton* maintained partly by the Donations of former Inhabitants there, and partly by the Bounty of the preſent; which are Advantages not to be expected at *Bodmyn:* And praying, That the Aſſizes for the ſaid County may, according to ancient Right and Uſage, and the many Charters made and granted to the Borough of *Lanceſton*, be continued there, as the capital Town of the Duchy of *Cornwall*; and that the Members of the ſaid Borough, as well as others, may be ſupported and protected by this Houſe in the Enjoyment of their ancient Rights and Privileges; and be heard, by their Counſel, before any Bill paſs this Houſe concerning the ſame.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, upon the Second Reading of the Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the ſaid Bill;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

An ingroſſed Bill to revive, and continue, an Act made in the 8th and 9th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to revive, and continue, an Act made in the 8th and 9th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Strickland* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider to the Bill, That, for the better Diſcovering of ſuch as ſhall ſteal Cattle, all Perſons ſhall be obliged to ſell all raw Hides and Skins in publick Markets; and ſhall regiſter the Marks of ſuch Hides and Skins:

The ſaid Clauſe was once read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read a Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Petition of *Charles Empſon*, of *Lowden*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, in 1713, being encouraged by the Commiſſioners that were appointed to take, and examine into, ſuch Propoſals as ſhould be laid before them for improving and cultivating ſuch Lands as were drowned by the Inundation of the River of *Thames* at the Breach thereof at *Dagenham*, in the County of *Eſſex*, did, on their Promiſe to allow him 100 *l. per Annum* for his Trouble therein, at their Requeſt, go down with ſome of them to view the Stoppage of the ſaid Breach, and the Grounds adjacent: That the Petitioner, finding the ſaid Breach, then newly ſtopped, to be very defective, by reaſon of the improper Materials uſed therein, and of the Want of Judgment in the Undertakers, told the Commiſſoners then preſent, That it would not hold many Days, unleſs ſuch Materials as the Petitioner then directed were uſed to fortify the ſame againſt the Force of the Waters: That although the Commiſſioners gave immediate Orders for the Materials directed, and uſed great Diligence to haſten the ſame thither, yet they came too late; for, in Four Days after, the ſaid Works were quite ruined, and carried off, as the Petitioner had foretold them: That the Petitioner, ſome time after, hearing that Engineers were at Work to ſtop the ſaid Breach, went thither; and, obſerving their Method and Proceedings to be wrong, told them thereof; and offered to direct them therein; but they, confident in their own Skill, and being deceived in purſuing a curious Model, rejected his Advice: But the Undertaker, in about Six Weeks after, finding his Works to fail, and being convinced, that the Petitioner had made a true Judgment therein, applied to him for his Aſſiſtance and Direction; but the Petitioner, finding him not provided with proper Materials, and the Seaſon of the Year then too far advanced, declined to intermeddle therewith at that time: That the ſaid Works being again deſtroyed, and new Propoſals made for ſtopping the ſame before Commiſſioners at *Guildhall*, *London*, the Petitioner applied himſelf to thoſe Commiſſioners; and, finding that none of the Models propoſed would anſwer the End, offered a Scheme of his own for effecting the Work in Half the Time, and much leſs Charge, than any other body had propoſed; notwithſtanding which, and although the Petitioner offered to make a Demonſtration of the Certainty of his Method, but being a Stranger in *London*, little regard was had to him, the Commiſſioners being too much amuſed with fine Models, Engines, Plans, *&c.:* And praying, That he may have Leave to lay before the Committee appointed by this Houſe a Draught, or Scheme, for the ſpeedy and effectual Performance of this Work; and that the Petitioner may have Leave to demonſtrate the ſame to them; and may have ſuch Encouragement for his Skill and Pains taken therein, and the vaſt Expence of Money which he ſhall ſave to the Publick thereby, according to his Performance thereof, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem moſt meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly*, and the other Petitions relating to the Breach at *Dagenham*, are referred, do make their Report to the Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee do report to the Houſe the State of the ſaid Breach; and how the ſame affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 24° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Borough and Town of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas, by our ancient Conſtitution, it has been eſteemed our greateſt Security to preſerve our Liberties to have frequent and ſhort Parliaments; and as we hear there is a Bill now depending in this Houſe to prolong this Parliament: And praying, That it may not paſs; but that the Triennial Act may be preſerved intire in all its Parts, without any Alteration; that being of the greateſt Conſequence to ſecure our Liberties, Properties, and holy Religion, to us, and to our Poſterity.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Call of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Second reading the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments;

A Petition of the Bailiff and Burghers of the ancient Borough of *Midhurſt*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas, by our ancient Conſtitution, it hath been eſteemed our greateſt Security to preſerve our Liberties to have frequent and ſhort Parliaments; and, as we hear, there is a Bill now depending in this Houſe to prolong this Parliament: And praying, That it may not paſs; but that the Triennial Act may be preſerved intire in all its Parts, without any Alteration; that being the greateſt Bulwark to ſecure our Liberties, Properties, and holy Religion, to us, and to our Poſterity.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town and Port of *Haſting*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the Laws and Conſtitution of this Kingdom, no Parliament is to continue longer than Three Years; and, under the Protection of that Law, which we look upon as one of our greateſt and moſt valuable Privileges, we elected our laſt Members of Parliament, and thought proper to entruſt them, for Three Years, as our Repreſentatives, if his Majeſty thought proper to continue them ſo long: That hearing a Bill is prepared, and now depending before the Houſe of Peers, for altering the Laws now in being relating to Parliaments; and for continuing this preſent Parliament for a longer time: And praying to take the ſame into Conſideration, and prevent the ſaid Bill paſſing into a Law; for we cannot but look upon it as overturning our preſent Conſtitution, and an Infringement of our Liberties, by making Repreſentatives for us for a longer Time than we entruſted them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and Freemen, of the Corporation of *Cambridge*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the ancient Conſtitution of this Kingdom, the frequent Calling of new Parliaments has always been uſed, and eſteemed a Security to the Crown, and alſo to the Liberties of the People of this Realm: That, by ſeveral Statutes, and particularly by One, made in the Reign of our late Sovereign King *William* the IIId, it is provided, That no Parliament ſhall continue longer than Three Years; and hearing that a Bill is coming from the Houſe of Lords to continue this Parliament for a longer time than is allowed by the ſaid Laws: And praying, That the ſaid Laws now in being may be continued, that the Petitioners may have frequent Opportunities of ſhewing their Duty and Affection to his Majeſty King *George*, and the happy Eſtabliſhment in Church and State, by their conſtant Electing of Members ſo inclined.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Borough of *Abingdon*, in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the moſt valuable Privilege we enjoy is, that of being repreſented in Parliament; ſo we cannot but be very much alarmed when any Infringement is like to be made on that Privilege: We are now ſo happy as to find a Gentleman, who truly repreſents us as we would be repreſented; but, as we cannot be ſure that this will always be the Caſe, and if we ſhould ever be ſo unfortunate as to miſtake in our Choice, being allowed but One Repreſentative, nothing could make that Misfortune tolerable to us, but the Comfort that he could not abuſe the Truſt we repoſed in him for longer than Three Years: And praying, That this Houſe will not be wanting in their Endeavours to preſerve, as well to us as our Fellow Subjects, that Liberty, which alone can preſerve the Freedom of Parliaments, and give them the Opportunity of laying the true Senſe of the Kingdom before his Majeſty, and of calling evil Miniſters to account; and which will give us the more frequent Occaſions of exerting our Zeal for the Security of the Prerogative of the Crown, and the Liberties of the Subject.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Staffordſ*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas, by the Conſtitution of this Kingdom, no Parliament is to continue longer than Three Years; under the Protection of which Law we have choſen our Repreſentatives, whom we thought fit to entruſt for Three Years, if his Majeſty ſhould think fit to continue this Parliament ſo long; and having heard, that a Bill is prepared to continue this Parliament for a longer Time; we humbly hope, that no ſuch Bill may paſs; which we cannot but look upon as overturning our preſent Conſtitution, and an Infringement of our Liberties: And praying, That their Liberties and Privileges may be preſerved and continued to them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and the Courts there, and the Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned;

The ſaid Bill was read a Second time.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Sir *Tho. Hales*:	284.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Palmer*:	162.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 25° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral of the principal Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. Saviour's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, on behalf of themſelves, and many others, Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are informed there is a Bill depending in this Houſe, for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Borough of *Southwark*, &c.; which the Petitioners humbly apprehend, and are adviſed, will be very injurious to the Petitioners, if the ſame, as it now ſtands, ſhould paſs into a Law: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, touching the ſaid Bill, before the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; is committed: And that the ſaid Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the ſaid Committee, if they think fit.

Mr. *Eden* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered in the Bill, and Amendments, at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Bailiff, Burgeſſes, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; againſt the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments; ſetting forth, That they look upon the ſaid Bill as an overturning the Conſtitution, and an Infringement of their Liberties.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Petition be rejected;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Yonge*:	167.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Fuller*, Mr. *Rowney*:	90.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, of the ancient and loyal Corporation of *Weſtbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are informed, there is a Bill now depending for inlarging the Time of Continuance of Parliament, by an Act, made in the 6th Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments; which if paſſed into a Law, this preſent Parliament may have a longer Continuance than for Three Years; which the Petitioners did not intend at the time they elected Members for this Parliament: We take Leave humbly to repreſent to this Houſe, That the ſaid Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments is a moſt effectual Part of the Conſtitution; ſince the Repeal, or Suſpenſion, thereof, may prove of fatal Conſequence to the Petitioners in particular, and to the Kingdom in general: And praying this Houſe to take the ſame into their ſerious Conſideration; and that the ſame Act may continue, as it is, in its full Force.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was committed; be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County be read a Second time upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Leave to receive a Clauſe to diſable Perſons from being choſe Members of either Houſe of Parliament, who have Penſions during Pleaſure, or any Number of Years, from the Crown;

And the previous Queſtion being put, That that Queſtion be now put;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Lowther*:	124.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Fitz-Williams*:	228.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe was informed, That there was a Difference in the Committee who ſhould take the Chair thereof.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf again into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the Third time To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* have Leave to make a Motion; it being paſt Three of the Clock.

And Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* made a Motion accordingly;

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to diſable any Perſon to be choſen a Member of, or of ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

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An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Queſtion, by inſerting, after "Member of," theſe Words, "either Houſe of Parliament:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree to the ſaid propoſed Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Craggs*, and Mr. Comptroller, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 26° die Aprilis;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, capital and other Burgeſſes, of the ancient Borough of *Cardiffe*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, it was Enacted, That, after the Diſſolution of that Parliament, no Parliament, for the future, ſhould have a longer Continuance than for Three Years; and that legal Writs ſhould, for the future, iſſue for calling and aſſembling a new Parliament every Three Years at the fartheſt; which Act has continued for about Twenty Years in full Force, and never has been attempted to be repealed, or ſuſpended: That the Petitioners being informed, That a Bill is brought into the Houſe of Lords, for repealing, or ſuſpending, the ſaid Act: And praying, That your Honours will not conſent to a Repealing, or Suſpenſion, of the ſaid Act; which, by ſo long Experience, has been found to be of the greateſt Advantage and Security to the Liberties and Properties of all the Commons of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate in Truſtees for his Creditors; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *London*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Aſh*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Lyddell*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Calvert*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Sir *Wm. Thompſon*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Lade*, Colonel *Stephens*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Powlet*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Cook*, Sir *David Dalrimple*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Hen. Aſhburſt*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. *Baylie*, Sir *Nic. Morice*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *Lowther*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Mr. *Booth*, Lord *Barrymore*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Randyll*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe; and all that ſerve for the County of *Lancaſter*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *John Burrowes* Draper, and *George* his Son, *Joſhua Morris* Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Chriſtopher Potter* Gentleman, and *Phyllis* his Wife, *Sarah Burrowes*, and *Martha Burrowes*, Spinſters; which ſaid *John*, *Elizabeth*, *Phyllis*, *Sarah*, and *Martha*, were Brother, and Siſters, and Legatees, of *George Burrowes*, of *London*, Merchant, deceaſed; Creditors of the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Sir *Alexander Rigby*, of *London*, Knight, now a Priſoner in the *Fleet*, ſtands indebted to the Petitioners, by Bond under his Hand and Seal, dated the 24th *October* 1698, of the Penalty of 2,100 *l.* conditioned for the Payment of 1,051 *l.* 4 *s.* on the 1ſt of *November* 1699: That the ſaid Sir *Alexander* is charged in Execution in the ſaid Priſon, by virtue of a Judgment obtained on the ſaid Bond; but hath not paid One Peny, Principal, Intereſt, or Charge contracted, or due, on the ſaid Bond: That the Petitioners, being informed Sir *Alexander* is about procuring an Act to be releaſed of his Confinement, humbly preſume to lay before this Houſe the State of their Caſe; *viz.* That *George Burrowes*, of *London*, Merchant, died in the Year 1693; by his laſt Will did leave his Effects, after his Debts, Funeral Expences, and ſome ſmall Legacies, paid, to be divided among the Petitioners, in ſuch Manner and Proportions as in his ſaid Will are mentioned; and appointed his Father *George Burrowes* ſole Executor of his ſaid Will; who duly proved the ſame: That, the greateſt Part of the Teſtator's Effects lying in the Hands of his Partner in *Italy*, the ſaid Executor did impower the ſaid Sir *Alexander* to demand, and receive, the ſame, on the behalf of the ſaid Executor, in order to be divided amongſt the Petitioners, according to the Purport of the ſaid Will: That the ſaid Sir *Alexander* accordingly received the ſaid Money; for which the ſaid Bond was given, as aforeſaid, to the ſaid Executor, for the Petitioners Uſe; being the Balance due, after all he demanded for his Trouble and Expences were deducted: That the ſaid Debt was not contracted in Trade with the ſaid Sir *Alexander*, whereby any Profit might have accrued to the Petitioners, but all Money paid into his Hands: That the ſaid Sir *Alexander*, about 17 Years ago, and ſoon after he entered into the ſaid Bond, failed; and hath had all this time to pay ſuch of his Creditors as he pleaſed, and to ſpend, diſpoſe of, or intricate, his Eſtate, at his Pleaſure; and now pretends to ſurrender up his Eſtate to his Creditors: That the Principal, and Intereſt due on the ſaid Bond, amounts to a large Sum, and is a great Part of the Petitioners Subſtance: And praying this Houſe to take their Caſe into Conſideration; and to afford them ſuch Relief therein, as .. your Honours ſhall ſeem moſt meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That the Diſcharge of Sir *Alexander Rigby* ſhall not be a Diſcharge of any one that was a Partner in Trade with him; nor of any one that is bound jointly with him for any Debt; any further than the Creditors ſhall receive Satisfaction out of the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*'s Eſtate.

A Petition of the poor and diſtreſſed Priſoners in the City-Gaol of *Lincoln*, in behalf of themſelves, and all others in the ſeveral Gaols of *Great Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas, may it pleaſe your Honours not to forget your Compaſſion to be extended to us, and all poor inſolvent Debtors, who have not wherewith to ſatisfy, but are willing to part with all we have for our Liberty: We implore your Honours to take into your deliberate Conſideration the poor Priſoners, who endured ſuch Hardſhips by the Severity of the laſt Winter, wherein ſeveral had neither Meat nor Fuel: And praying their Releaſement from the Hardſhips they have endured.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That *Edward Norris* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Honourable *Henry Bertie* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for the Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of the Mayor, Magiſtrates, and Commonalty, of the ancient Borough of *Petersfield*, in the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; againſt the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the 6th Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor.

The ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time for Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments, was read a Third time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Colonel *Morton*, Sir *John Brownlow*:	264.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Down*, Mr. *Willoughby*:	121.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 27° die Aprilis;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act, paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh.

Ordered, That Mr. *Eden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *John Chetwynd* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufactureing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That *John Campbell*, Merchant, have Leave to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Edinburgh*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

Mr. *Denton* preſented to the Houſe a Bill for making more effectual an Act, of the Fourth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better collecting Charity-money on Briefs by Letters Patents; and preventing Abuſes in relation to ſuch Charities: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; and for better Preſervation of the ſame: And that the Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Neville*, and Mr. *John Chetwynd*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Second reading the Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County; and alſo for hearing Counſel againſt the ſaid Bill;

The Counſel were called in:

And the Bill, and the Petition againſt the ſame, were read:

And the Counſel were heard thereupon.

And then they withdrew.

And Mr. Speaker opened the Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Trefuſis*, Mr. *Chetwynd*:	148.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Morice*:	67.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was committed;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 28vo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for Relief of the Eight hundred licenſed Hackney Coachmen within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider to the Bill, for making Allowances to Receivers for the Charge of ſending up their Money: But the ſame was waved.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 3. L. 16. After "Houſes," to add "pay to her "Majeſty:"

Pr. 4. L. 12. To leave out "Fourth," and inſert "Ninth;" and to leave out "*June*," and inſert "*September*:"

L. 16. After "taken," to inſert "or his Deputy:"

L. 30. After "Auditor," to inſert "or his Deputy:"

L. 33. To leave out "Fourth," and inſert "Ninth;" and to leave out "*June*," and inſert "*September*:"

Pr. 7. L. 17. After "forfeit," to inſert "his Place:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716; and for compelling ſeveral Receivers to finiſh and clear their Accounts; and for making Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery Tickets and Orders, burnt or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims to certain Benefit-Tickets; and for allowing the Charge of executing the Lottery-Act for the Service of the Year 1710; and for recovering Monies of ſeveral Land-Taxes reſting in the Hands of Collectors, or Conſtables, at *St. Albans*; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Soap; and for limiting a Time for Perſons who have certain Annuities for Life, or Lives, to demand the Payments thereupon at the Exchequer; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties relating to printed and painted Paper, Callicoes, and other things therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 30mo *die Aprilis*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for better regulating Hackney Coaches, Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider to the Bill, That it may be lawful for the Alderman of every Ward of the ſaid City of *London*, within his Ward, and every Juſtice of Peace, within his Juriſdiction, in the ſaid Cities and Counties, to inflict the like Penalties, and to levy the ſame, in the ſame manner, for any Offence or Offences, contrary to this Act, within any the Places aforeſaid, as the Commiſſioners in the Bill mentioned have Power to inflict and levy upon ſuch Offenders, as aforeſaid; provided that no Perſon be puniſhed twice for the ſame Offence:

And the ſaid Rider was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for better regulating Hackney Coaches, Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality; and for preventing Miſchiefs occaſioned by the Drivers riding upon ſuch Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons.

Ordered, That Mr. *Treby* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Daniel Campbell* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill for making more effectual an Act, of the 4th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better collecting Charity-money on Briefs by Letters Patents; and preventing Abuſes in relation to ſuch Charities; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *John Chetwynd*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Archer*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Walter Chetwynd*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *D'ath*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *D'Gray*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Wm. Chetwynd*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Sir *Orlando Bridgman*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Snell*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Pigott*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*,

hope, Mr. Recorder, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sr *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Moleſworth* Mr. *Butler*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Cater*, Lord *Pagett*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Hillerſden*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to hear ſuch of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Southwark* as ſhall deſire to be heard, for the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* reported from the Committee, That they had heard the Counſel for ſuch of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. Saviour's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, as had petitioned to be heard, againſt the Bill; and alſo had heard ſuch of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough of *Southwark*, as attended, and deſired to be heard, for the ſaid Bill; and that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly*, and other Petitioners, relating to the Breach at *Dagenham*, was referred; and alſo of the State of the ſaid Breach; and how the ſame affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 1° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That *Richard Hopton* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

The Lord *Coningsby* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; and for better Preſervation of the ſame: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent the Adulterating of Snuff.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City.

Ordered, That Mr. *Daniel Campbell* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*: And the Bill was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 2° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Captain *Chriſtopher Billop*, and *Antony Forty*, Gentlemen, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are informed, there is a Bill now depending in this Houſe, which has been twice read, and committed, to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors: That the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*, being ſeverally indebted to the Petitioners, did give the Petitioner *Chriſtopher Billop* a Judgment for 3,000 *l.*; which was entered up in the Court of Common-Pleas in *February* 1698; and to the Petitioner *Antony Forty*, another Judgment for 1,300 *l.*; which was likewiſe entered up in the ſaid Court in *February* 1698, with a Releaſe of Errors thereupon: That, on the 15th *May* 1700, the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby* did mortgage his Eſtate, ſubject to a prior Mortgage, to the Petitioners; and, by a Deed, bearing Date the 26th *April* 1706, put the Petitioners in Poſſeſſion of a Part of the Premiſes; who have quietly enjoyed the ſame ever ſince: That the Bill now depending in this Houſe will, as the Peti-

Petitioners are adviſed, greatly prejudice them, in caſe the ſame ſhould paſs into a Law: And praying, That they may be heard, by themſelves, or Counſel, what they have to object againſt the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors; is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the ſaid Committee, by themſelves, or Counſel, thereupon, if they think fit.

The Houſe being acquainted, That *Joſeph Manuell*, complained of for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *George Trenchard* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, for entering upon his Freehold, hath ſubmitted, and made Satisfaction to the ſaid Mr. *Trenchard* for the ſaid Offence;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

A Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover, and regiſter, their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom; purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, That the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the 12th and 13th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act for preventing any Inconveniences that may happen by Privilege of Parliament, might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the ſaid Act: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Lechmere*, and Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Complaint of the Breach of Privilege committed againſt the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member of this Houſe, by *John Enſor* and *Job Beardſly*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which the Committee had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſaid Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee examined the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and heard Counſel, and Witneſſes, on both Sides, thereupon:

That it appeared to the Committee, That *John Enſor*, as Plaintiff, did, at the laſt Aſſize for the County of *Warwick*, by *Job Beardſley* his Attorney, bring on to Tryal an Action of Treſpaſs againſt *Edward Terry*, a menial Servant to the Lord *Coningsby*.

Edward Terry, being called, ſaid, That there had been, to his Knowlege, great Waſte and Spoil committed upon the Lord *Coningsby*'s Woods and Grounds, at *Aldcot*, in *Warwickſhire*; and that he was, upon the 5th Day of *September* laſt, hired by Mr. *Thomas Harris*, his Lordſhip's Chief Steward, to be his Lordſhip's Bailiff, to look after thoſe Woods and Grounds, and prevent ſuch Waſte and Spoil for the future, and give Notice thereof: That thereupon he did, on the Tenth Day of the ſame *September*, acquaint the Tenants and Townſmen of *Shuttington*, where he lives, with his having been ſo hired into his Lordſhip's Service: That the like Notice thereof, purſuant to a Letter from Mr. *Harris*, was alſo given to them; and particularly to the ſaid Plaintiff *Enſor*, and to *Beardſley* his Attorney; and that, upon ſuch Notice, they both treated his Lordſhip with very abuſive Language, and ſpoke of his Lordſhip's Privilege with great Contempt; *Enſor* expreſſing himſelf to this Purpoſe; *viz.* That the Lord *Coningsby* was a Rogue, and a Raſcal; and many an honeſter Man would be hanged; that he hoped the Times would change between that and *Chriſtmas*; and then his Lordſhip would be no more than a Boy to dry Shoes: And *Beardſley* expreſſed himſelf to this Purpoſe; *viz.* That he did not value any Steward, Bailiff, or other Servant, of the Lord *Coningsby*; that his Lordſhip was a very Rogue, and many an honeſter Man was hanged; and that they would cut down the Woods at *Aldcot*, and, with the Money, Law with his Lordſhip for them: And *Beardſley* added, That he would make *Terry* quit the Town; and threatened to ruin him with Actions at Law, at every Aſſize, if he continued in his Lordſhip's Service: And that he did afterwards, at another time, *viz.* about *Michaelmas* laſt, at *Tamworth*, acquaint *Beardſly* with his Privilege, as Lord *Coningsby*'s Servant; to which *Beardſley* anſwered, He did not value any Privilege which any Servant of his Lordſhip had: And that *Beardſley* was again acquainted, in open Court, by Mr. *Harris*, and by *Terry*'s Counſel, at the Tryal, before the Verdict was brought in, That his Lordſhip did inſiſt upon his Privilege.

Humfry Woodcock ſaid, He was preſent at *Tamworth*, about *Michaelmas* laſt, when *Terry* acquainted *Beardſley* with his being a hired Servant to the Lord *Coningsby*, to look after his Lordſhip's Woods: To which *Beardſley* anſwered, That he would go on with the Law againſt him notwithſtanding.

Mr. *Tho. Collins* ſaid, He was preſent at the Tryals of Two Actions againſt *Terry*, at the laſt *Warwick* Aſſize; one of which was the Action before-mentioned, wherein *Enſor* was Plaintiff; and that, before either Cauſe came on, both the Counſel and Sollicitor for *Terry* acquainted *Beardſley*, the Plaintiff *Enſor*'s Attorney, That the Defendant *Terry* was privileged, and protected by the Lord *Coningsby*; and that, if he proceeded, he muſt expect to hear of it in the Houſe of Commons: To which *Beardſley* made a ſlighting Anſwer; ſaying, That he did not value the Lord *Coningsby*; or to that Effect; and then brought on the other Cauſe firſt; and, after that, this of *Enſor*'s.

That, on behalf of the Parties complained againſt, it appeared, by the Evidence of

Mr. *Wm. Robinſon*, and *Humfry Webb*, That this, and the other, Action, tried againſt *Terry*, at the laſt *Warwick* Aſſize, had depended above a Year; and had been ſeveral times entered for Tryal, but were put off upon a Reference; which coming to nothing, the Defendant, and his Attorney, without mentioning any thing of Privilege, gave Notice to the Plaintiff, and his Attorney, That, if the Plaintiff would not proceed, the Defendant would bring on the Cauſe by Proviſo.

Fiſher Littleton and *Edward Taylor* Eſquires, being called to the Reputation of *Terry*, gave him an ill Character, in general Terms; and ſpoke of him as a Perſon not credited in the Country where he lives, and unfit to be employed by the Lord *Coningsby*, or any one elſe:

And Mr. *Taylor* added, That he was preſent at the Tryal, and remembred it was then ſaid by *Terry*'s Counſel, That the Lord *Coningsby* would protect *Terry*; but did not remember it was ſaid, That he was then actually protected.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Enſor*, having, as Plaintiff, proſecuted an Action at Common Law, at the laſt Aſſize holden for the County of *Warwick*, againſt *Edward Terry*, a menial Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member

Member of this Houſe, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Job Beardſley*, having proſecuted the ſaid Action, as Attorney for the Plaintiff, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Enſor* be, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Job Beardſley* be, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Bond*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County was committed, the Amendments they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Fol. 2. L. 3. After "whereof," to inſert "and to "the end that the Aſſizes for the ſaid County may be held "either at *Launceſton*, or at any other convenient Place "within the ſaid County:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccacks* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Allowing of Counſel to all Perſons who ſhall be proceeded againſt in Parliament, for any Crimes of Treaſon, or Miſpriſion of Treaſon: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be now read.

The Bill was accordingly read the Firſt time:

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe, touching the Second reading the ſaid Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Debate be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Bill be read a Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 3° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Robert Parker*, and Mr. *William Waller*, who were committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, and were taken into Cuſtody accordingly, have, by the too great Liberty they have had, made their Eſcape;

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the Cauſes of the unuſual Liberty that has been allowed, of late, to Perſons committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe; whereby they have had Opportunity to make their Eſcape out of Cuſtody: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Cholmley*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Wilkinſon*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Deſbovery*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Robert Marſham*, Sir *Char. Hotham*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Aſh*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. Comptroller, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, General *Erle*, Sir *Step. Lennard*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Mr *Lowndes*, Colonel *Grant*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Newport*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bellamy*, General *Wade*, Sir *Tho. Read*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the City of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor;

A Petition of *Ralph Harwood*, *John Scott*, and *Benjamin Coker*, in behalf of themſelves, and many others of the Cow-keepers, reſiding in ſeveral Pariſhes and Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by the late Mortality among Cattle, ſuſtained very great Loſſes, almoſt to their utter Ruin; and, if it had not been for his Majeſty's great Bounty and Clemency, they had not been able to follow their Employments: That the Petitioners are likely to be aggrieved by ſome Clauſes in a Bill, now depending, for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; and particularly by a Clauſe, which obliges the new Veſtries to tax by a Pound-Rate for Relief of the Poor; and if the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs, as it is now drawn, it will be a great Prejudice to the Petitioners; they paying very great Rents, without any Allowance from their Landlords for parochial Taxes: And praying to permit them to be heard, by themſelves, or their Counſel, what they have to offer againſt the ſaid Bill; or otherwiſe to relieve them, as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 4° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Job Beardſley*, Attorney at Law, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for

for a Breach of Privilege by him committed againſt the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Order of this Houſe, the Petitioner is committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for proſecuting an Action of Common Law, the laſt Aſſizes held for the County of *Warwick*, wherein *John Enſor* was Plaintiff, againſt *Edward Terry*, a menial Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member of this Houſe: That the Petitioner is truly ſorry for having incurred the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, in proſecuting the ſaid Action; and humbly begs your Honours Pardon for the ſame: That, it being Term-time, the Confinement of the Petitioner will be very prejudicial not only to himſelf, but alſo to his Clients: And praying, That this Houſe will be pleaſed to diſcharge him out of Cuſtody, according to your wonted Clemency and Goodneſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Job Beardſley* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged.

An ingroſſed Bill for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place in the ſaid County was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place within the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bond* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for appropriating the Money granted:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, and Profit; and for better Preſervation of the ſame; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Fiſher Tench*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Delavall*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Calthorp*, Mr. *Benſon*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Roll*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Edward Ernly*, Sir *Step. Leonard*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Sir *Jo. Rogers*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Plumtree*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Tho. Wheat*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of the Deputies of the States of the Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands, and of the Inhabitants of the Iſlands of *Alderney* and *Sark*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the chief Subſiſtence of the greateſt Part of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands conſiſts in the Manufacturing of Wool, tranſported thither from *England*, under the Reſtrictions of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, made for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands; without which Manufacture they could not ſubſiſt there: That the Petitioners are informed, there is a Bill depending in this Houſe, for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures; wherein are contained divers Clauſes, impracticable and impoſſible to be put in Execution in the ſaid Iſlands, without the utter Ruin of the Inhabitants thereof; who have, on all Occaſions, diſtinguiſhed themſelves by their ſteady Zeal, and inviolable Fidelity, for the Proteſtant Succeſſion, in Times of the moſt imminent Danger: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt ſo much of the ſaid Bill as relates to the Iſlands aforeſaid, in ſuch manner as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, before the Committee, thereupon, if they think fit.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh, without any Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts, without any Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716; and for compelling ſeveral Receivers to finiſh and clear their Accounts; and for making Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims to certain Benefit-Tickets; and for allowing the Charge of executing the Lottery-Act for the Service of the Year 1710; and for recovering Monies of ſeveral Land-Taxes reſting in the Hands of Collectors, or Conſtables, at *St. Albans*; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Soap; and for limiting a Time for Perſons who have certain Annuities for Life, or Lives, to demand the Payments thereupon at the Exchequer; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties relating to printed and painted Paper, Callicoes, and other things therein mentioned; without any Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Attainder of *Geo.* Earl of *Mariſchal*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, unleſs they ſhall render themſelves to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Minſhull*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Dominick Donelly*, and other Petitions, relating to the Breach at *Dagenham*, were referred; and alſo the State of the ſaid Breach; and how the ſame affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*; the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 5° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Job Beardſley* was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, attend the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures is committed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *John Chetwynd* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *John Chetwynd* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 7° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from hearing any more Cauſes, during this Seſſion of Parliament, touching controverted Elections, after the Matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the Boroughs of *Malton*, in the County of *York*, and *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, are heard.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election for the ſaid Borough of *Reading*, upon this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor;

And the Houſe being acquainted, That ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Southwark* deſired to be heard before the ſaid Committee, in relation to the Manner of obtaining the Petition which had been preſented to the Houſe againſt the ſaid Bill; and which was referred to the ſaid Committee;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear ſuch of the ſaid Inhabitants as ſhall deſire to be heard touching the Manner of obtaining the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* reported from the Committee, That they had, according to Order, heard ſuch of the ſaid Inhabitants as attended; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *John Chetwynd*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Fol. 1. L. 16. After "Plants," to inſert "or any Part "thereof:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

And Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: And that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the ſeveral publick and private Bills following; *viz.*

An Act for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1716; and for compelling ſeveral Receivers to finiſh and clear their Accounts; and for making Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery-Tickets, and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims to certain Benefit-Tickets; and for allowing the Charge of executing the Lottery-Act for the Service of the Year 1710; and for recovering Monies of ſeveral Land-Taxes reſting in the Hands of Collectors, or Conſtables, at *St. Albans*; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Soap; and for limiting a Time for Perſons who have certain Annuities for Life, or Lives, to demand the Payment thereupon at the Exchequer; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties relating to printed and painted Paper, Callicoes, and other things therein mentioned:

An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant the Regalities and Lands now remaining in the Crown, in *North-Wales* and *South-Wales*, and County of *Cheſter*, to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, in ſuch Manner and Form as the Principality of *Wales*, and Earldom of *Cheſter*, have formerly been granted to the Prince of *Wales*; and alſo to enable his ſaid Royal Highneſs to make Leaſes of Lands, Parcel of his Royal Highneſs's Duchy of *Cornwall*, or annexed to the ſame:

An Act for inlarging the Time of Continuance of Parliaments, appointed by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the frequent Meeting and Calling of Parliaments:

An Act to indemnify ſuch Perſons who have acted in Defence of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for the Preſervation of the publick Peace of this Kingdom, in and about the time of the late unnatural Rebellion, from vexatious Suits and Proſecutions:

An Act for the Attainder of *Geo.* Earl of *Mariſchal*, *William* Earl of *Seaforth*, *James* Earl of *Southeſque*, *James* Earl of *Panmuir*, and others, of High Treaſon, unleſs they ſhall render themſelves to Juſtice by a Day certain, therein mentioned:

An Act for the free Importation of Cochineal, during the Time therein limited:

An Act to enable his Majeſty to grant Letters Patents to ſupply a Defect in a Grant, made by his Majeſty King *William* the Third, unto *Maynhard* Duke of *Schonberg* and *Leinſter*, of the annual Sum of 4,000 *l.* out of the Revenues of the Poſt-Office, until the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds be paid:

An Act for giving Liberty to Perſons, who have ſerved their Apprenticeſhips to any Part of the Woollen Manufacture in *Colcheſter*, to work at their ſaid Trades, and at the making Bays, within the ſaid Town:

An Act for continuing, and making more effectual, an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway, or Road, from the Stones End, in the Pariſh of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the furthermoſt Part of the Northern Road, in the Pariſh of *Endfield*, in the ſame County, next to the Pariſh of *Cheſhunt*, in the County of *Hertford:*

An Act to enable his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* to qualify himſelf in *Great Britain* for the legal Enjoyment of the Office of Chancellor of the Univerſity of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland:*

An Act to enable *Charles* Earl of *Sunderland*, and *Henry* Earl of *Rocheſter*, to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify themſelves for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office:

An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* and *Cork* to take in *England* the Oath of Office of High Treaſurer of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf here in *England* for the legal Enjoyment of the ſaid Office:

An Act for veſting ſeveral Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, late of *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*, whereof *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, at the time of his Attainder, was ſeiſed, as ſurviving Truſtee named in the Will of the ſaid Earl, in new Truſtees, and their Heirs, upon the ſame Truſts:

An Act for explaining, and making more effectual, an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making the Chapelry of *Stockton*, in the County of *Durham*, a diſtinct Pariſh:

An Act for naturalizing *Caſpar White.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 8vo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs of manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Pr. * L. * To leave out "or with any other perni-"cious or unwholſome Ingredients:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to prevent the Miſchiefs by manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco; and the Abuſes in Making and Mixing of Snuff.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Chetwynd* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, that the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent any Inconveniencies that may happen to Proteſtant Landlords.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of *Dominick Donelly*, and other Petitioners, relating to the Breach at *Dagenham*, were referred; and alſo the State of the ſaid Breach; and how the ſame affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next, the Firſt Buſineſs.

Ordered, That the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of *Trinity-houſe*, do attend this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 9no *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do then attend the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Moleſworth* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Colonel *John Armſtrong* do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *William Boſewell* do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *John Freame*, *Peter Barker*, *Thomas Thompſon*, *John Cockerill*, *Ralph White*, *Richard Woolfe*, *William Clarke*, *Chriſtopher Yeoman*, *Thomas Cockerill*, *William Reed*, *John Noble*, *John Burwood*, *Joſeph Kell*, and *James Ranells*, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Brigadier-General *Richards* do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ackworth*, Surveyor of the Navy, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 10mo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Molyneux* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Freman* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and heard the Petitioners upon the Petitions referred to the ſaid Committee; and that ſeveral of the Creditors of Sir *Alexander Rigby*; *viz.* *Capell Wall*, in behalf of *William Raphſon*, Mr. *Francis Sayer*, and Mr. *Johnſon*, and Mr. *Morice*, on behalf of *John Burrowes*, and others the ſaid Petitioners; did not conſent to the Bill, unleſs they could be certainly ſecured Half a Crown in the Pound for their Debts; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of Sir *Clement Cotterell* Knight, and *John Dormer* Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are Creditors of Sir *Alexander Rigby* Knight, for a great Sum of Money due to them on Mortgages of his real Eſtate in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, made above 30 Years ſince: That a Bill is now depending to diſcharge the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and to veſt his Eſtate, and Effects, in Truſtees, for his Creditors; which Bill, as the Petitioners are adviſed, may affect the Petitioners ſaid Securities: And praying, That a Clauſe may be added to the ſaid Bill, to ſave to the Petitioners their reſpective Rights in the mortgaged Premiſes; ſo that the Petitioners may be paid the Monies due to them on their ſaid Securities, preferable to the other Creditors of the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*, to whom they are prior.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate, and Effects, in Truſtees, for his Creditors; was committed; be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants, and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes, in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally for the Uſe of the Publick: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of *John Enſor*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningſby*, a Member of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Order of this Houſe, the Petitioner is committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for proſecuting an Action at Common Law, the laſt Aſſizes held for the County of *Warwick*, wherein the Petitioner was Plaintiff, againſt *Edward Terry*, a menial Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby*, a Member of this Houſe: That the Petitioner is truly ſorry for having incurred the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe in proſecuting the ſaid Action, and for the falſe, ſcandalous, and reflecting, Expreſſions, which he uſed againſt the ſaid Lord *Coningsby*; and humbly begs your Honours Pardon for the ſame: And praying, That this Houſe will be pleaſed to diſcharge him out of Cuſtody, according to your wonted Clemency and Goodneſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Enſor* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, in order to his being diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of *Dominique Donnelly*, and other Petitioners, relating to the Breach at *Dagenham*, were referred; and alſo the State of the ſaid Breach; and how the ſame affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*:

And the ſaid Report, and Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Petitioner had ſpent above Two Months in ſurveying, and taking a Plan of, the Breach, and the Levels overflowed thereby; and contrived Models of the Machines he propoſed to make uſe of in ſtopping the ſame; and, before any concluſive Agreement was made with *Boſwell*, he delivered in his Propoſal to the Truſtees, for perfecting the ſame for 15,000 *l.* as appears by their Journal; and, for his Trouble and Diligence, the Thanks of the Board were given him by the Lord Mayor, then in the Chair; and that he did aſſign Reaſons to *Boſſwell* why his Scheme could not ſucceed, about the time the Agreement was made with *Boſſwell* for 16,300 *l.*:

That, after *Boſwell*'s Works blew up, the Petitioner again delivered in his 2d Propoſal: Mr. *Le Groſs* acquainted him, That the Truſtees gave him then Two Days only to get his Security: But it appears, on Colonel *Coole*'s Application to the Board, and by the Truſtees Journal, he had a longer Time allowed him:

That, on the 26th *January*, which was the Day appointed to examine and view Propoſers Schemes, he attended at *Guild-hall*; and likewiſe brought his Plan and Models, to remove all Objections; and endeavoured to be called in; but was not; neither was his Scheme examined.

Mr. *Walker*, Door-keeper to the Truſtees, ſaid, Mr. *Donnelly* was ſooner there that Day than ordinary; but did not ſpeak to him to be called in.

The Reverend Mr. *Deſaguliers* affirmed, That, on the ſame Day, he was with the Petitioner at *Guild-hall*; and that he had told him, upon his aſking what Care he had taken to be called in, That he had ſpoke to the Door-keeper; and that he ſhould be called in.

Martin Connor and *Iſaac Jones* affirmed, That they heard Mr. *Donnelly* ſpeak to the Door-keeper; and that he anſwered, He need not fear but that he ſhould be called in of courſe.

Colonel *Coote* ſaid, He believed there was a good deal of Artifice uſed to hinder *Donnelly*, and his, having any Notice of the ſaid Meeting of the Committee: That he always obſerved Mr. *Donnelly* very deſirous to have his Scheme examined; and propoſed Colonel *Richards* and Colonel *Armſtrong* to the Truſtees, as proper Perſons to judge of Schemes;

Schemes; yet, notwithſtanding this, he was not appointed of the Committee: That he came about Two a Clock on the Day appointed to examine Schemes; and, finding *Donnelly* had not been called in, inſiſted, that he had a Right to be examined on the foot of the Act of Parliament: It was anſwered, The Engineers, to whom the Matter ſtood referred, were gone, and, without them, they could not take upon them to conſider Schemes: So Mr. *Donnelly* was not called in, nor his Scheme, in a publick manner, examined.

Mr. *LeGroſs* ſaid, That he gave Mr. *Walker* a Letter, purſuant to Mr. *Donnelly*'s Directions.

Mr. *Walker* owns the Receipt thereof; and that he put it into the Peny-Poſt.

Colonel *Armſtrong* ſaid, That Captain *Perry* propoſed to ſtop the Breach by Dovetail Piles: That he had ſeen all the Schemes, and was of Opinion, that Captain *Perry*'s was the moſt practicable; that, if it could not be done by Dovetail Piles, it could not be done at all; but, if you are for ſtopping the Breach that Way, you will have it to patch and mend for ever; but, by raiſing a Wall, or Bank, ſo high as to let the Water flow gently and gradually through the Creek, the Breach will never affect the Navigation; and the ſame Sum that is offered for one, will do the other: But ſaid, He made no ſuch Propoſal to the Truſtees, being never aſked.

Brigadier *Richards* affirmed, That *Perry*'s Scheme did appear to him to be the moſt practicable.

Mr. *Ackworth* ſaid, That nothing appeared to him more practicable than *Perry*'s Scheme: That he had not ſeen *Donnelly*'s, but as it lay upon the Table as he came in; but ſaw enough of it to know it would not do.

Captain *Perry* ſaid, He had brought his Scheme, and Deſcription of his Method, for ſtopping the Breach; and was ready to ſhew, and explain, his Reaſons, in Writing, after what true and effectual manner he ſhall carry on his Works, with ſeveral Affidavits thereto annexed: That he has always practiſed the ſame Method, with Succeſs, in the ſtopping and turning the Courſe of Rivers in foreign Parts: But, as the Art and Skill he has attained to in performing Works of this Nature has been acquired by the Study and Induſtry of his Labour, and the greateſt Part of his Life; ſo he humbly begged the Juſtice of the Committee, as he formerly inſiſted to the Truſtees at *Guild-hall*, that he may not be obliged to diſcover the Secret of his Knowlege and Skill of putting his Method in Execution to any Perſons, but whom this Honourable Committee ſhall think proper Judges as to the Art and Workmanſhip that is required for carrying on the ſame, and who have practiſed, or have ſeen, ſome Works of ſuch Nature; and likewiſe deſired, that ſuch Perſons, to whom he ſhall be obliged to divulge, and explain, his Method, may not make uſe of, or diſcover, the ſame to his Diſadvantage; for as there are ſome things of his own Invention, and Improvement, particularly in the Fixing of the Foundation, and Placing of Sluices, after a much more effectual manner than has been hitherto uſed in *England*, and in the proper Applying of Dovetail Piles for the Damming up of Rivers, which has been acknowleged by thoſe Perſons, to whom he had already diſcovered his Scheme; and it being the general Conſent of Mankind to allow every Man the Right of his own Invention, which the Truſtees at *Guild-hall* did aſſure him ſhould be preſerved to him; ſo, in Juſtice, now hopes this Honourable Committee will have the ſame regard, and take the ſame Care of him; and he ſhall, very gladly and willingly, comply with what is deſired of him to do: And he laid his Plan for ſtopping the Breach before the Committee, and likewiſe his Deſcription of his Method of working, in Writeing; and the ſame was read; and immediately delivered back to him again.

The Reverend Mr. *Deſaguliers* ſaid, He was no-ways concerned with Mr. *Donnelly*, as to Profit or Loſs; and that he had not ſeen Mr. *Perry*'s Scheme; but that he heard it was by driving Dovetail Piles: That, ſince he firſt attended the Committee, he had been down at the Breach at *Dagenham*, and taken the Soundings thereof; and found, that the Difference from Side to Side, where Mr. *Donnelly* propoſes to ſink his Machines, is not above Two Foot: And then he gave his Opinion of *Donnelly*'s Scheme, and of *Perry*'s, to the Committee; and they deſired him to reduce the ſame into Writing; as alſo Doctor *Harris*, Captain *John Macarrell*, the Reverend Mr. *Hort*, Mr. *George Ball*, Mr. *Leoni*, and Mr. *Billingſley*; who ſeverally delivered their Opinions, and Reaſons, in Writing; which here follows;

An Abſtract of the Opinions of Dr. *John Harris*, Mathematician and Mechanick; Mr. *J. T. Deſaguliers*, Mathematician, Mechanick, Experimental Philoſopher, and *F. R. S.*; Mr. *Joſiah Hort*, Mathematician; Mr. *James Leoni*, Architect and Engineer; Captain *John Macarrell*, and Mr. *George Ball*, Practical Engineers and Mechanicks; Mr. *Hewit*, Mill-wright, and Director of the Works at *London* Bridge; Mr. *Caſe Billingſley*, Mathematician and Mechanick; which, by Order of the Committee, they did ſeverally deliver in Writing; wherein they declare their ſeveral Reaſons, why Captain *Perry*'s Scheme for ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham* is impracticable; and why the Method, propoſed by Mr. *Donnelly*, may ſucceed:

1ſt, The looſe Sand and Moor-log at the Bottom of the Breach is very improper to hold the Three Rows of Piles, which Captain *Perry* intends to drive.

2dly, Theſe Piles being made of Fir, which is ſpecifically much lighter than Water, the vaſt Quantity of Water that goes in and out of the ſaid Breach every Tide, eſpecially upon great Land-floods, Nor-weſt Winds, and every Full and New Moon, ebbs and flows with that Force and Rapidity, that the Earth at the Bottom of his Piles will unavoidably be waſhed away, and his Piles ſet afloat, though he ſhould drive them 16 Foot into ſuch a Bottom.

3dly, The Canal and Sluice he propoſes to make, will eaſe but One 17th of the Paſſage he ſtreightens; and, conſequently, will not prevent the Force and Weight of the Water from breaking his Dovetails, or the Grooves that contain them.

4thly, In former Attempts to ſtop this Breach by Driving of Piles, it has been found, that, when the Works are come near to a Cloſe, the Strength of the Water has been ſo much increaſed thereby, that it has gullied and tore away the Bottom, and made it 30 Foot deeper than it was before at Low-water Mark.

5thly, The Foundation he intends to make being no leſs than 100 Foot, will require Time to bring it up to Low-water Mark; and the great Fall of the Water in the Flood, but eſpecially in the Ebb Tides, occaſioned by the Reſiſtance of his Piles, will cauſe ſuch ſtrong Whirls and Eddies between them, as will ſpew them up long before his Foundation can be finiſhed.

6thly, Part of the Bottom of the Breach, where Captain *Perry* is now working, is a hard Gravel; and the Driveing of Dovetail Piles, of ſo great a Length as will be here required, will be exceeding difficult, if not impoſſible; for, if the leaſt Stone or Gravel gets betwixt his Grooves, they can never be driven home: Beſides, every Second Pile he drives will looſen the Firſt, and make it apt to ſtart.

7thly, His Three Rows of Piles, which he intends to croſs the Breach from each Side, and cloſe them in the Middle, were it poſſible to do, which it is not, would never be able to ſuſtain the Weight and Velocity of the Water, which will puſh againſt them in right Angles every high Tide.

8thly, That driving Dovetail, or other, Piles, unleſs in ſmall Works, where there is a good Bottom, and no great Flux or Reflux of Water, has been always found unſucceſsful; and therefore juſtly exploded both by the Ancients, and the Moderns.

9thly, The Breach at *Dagenham* has been formerly attempted to be ſtopped by Driving of Dovetail Piles; but without Succeſs; the Fall of the Water, when by ſuch Works the Paſſage has been ſtreightened, being much greater than at *London* Bridge; and the Force and Velo-

city of it, eſpecially in its Return from the Lands, has preſſed with that Violence, that no Pile-Works hitherto made uſe of has been able to ſuſtain the Weight of it; but have been blown up, and ſet adrift.

Reaſons humbly offered, why Mr. *Donnelly*'s Scheme may be attended with Succeſs.

The Machines are ſo well contrived, as to anſwer, in a more certain manner, all the Deſigns of ſtopping Breaches which have been propoſed by others; as by Cheſt-work, ſinking Ships, Piling of any ſort, making Banks and Dams, cutting Canals, and Sluices, to carry off Part of the Back-water:

1ſt, That the Machines, while floating, can be managed with great Eaſe; and, by the Help of Tackles, can be united and faſtened together without any Difficulty.

2dly, When this is done, the whole Machine, being happily contrived, ſo as to have all the upper Part in Sluices, by opening them, and by the Uſe of Inſtruments, will ſink uniformly and equally in a few Minutes; and cloſe ſo exactly to the Bottom, which is near to a Level, as to hinder the Water from preſſing under.

3dly, For making this more effectual, a ſtrong Work of Stone and Cement, whoſe Nature is to harden in Water, being raiſed in his Machines to Low-water Mark, ſhall, by its great Weight, preſs the falſe Keels into the Soil, and compreſs and ſettle into the Bottom, ſo as to hinder any Water from ouſing under them; which Danger will be alſo further prevented, by ſpreading on the Ground, from the Bottom, double-quilted Canvaſs, loaded with Lead at the outer Edge, like a Caſting-net; over which he can eaſily form a Tallue, or Slope, both on the Outſide and Inſide of his Machines, and occaſion even the Water itſelf to make his Ground good, by caſting the Ooz, Slub, *&c.* continually upon it; which will lodge in the Slope made of Faggots, Bruſh-wood, *&c.*; and, in a little time, make all firm round the Machine to Low-water Mark.

4thly, As the Machines, when ſunk, will project in Two great Angles, the one towards the *Thames*, or Flowing Water, the other towards the Ebbing or Back Water, as the Sterlings of *London* Bridge, it will reſiſt the Impreſſion of each ſo effectually, that, the more they preſs upon it, the firmer it will be.

5thly, Captain *Mackarell* has ſeen, in the *Streights*, ſeveral Moles run out a great Way into the Sea; and were built upon the ſame Principles with Mr. *Donnelly*'s Machines; and the *Genovèes* have built a Caſtle upon ſuch Machines, ſunk in the open Sea, where it was above 60 Foot deep, upon which they planted Guns, to defend the City from a Second Bombarding by Sea, as it was in 1684, by the *French*; and, though the Seas are very violent in thoſe Parts, yet the ſaid Caſtle and Moles are immoveable as a Rock.

6thly, Several of them have been very converſant in Works of this Nature, and ground their Judgments on the Obſervations they have made on the Moles in the *Streights*, and ſeveral Bridges, ancient and modern; as alſo ſeveral Breaches of this Nature, in which One of them was particularly concerned; and are of Opinion, as the preſent Enterprize requires more curious Application than any of the above-mentioned, ſo the Machines prepared by Mr. *Donnelly* are ſo contrived, by being truncated Pryſeins, and moſt part in Sluices, as to take off a more extraordinary Force of the Water, and make it ſerviceable, in adding a great Weight to keep them down, and preſs them with all that Force on the Foundation; and anſwer all other Intentions neceſſary for ſuch a great Work.

7thly, The Sluices, which are ranged quite thorough the Machine from one End to the other, and from Low to High Water Mark, giving him great Command over the Water, ſo that it ſhall paſs freely through, without doing any Damage to the Works; and, by keeping the Water near a Level within and without, and between, the Machine, will take off the Force occaſioned by Waters of unequal Heights; as alſo preſerve the Foundation, and ſecure it from being dug up and ruined; and prevent ſuch dangerous Falls and Eddies as will attend all other Ways of ſtopping this Breach.

8thly, The truncated Pyramid, made by the Inſide of the Four Machines, may be eaſily filled with proper Materials, that Mr. *Donnelly* may not only build a Wall on it quite acroſs, but, if it be required, a Fortification.

Mr. *Donnelly* ſaid, That what he meant by Miſapplication of publick Money was, The Truſtees agreeing to give 8,700 *l.* more to Captain *Perry* than what he propoſed to do the ſame for, and to give as good Security.

Mr. *Oake*, being called as to the Miſapplication of publick Money, referred to the Journal of the Truſtees, Fol. 39.; where it appeared, that the ſaid Truſtees had ordered the Payment of 349 *l.* 16 *s.* 1 *d.* as Bills of Charges in the Houſe of Commons, and Houſe of Lords, for paſſing the ſaid Act: And the original Bills of Charges, being read, is as follows;

Expences by *James Blew*, Sollicitor in Parliament for the *Dagenham* Breach Bill, *Anno* 1714.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Paid Committee-fees, and Expences, to the Officers of the Houſe of Commons, on ſeveral Petitions	45	8	3
Paid Committee-fees, on ſeveral Petitions, and Expences, to the Officers of the Houſe of Commons —	47	2	7
Paid for a Fee to the Common Serjeant, for defending the Bill in the Houſe of Lords — —	5	7	6
Paid a Fee to Mr. *Whittaker*, for defending the Bill in the Houſe of Lords — — —	5	7	6
For the Fees of the Bill in the Houſe of Commons — — — — — —	58	8	6
For the Fees of the Bill in the Houſe of Lords — — — — —	55	0	0
For my own Expences in attending and ſolliciting this Bill the whole Seſſion of Parliament — —	53	15	0
For ingroſſing the Bill — — — — — — — —	9	1	3

Received the 23d *July* 1714, of *John Lethieullier* Eſquire, the Sum of Fifty three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, the Full of this Bill; the other Sums being paid before: As witneſs my Hand,

Witneſs, *James Blew.*
Pet. Cooke.

Paid the Attorney-General's Fee, for his Opinion upon ſeveral Clauſes in the Bill, after paſſed into an Act — — — — — — — — — —	5	7	6
Paid Mr. *Noyſe* for drawing the Act of Parliament; and for many Attendances about inſpecting ſeveral Acts of Parliament relating to Duties upon Shipping, and about the Proceedings neceſſary to be made with reſpect to the Clauſe for aſcertaining the Coal-Meaſure, which required abundance of Time, Attendance, and Charge; and alſo for ſeveral Copies of the Bill, 50 Guineas — —	53	15	0
	339	1	1
To Mr. Town-Clerk *Gibſon*, for many Attendances, and examining Records of Common-Council relating to the Coal-meaſure; and for methodizing the Petitions — — — —	10	15	0
	349	16	1

Captain *Perry*, being aſked, What Converſation he had with Sir *John Parſons* at *Garraway*'s Coffee-houſe, about a Note of 3,500 *l.* ſaid, He knew nothing of any Note; but there was a Propoſal of advancing Money, by allowing

ing 75 and 50 *per Cent.* to ſuch as would become his Securities: That Mr. *Ward*, and Colonel *Bennet*, promiſed to be his Security, in caſe the Truſtees, at a General Meeting, conſented to it: That there was a Memorandum, for allowing 75 *per Cent.* drawn up with Mr. *Ward*, of *Hackney*, at his Houſe at *Stocks-Market*; which was not agreed to; but he afterwards procured Gentlemen to be Security for him, at 50 *per Cent.* that were neither Land-owners or Truſtees.

Colonel *Thomas Coote* ſaid, That the Truſtees propoſed, at firſt, to give Captain *Perry* 30,000 *l.*: That, ſince, they had agreed with him for 25,000 *l.*: That the Act, in the Beginning, was called a Jobb; but ſaw nothing like it, until *Perry*'s Scheme was ſet up: That then Colonel *Joſeph Bennet* came to him, and told him, If he would come into Meaſures, he ſhould have 1,000 *l.*: To which he anſwered, Colonel, you and I are old Acquaintances; I ſhould be as glad of 1,000 *l.* as any Man; but you know my Circumſtances are ſuch, that I can advance no Money: *Bennet* anſwered, That he ſhould have it without his advancing One Farthing; you ſhall not be brought into any Inconveniency; you ſhall know further, if you meet me on *Monday* Night at Mr. *Ward*'s Houſe: That, at the General Meeting, he acquainted the Board of this Matter; and ſaid, He thought there was Money ſtirring: Colonel *Bennet* then ſaid, That Colonel *Coote* was a Land-owner; and, if the Breach was ſtopped, he would gain 1,000 *l.*: Upon which, Colonel *Coote* addreſſed himſelf to the Lord Mayor, and ſaid, My Lord, when I ſpeak before an Aſſembly, and in a publick Truſt, I ſpeak determinately, and do not equivocate: And, at another Meeting of this Committee ſome Days after, Colonel *Coote* giving the ſame Account;

Colonel *Bennet* ſaid, At that time, he proffered to be bound himſelf for 1,000 *l.*; and that he would go to Mr. *Ward*, and likewiſe to his old Acquaintance Colonel *Coote*; and what he offered was as a Premium for the Hazard he ſhould run in being bound:

Colonel *Coote* ſaid, That being bound was never mentioned to him; if it had, he was ſure he ſhould have given a poſitive Anſwer, That, as a Truſtee, he could not.

Colonel *Bennet*, being aſked, What he meant by the Word Premium, ſaid, That, Captain *Perry* lying under great Difficulties in getting Security, there was a Propoſal for giving 50 *per Cent.* as a Reward, or Premium, for thoſe that would become bound for him.

Colonel *Coote* further inſiſted, That *Boſwell*'s Miſcarriage occaſioning the Publick to be at a greater Expence in ſtopping the Breach, was, in ſome ſort, a Miſapplication of publick Money; and that every Undertaker's attempting the ſame, without Succeſs, by any Method which ſhould render the ſtopping the Breach ſtill more chargeable, would be a further Miſapplication of publick Money: And, being aſked, Whether he could charge any one, in particular, of the Truſtees, on his own Knowlege, he ſaid, There was a Corruption in the Truſt; and he charged Bribery on Colonel *Joſeph Bennet* in particular.

Reſolved, That it does not appear to this Committee, upon the Examination of the Petition of *Dominick Donnelly*, That there has been any Miſapplication of the publick Monies by the Truſtees for ſtopping the Breach of *Dagenham*.

The Committee have, according to a ſubſequent Order of the Houſe, of *Monday* laſt, taken into their Examination, the State of the Breach at *Dagenham*; how far it affects the Navigation of the River of *Thames*: And, upon examining the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the *Trinity-houſe*, they find,

That the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, do believe, that the Navigation is very much damaged by the ſaid Breach: That Ships cannot paſs ſo well as formerly, by reaſon of the Shelf, or Sand-bank, which is grown up near the Mouth of the ſaid Breach, and is increaſing, and growing over the River; and that the ſaid Shelf can proceed no other Way than from the ſaid Breach:

That, on the North Shore, where there was a deep Water, there is now no coming; and that where there was 20 Foot of Water, the Year before the Breach was, it is now dry; and that the Men of War could formerly ride there at low Water:

That, in the beſt of the Chanel, there is now Four Foot of Water leſs than there was before the Breach:

That, in the Year 1676, the *Swan* Man of War rid at Anchor where the Shelf now is:

That the Breach does not prevent the Tides riſing ſo high as formerly; and that they believe it not viſible, if it does; and that there has been as high Tides lately as ever:

That they have had Pilots at the Breach very lately; and they confirmed to them what they now ſay.

The *Trinity-houſe* Report, dated the 4th *May* 1714, was read:

And the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, affirmed, That they are now of the ſame Opinion as they were at that time.

And, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolution; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham* is prejudicial to the Navigation of the River of *Thames*.

Colonel *Coote* produced a printed Caſe of *Boſwell*'s, relating to *Dagenham* Breach; and read the following Clauſes out of it; *viz.*

That one *Parmey*, who lived on the Premiſes, and was concerned for the former Undertakers, cut down the Booms and Flood-gates of *Boſwell*, which was made to carry off the Back-water:

That ſeveral of his Servants refuſed to work at ſuch times as he had the greateſt Occaſion for them:

There is ſome Reaſons to believe, That a Relation of Mr. *Perry*'s corrupted and ſeduced One of *Boſwell*'s Maſter Workmen; and that, in conſequence of ſuch Corruption, the ſaid Maſter Workman drove ſeveral Piles, which he never faſtened contrary to the known Method of the ſaid Works; and that ſuch Piles, for that Reaſon, were of no Uſe.

Sarah Siſh ſaid, That ſhe lived with Mr. *Parmey*, and overheard him ſay to his Wife, That he had cut down *Boſwell*'s Booms; and hoped, that the Flood-gates would be gone by the next Morning:

That *Parmey* was out in his Boat, and came home late that Night, when he ſaid this to his Wife; and told her, That he had done *Boſwel*'s Buſineſs for him:

That *Parmey*, ſhe believed, had a great Spite againſt *Boſſwell*; for that he had a mind Mr. *Ward* ſhould have the Works of ſtopping the Breach; and always deſired, that *Boſſwell* might not finiſh his Undertaking:

That when *Parmey* heard, that the next Morning the Gates were gone, he ſpoke of it in a joyful Manner:

That, about Three Weeks after *Chriſtmas*, ſhe firſt diſcovered this Matter.

Mr. *Boſſwell* ſaid, That Mr. *Perry* had corrupted his Servants.

Margaret Grimſton ſaid, That ſhe heard Mr. *Reynolds* ſay, That Mr. *Stephens* came to him, and told him, That, if *Boſwell* miſcarried, he (Mr. *Reynolds*) ſhould be Mr. *Perry*'s Foreman (Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Perry*'s Kinſman, and Mr. *Reynolds*, was Mr. *Boſwell*'s Foreman).

Thomas Patten aſked, Whether he had found a great many Piles, that *Reynolds* had drove, that were not faſtened?

Anſwer, That he found a 12th in a Row that was not faſtened.

Then Colonel *Armſtrong*, and ſeveral other Perſons, and alſo the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of *Trinity-houſe*, were called in, and ſeverally examined at the Bar, Whether the Breach at *Dagenham* was prejudicial to the Navigation of the River of *Thames*.

And then they withdrew.

And then the ſaid Reſolutions of the Committee were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

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The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, That the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe; was committed;

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 11mo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt, and Damages, in the Caſtle of *Norwich*, being the common Gaol for the County of *Norfolk*, in behalf of themſelves, and many others in the ſaid Priſon, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Misfortunes incident to Trade, and otherwiſe, are thereby uncapable of paying their Creditors their reſpective Debts; but the Petitioners are ready and willing to make them the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by delivering unto them, or their Uſe, upon Oath, all the Petitioners Subſtance and Effects, ſo as they may be diſcharged from their Confinements, and be at Liberty to exerciſe their reſpective Trades, for the Subſiſtence of themſelves, and their poor Families: And praying this Houſe will be pleaſed to aſſiſt in paſſing an Act for ſo pious and compaſſionate an End.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

John Enſor, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was, according to Order, brought to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Mr. *Barrington* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; and for better Preſervation of the ſame; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for inrolling the Lord *Hawley*'s Conveyance from the Truſtees for Sale of Fee-farm Rents:

And the ſaid Clauſe was once read; and, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

And ſeveral other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference in the Committee, who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

Ordered, That Mr. *Bond* do take the Chair of the Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee again.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Bond* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had heard Counſel upon the Petition of the Deputies of the States of the Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands, and of the Inhabitants of the Iſlands of *Alderney* and *Sarke*; and that the Committee had heard the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms; and had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors; was committed; be taken into Conſideration upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally for the Uſe of the Publick; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Sir *William Strickland* Baronet be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Malton*, in the County of *York*.

Ordered, That the Burgeſſes, Electors for the ſaid Borough of *Malton*, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petitions.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 12mo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend an Act, paſſed in the 12th and 13th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for preventing any Inconveniencies that may happen by Privilege of Parliament: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Denbigh*, in the room of Sir *Richard Myddleton* Baronet, deceaſed.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the County of *Eſſex*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

An ingroſſed Bill to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. * To leave out "hath accrued," and inſert "did accrue:"

L. 3, and 4. To leave out "this Kingdom," and inſert "*England*:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Moleſworth*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and ſeveral of them a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 14° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; and for better Preſervation of the ſame; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, and Profit; and for the better Preſervation of the ſame; and for the preventing the Burning of Woods.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor.....

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not alter the Diſpoſition of any Charity given or ſettled by Will or Deed; but the Will and Deed ſhall have the Effect that it would have had, in caſe this Act had not been made:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not extend to alter the Receipt, or Diſtribution, of any voluntary Contributions, Subſcriptions, annual Payments, Collections, Rents, Revenues, or other Benefactions, made, given, or ſettled on, by or on behalf of any Charity-Schools in *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and *Southwark*, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not extend to affect or change the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *St. Saviour's*, *Southwark*, or the Collection or Diſtribution of any Charities within the ſaid Pariſh:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read a Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That, after a certain Day, the Overſeers of the Poor of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and within the Bills of Mortality, ſhall appoint Nurſes fit to take due Care of Foundlings and Baſtards belonging to the Pariſhes; and the Veſtries ſhall appoint Perſons to inſpect into the Behaviour of the Nurſes:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for ſaving unto the Principals, or Treaſurer, of the ſeveral Inns of Chancery, ſituate in the Pariſh of *St. Andrew's*, *Holborne*, *St. Clement's Danes*, and *St. Dunſtan's in the Weſt*, all ſuch Right as they have enjoyed, of being Veſtrymen reſpectively within the ſaid Pariſhes:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not extend to charge the Cowkeepers, for or in reſpect of their Cows kept, and Hay grown, upon Land, with the Pound-Rate; and that the Land occupied by the Cowkeepers, ſhall be charged only after the Rate of Parts, in proportion to the Pound-Rate upon Houſes:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then the Bill was amended in ſeveral Places.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Jeſſop*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, That the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe; was committed; the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend, or be deemed, conſtrued, or taken, to extend, to ſubject, or make liable, the Perſons or Eſtates of any Feme Covert, who is or may be liable to take any Oaths, or to regiſter their Eſtates, by virtue of this preſent Act:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be made Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, relating to Leaſes made by Proteſtants to Papiſts:

And the ſame was twice read, with a Blank:

And then the Clauſe was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

An Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Mellor* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Glaſgow*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 15° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors.....

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for ſaveing to Sir *Clement Cottrell* Knight, and *John Dormer* Eſquire, the Benefit of Securities on Sir *Alexander Rigby*'s Eſtate, bearing Date the 15th *July* 1682, and the Firſt Day of *April* 1685:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That if the Creditor and Creditors, who are to have Shares and Proportions in reſpect of their Debts, and Damages recovered, or otherwiſe due, out of the Effects aforeſaid, ſhall not be paid, or ſhall not receive, after the Rate of *per* Pound, by and out of ſuch Effects, as aforeſaid, clear of all Charges and Contributions, within the Space of after the Day of that then, and from thenceforth, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Creditor and Creditors, at whoſe Suit and Suits the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby* ſtood charged, in Cuſtody, at the time of making this Act; and to have Execution and Executions upon his, her, or their, Judgments, or any other Proceſs at Law, or in Equity, againſt the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*, according to the Nature of his, her, or their, Caſe and Caſes, as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if this Act had never been made: And further, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any other Creditor and Creditors, at whoſe Suit or Suits the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby* did not ſtand charged, in Cuſtody, at the time of making this Act, to have ſuch Proceſs at Law, or in Equity, againſt the ſaid Sir *Alexander Rigby*, according to the Nature of his, her, or their, Caſe and Caſes, as fully, to all Intents, as if this Act had never been made:

And the ſaid Clauſe was once read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And the Bill was amended by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 16° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements of *Peter Sunderland* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts charged thereon before the Making of his Marriage-Settlement, and by virtue thereof: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* Knight from his Impriſonment; and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for the Benefit of his Creditors.

Ordered, That Mr. *Freman* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Reverend Dr. *Burſcough* be deſired to preach before this Houſe at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, on the 29th Day of *May* inſtant, being appointed by Act of Parliament for a Day of Thankſgiving for the Reſtitution of the Royal Family, and Reſtoration of the Government: And that Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. *Addiſon*, do acquaint him therewith.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traytors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſes of the Publick;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to provide for the Maintenance and Education of the Proteſtant Children of Papiſts; and to ſecure to the Son and Heir, being a Proteſtant, his Inheritance, as Heir at Law.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 17° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements of *Peter Sunderland* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts charged thereon before the Making of his Marriage-Settlement, and by virtue thereof, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, upon the Petition of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Eſſex*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Wm. Harvey* Eſquire, for the County of *Eſſex*:

That the Committee have examined the Merits of that Election:

That the Poll was,

For Mr. *Harvey*, 2,541:
Mr. *Honywood*, 2,517.

That the Petitioner's Counſel added Three to his Poll; *viz.*

One who voted for the Petitioner, and was put down for the Sitting-Member; another voted for the Petitioner, and was put down for Mr. *Middleton*, who was dead; another was under-caſt in the Petitioner's Poll:

And they objected to 157 of the Sitting-Member's Voters; and produced Evidence, who diſqualified 142, under the following Heads; *viz.*

One a Mortgager, out of Poſſeſſion;
Two voted for Reverſions; and
Six for Leaſeholds;
Six purchaſed within a Year before the Election;
Seven were Minors;
Seven were Vicars, and Four Schoolmaſters, not rated:
Twenty-one had no Freeholds;
Eight had Freeholds under Value; and were not rated; and
Eighty were in none of the publick Rates:

The other Fifteen, who were objected to, were not diſqualified by the Evidence which was offered againſt them.

That the Sitting-Member's Counſel objected to 251 of the Petitioner's Voters; and produced Evidence, who diſqualified 112, under the following Heads; *viz.*

One a Mortgager, out of Poſſeſſion;
One a Schoolmaſter, not rated;
Two purchaſed within a Year before the Election;
Two were Minors;
Four received Charity;
Fourteen had Freeholds rated under Value;
Four had Freeholds, proved by Witneſſes to be under Value;
Twenty-two had no Freeholds; and
Sixty-two were in none of the publick Rates.

As to 117 other Perſons, objected to by the Sitting-Member's Counſel, the Evidence was as follows;

Sixty-four were objected to, as not rated; *viz.*

Fifteen upon the Evidence of *James Witham*, and Forty-nine upon the Evidence of *James Harvey*; who ſaid, They had inſpected the Rates produced by the Petitioner, and did not find thoſe Perſons Names there; but owned themſelves to be Strangers to the County; and did not know the Places, or the Perſons, of which they ſpoke; nor whether they had any Tenants rated or not: And,

Fifty-three others were objected to, as not being in any Rate:

But the Witneſſes confeſſed, Twenty-ſeven were in ſome of the Rates; and, for the reſt, they could only ſpeak to the Poor Rate alone, or to the Land-Tax alone, and not to both Rates.

That the Sitting-Member's Objections to Twenty-two others were not proved.

To qualify Forty-two of the Sitting-Member's Voters, it was inſiſted on by the Counſel,

That 13 were good Votes, though not rated; *viz.*

Five Vicars, Four Parſons, and Four Schoolmaſters:

Two were proved to have Freeholds of Value, and Twenty-ſeven were proved to be rated in their own or Tenants Names; which anſwered the Objections that had been made to them.

That the Petitioner's Counſel, on their Reply, alleged, That Six, which had been diſqualified, as not having Free-

Freeholds, or not named in any Rates, were only Miſnomers upon the Poll, by literal Miſtakes of the Clerks; ſuch as *Bilſden* for *Pilſden*, *Stoke* for *Stuck*, *&c.*: And,

They proved by the Rates, That 14 were rated; the contrary of which had been averred by the Sitting-Member's Witneſſes, who inſpected thoſe Rates.

Thus the Petitioner's Counſel qualified thoſe 14, and falſified ſeveral of the Sitting-Member's Witneſſes.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Wm. Harvey* Eſquire is not duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Honywood* Eſquire is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *William Harvey* Eſquire is not duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Minſhall*: } 174.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Ivory Talbott*, Mr. *Drake*: } 60.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Robert Honywood* Eſquire is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Eſſex*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the County of *Eſſex*, by raſing out the Name of *Wm. Harvey* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *Robert Honywood* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That no Member of this Houſe be a Commiſſioner for putting in Execution the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire into the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick;

And the previous Queſtion being put, That that Queſtion be now put;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Nic. Carew*: } 97.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Maſter*: } 127.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill to explain and amend an Act, paſſed in the 12th and 13th Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for preventing any Inconveniencies that may happen by Privilege of Parliament, be read a Second time upon this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 18vo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the County of *Eſſex*.

An ingroſſed Bill to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; to the end their ſaid Eſtates may be charged towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, for ſuppreſſing the late unnatural Rebellion, and eſtabliſhing the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Condeſcenſion, in conſenting, That the Two-thirds of the ſaid Eſtates, forfeited to his Majeſty, may be applied to that Purpoſe; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to the Bill, That if any Perſon regiſtring his real Eſtate ſhall, by Miſtake, omit to regiſter any Part whereof ſhall not exceed Part of the Value; then, and in ſuch Caſe, the Perſon ſo omitting ſhall, for ſuch Omiſſion only, forfeit

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Third time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeſſop* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Tho. Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place within the ſaid County, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor; be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed

rected him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 23° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements of *Peter Sunderland* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts charged thereon before the Making of his Marriage-Settlement, and by virtue thereof, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Wentworth*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *James Ruſhout*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Wentworth* junior, Mr. *Heyſham*. Sir *Arth. Kay*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Heathcot*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Ja. Campbell*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Conyers*, General *Harvey*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Hopkins*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Wynn*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Gregory*; and all that ſerve for the County of *York*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 24to *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of ſuch Sums as ſhall be raiſed, or given by charitable Perſons at the Sacrament, or otherwiſe, for the Maintenance of the Poor, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 4. L. 6. To leave out "Five hundred:"

Pr. 5. L. 6. To leave out "Fifteen hundred," and inſert "One thouſand:"

Pr. 6. L. 33. After "Veſtry," to inſert "in relation "to the Poor."

The ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Butler*:	135.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Lade*:	34.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title be, An Act for the better regulating Select Veſtries within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Bills of Mortality; and for preventing any Miſapplication of Monies raiſed, or given, for the Maintenance of the Poor.

Ordered, That Mr. *Moleſworth* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*; and alſo the Report touching the Election for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Houſe being acquainted, That *Thomas Forſter* junior Eſquire, and *Wm. Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, who were committed to *Newgate* for High Treaſon, after an Indictment for the ſaid High Treaſon found againſt them, did, the Night before the Time appointed for their Tryal, make their Eſcape;

And that Perſons were attending at the Door, who were Witneſſes of the High Treaſon;

A Copy of the Bill of Indictment found for the ſaid High Treaſon was delivered in; and read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Midd'x ſs': Jur' pro Domino Rege ſuper ſacramentum ſuu' præſentant, quod Thomas Forſter, nuper de Preſton, in com' pal' Lanc' ar'; Willielmus Mackintoſh, nuper de Preſton præd', ar'; Willielmus Shaftoe, nuper de Preſton præd', ar'; Robertus Talbott, nuper de Preſton præd', gen'; Henricus Oxbrough, alias Oxborough, nuper de Preſton præd', ar'; Carolus Wogan, nuper de Preſton, præd', gen'; Nicolaus Wogan, nuper de Preſton præd', gen'; et Johannes Hall, nuper de Preſton præd', ar'; exiſtent' ſubditi Sereniſſimi Domini Georgij modo Regis Magne Britannie, Franc', et Hibernie, fidei defenſor', &c. timor' Dei in cordibus ſuis non habentes, nec debit' ligeanc' ſue ponderant', ſed inſtigation' diabolica moti et ſeduct', ut falſi proditores, contra dictum Dominu' Regem nunc ſupremu', veru', naturalem, legalem, et indubitat' Dominu' ſuu', cordialem amor', ac veram et debit' obedienc', fidelitat', et ligeanc', quas quilibet ſubdit' dicti Domini Regis nunc erga ipſum Dominu'

Regem gereret, et de jure gerere tenetur, penitus ſubtrahentes; ac machinantes, et totis viribus ſuis proditorie intendentes regimen et gubernation' hujus regni ſub eodem Domino Rege nunc debite et felicit' ſtabilit' mutare et ſubvertere, ac dictum Dominu' Regem nunc atitulo, honor', regali ſtatu, imperio, et regimine hujus regni deponere et deprivare, necnon eundem Dominu' Regem ad mortem, et final' deſtruction' ponere et adducere; ac perſonam in vita Jacobi ſecundi nuper Regis Angl' preten' eſſe Principem Wallie, et poſt dicti nuper Regis deceſſu' pretenden' eſſe, et ſuſcipien' ſuper ſe ſtilum et titulum Regis Angl' per nomen Jacobi tertii, ad coron' regalem, ſtatu', et dignitat' Regis, et imperium et regimen hujus regni exaltare; duodecimo die Novembris, anno regni dicti Domini Regis nunc ſecundo, apud parochiam de Preſton, in com' palatin' Lanc', cum magna multitudin' proditor' et rebelliu', ſcilicet, ad numeru' mille perſonar' (juratoribus præd' adhuc ignot'), vi et armis modo guerrino armat' et arraiat'; videlicet, vexillis diſplicat', tympanis, gladiis, fuſtibus, bombardis, & al' armis, tam invaſivis quam defenſivis, ſeipſos contra dictum Dominu' Regem nunc falſo et proditorie aſſemblaver' et congregaver'; et ſeipſos adtunc et ibidem vi et armis præd' falſo et proditorie, modo guerrino, arraiaver' et diſpoſuer'; et bellum publicum et crudele contra dictum Dominum Regem nunc, ad proditor' propoſita præd' adtunc et ibidem, vi et armis, præfalſo et proditorie paraver', ordinaver', geſſer' et levaver'; ſtragem miſerabil' et crudel' inter fidel' ſubdit' dicti Domini Regis nunc adtunc et ibidem proditorie committentes & perpetrantes; et adtunc et ibidem, durante bello præd', vi et armis, præd' villam dicti Domini Regis nunc de Preſton, in com' palatin' Lanc' præd', illicite et proditorie, contra voluntat' ipſius Domini Regis, intraver', et poſſeſſion' inde ceper'; et villam ill' vi et armis, modo guerrino, illicite et proditorie poſſeder', cuſtodiver', et defender', contra dictum Dominu' Regem nunc; contra ligeanc' ſue debit', contra pacem dicti Domini Regis nunc, coron' et dignitat' ſuas, necnon contra form' ſtatut' in hujuſmodi caſu edit' et provis'.

Midd'x ſs': Memorand', quod ad ſeſſion' deliberation' gaol' Domini Regis, com' Midd'x, tent' apud Weſtm', in com' prædict', die Sabbati, 7mo die Aprilis, anno regni Domini Georgii, Dei gratia Magne Britannie, Francie, et Hibernie, Regis, fidei defenſor', &c. ſecundo, coram Willielmo Thompſon mil', Roberto Thornhill, Johanne Milner, Henr' Ludlow, et Carolo Greenwood, armigeris, et al' ſociis ſuis, juſtic' et commiſſionar' ejuſdem Domini Regis, per literas paten' ipſius Domini Regis, ſub magno ſigillo Magne Britan' eiſdem juſtic' et commiſſionar' prænominat', et al' et aliquibus tribus et pluribus eor' confect'; quor' aliquem præfat' Willielmi Thompſon, et Henr' Ludlow, ſive præchariſſimi filij, et perqu' fidel' conſiliar' Domini Regis, Georgij Principis Wallie; Willielmi Domini Cowper, cancellar' Magne Britannie; Caroli comit' Sunderland, cuſtod' privat' ſigilli Domini Regis; Willielmi ducis Devon', ſeneſcalli hoſpitii Domini Regis; Caroli ducis Bolton, candar' hoſpitii Domini Regis; Roberti ducis Ancaſter et Keſteven, magn' candar' Angl'; Henr' comit' Suffolk et Bindon, vicemariſcall' Angl'; Ricardi comit' Scarborough, cancellar' ducat' Lancaſtr'; Hugon' comit' Cholmondley, theſaurar' hoſpitii Domini Regis; Caroli vicecomit' Townſhend, primar' ſecretar' Domini Regis; Thome domini Parker, capital' juſtic' Domini Regis ad placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'; Roberti Walpole ar', cancellar' et ſubtheſaurar' ſcaccarij Domini Regis; Hugon' Boſcawen arm', contrarotulator' hoſpitii Domini Regis; Jacobi Stanhope ar', un' primar' ſecretar' Domini Regis; Petri King, mil', capital juſtic' Domini Regis de banco; Samuel' Dodd mil', capital' baron' ſcaccarij Domini Regis; Littleton Powys mil', un' Juſtic' Domini Regis ad placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'; Johannis Blencowe mil' un juſtic' Domini Regis de banco; Roberti Tracy arm', al' juſtic' Domini Regis de banco; Thome Bury mil', un' baron' ſcaccarij Domini Regis; Roberti Price arm, al' baron' ſcaccarij Domini Regis; Roberti Dormer ar', al' juſtic' Domini Regis de banco; Roberti Eyre mil', al' juſtic' Domini Regis ad placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'; Johannis Pratt mil', al' juſtic' Domini Regis ad placita coram ipſo Rege tenend' aſſign'; Jacobi Montagu mil', al' baron' ſcaccarij Domini Regis; Willielmi Humphrys barr', Johannis Bennet, Caroli Peers, mil', Martini Ryder, et Joſephi Offley, ar', al' juſtic' et commiſſionar' dicti Domini Regis in literis paten' præd' etiam nominat' et appunctuat'; idem Dominus Rex un' eſſe voluit ad deliberand' gaol' com' præd' de priſonar' in eadem exiſten', vel in eadem futuris, in gaol' præd' detent' vel ante vel ſuper viceſimum tertiu' diem Januar', anno Domini milleſimo ſeptingenteſimo decimo ſexto detinend', pro alt' prodition' in levand' guerram contra dictum Dominum Regem nunc infra hoc regnum, et ad inquirend' per ſacramentum probor' et legalium hominum de corpore ejuſdem com' de quibuſcunq; alter' prodition' in levando guerram contra dictum Dominum Regem infra hoc regnum per eoſdem priſonar', ſeu per aliquos vel aliquem eor', qualitercunque habit', fact', commiſs', ſive perpetrat', ſeu ante vel ſuper præd' viceſimum tertiu' diem Januar' anno Domini milleſimo ſeptingenteſimo decimo ſexto ſuprad' habend', fiend', committend', ſive perpetrand'; et ad eaſdem prodition' audiend' et terminand', ſecundum formam ſtatut' fact' in preſent' parliament' dicti Domini Regis, intitulat', "An Act for the more "eaſy and ſpeedy Tryal of ſuch Perſons as have levied, "or ſhall levy, War againſt his Majeſty," aſſign' per ſacramentum Johannis Smith, de Iſleworth, bar'; Thome Halton, paroch' Sancte Marie Iſlington, bar'; Edwardi Gould, de Highgate, mil'; Thome Railton, de Weſtm', ar'; Edwardi Le Neeve, paroch' Sanctæ Anne Weſtm', ar'; Hugon' Raymond, paroch' de Stepney, arm'; Willielmi Northey, de Hackny, ar'; Michael' Crake, paroch' Sancti Martini in campis, arm'; Joſephi Haynes, paroch' Sancte Marie Whitechapple, arm'; Galfridi Saunders, paroch' Sancti Clement' Dacor', arm'; Thome Rand, paroch' Sancti Egidij Cripplegate, ar'; Thome Burdus, de Weſtm', arm'; Willielmi Prieſtley, paroch' Sancti Egidij in campis, ar'; Samuel' Jones, paroch' de Stepney, arm'; Johannis Mercer, paroch' Sancti Egidij in campis, ar'; Joſephi Reynardſon, paroch' Sancti Andree Holborn, arm'; Fineas Harriſon, paroch' Sancti Jacobi Clerkenwell, ar'; Petri Lombard, paroch' Sancti Martini in campis, ar'; Edwardi Nelthorpe, paroch' Sancti Andree Holborn, arm'; Phi' Wiltſhire, paroch' de Stepney, arm'; Thome Lcheup, paroch' Sancte Anne Weſtm', ar'; Henr' Trent, de Weſtm', gen'; Ricardi Farwell, de eadem, gen'; et Johannis Beadwell, de eadem, gen'; probor' et legalium hominum com' præd' adtunc et ibidem jurat' et on'at' ad inquirend' pro dicto Domino Rege de et concernen' præmiſs' in literis paten' præd' mentionat' præſentat' exiſtit: quod billa indictament' huic ſchedul' annex' eſt billa vera. *Harcourt.*

And Two Witneſſes were called in; and examined at the Bar, touching the ſaid High Treaſon.

Ordered, Nemine contradicente, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *Wm. Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon: And that Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Attorney-General, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the

Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 25to *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellows*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Thomas Proctor*, of *Rock*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Eſquire, to raiſe the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of his Eſtate, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his younger Children: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 26° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Thomas Proctor*, of *Rock*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Eſquire, to raiſe the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of his Eſtate, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his younger Children, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Sollicitor-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *Wm. Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Reverend Dr. *Sherlock*, Dean of *Chicheſter*, be deſired to preach before this Houſe, at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, upon the Seventh Day of *June* next, being appointed, by his Majeſty's Royal Proclamation, for a Day of publick Thankſgiving: And that Mr. *Aſh* and Mr. *Aiſlabie* do acquaint him therewith.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, before it reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee, take into Conſideration the Number, Qualifications, and Manner of chooſing the Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Powers contained in the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 30° *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Thomas Proctor*, of *Rock*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Eſquire, to raiſe the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of his Eſtate, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his younger Children, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Hern*, Mr. *Blackiſton*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Bankes*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Fuller*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Geo. Warrington*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Delavall*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Gibbons*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Northumberland*, *York*, *Durham*, *Lincoln*, and *Nottingham*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Wentworth* junior reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An

An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements of *Peter Sunderland* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts charged thereon before the Making of his Marriage-Settlement, and by virtue thereof, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee: And that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was referred, be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Dr. *Burſcough*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday, at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*: And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. *Addiſon*, do acquaint him therewith.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for holding the Aſſize for the County of *Cornwall* at a convenient Place within the ſaid County:

And the ſaid Amendments, being read, are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 6. Leave out from "County" to "for," in the 23d Line of the ſame Preſs, and, inſtead thereof, inſert "which conſtant Holding has been oftentimes found "inconvenient:"

L. 31. After "Sixteen," inſert the Holding of "the Aſſizes, and General Gaol-delivery, for the ſaid "County, ſhall not be confined to the ſaid Town of "*Launceſton*; but that."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bond* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to the Committee, touching the Election for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petitions of *Wm. Coward* and *Wm. Peirs* Eſquires, and of *Richard Comes*, and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Thomas Horner* and *Maurice Berkley* Eſquires, for the ſaid City:

That the Committee examined the Merits of the Election:

That the Poll was,

For Mr. *Horner*,	44:
Mr. *Berkley*,	43:
Mr. *Coward*,	22:
Mr. *Peirs*,	13.

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes: But,

The Sitting-Members Counſel inſiſted, It was neceſſary they ſhould be ſworn Burgeſſes; which was denied by the Petitioners: And,

To prove what the Petitioners Counſel alleged, That the Commonalty of *Wells* have a Right of voting, whether ſworn or not ſworn Burgeſſes;

The Journal of 18th *February* 1695 was read:

When the Queſtion contended for was, Whether the Right of Election was in the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot, or in the Mayor, Maſters, and ſworn Burgeſſes only:

And it was reſolved by the Committee, and agreed to by the Houſe, That the Right of Election is only in the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, of the ſaid City.

The Petitioners Counſel produced Nine Returns to Parliament; *viz.*

1° *Mariæ. Magiſter civitatis & ejuſdem communitas, eligerunt duos burgenſes & cives:*

26° & 30° *Eliz. Magiſter & communitas eligerunt burgenſes:*

43° *Eliz.* & 1° & 15° *Car. Major, magiſtri, & burgenſes, eligerunt duos civitatis ſive burgi:*

1° *Jac.* 2*di. Major, aldermanni, & burgenſes, eligerunt burgenſes civitat' ſive burgi:*

2° *Willielmi & Mariæ.* Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, elected Two Citizens, or Burgeſſes:

1° *Annæ. Major, magiſtri, & burgenſes, eliger' duos cives civitat' ſive burgi:* Alſo,

31° *Elizabethæ.* A Charter of Incorporation, reciting, That *civitas ſive burgus de Welles* was *villa antiqua*, and had ancient Franchiſes and Privileges; all which are confirmed by this Charter; and an Incorporation is created for the future, and a Common-Council is appointed, to conſiſt of a Mayor, Maſters, and Chief Burgeſſes, in Number 24; who have Power to make Ordinances, and By-laws; and they, and their Officers, to be choſen by them, are required to take an Oath for due Execution of their Offices: From whence the Petitioners Counſel inferred, That this was the Firſt Riſe of the Oath; and that, before this Charter, the Burgeſſes Oath was not neceſſary.

To add 56, who tendered their Poll for the Petitioners, Mr. *Coward* and Mr. *Peirs*, it was proved,

They were all Members of ſome of the Companies within the Town, were reſident and exerciſed Trades there: That Six of them had been Maſters, and 38 Wardens, of their Companies: That near 40 of them did, at different times before the Election, ſeverally go to the Mayor's Shop, and there demanded of him to be ſworn Burgeſſes; and that 44, *viz.* 28 of the ſame Perſons, and 16 others, did afterwards join in a Petition, directed to the Common-Council, for the ſame Purpoſe; claiming it as their Right by Servitude, or by their having been admitted into the Companies before-mentioned.

Dat. 30th *September* 1714. The Petitioners Counſel produced an Ordinance under the Corporation-Seal, revoking a former Ordinance, That the Maſters and Wardens of Companies ſhould be Burgeſſes; which had been found inconvenient; and, for the future conſtituting, they may be Burgeſſes, or not: And from hence they inferred, That, before this time, the Maſters and Wardens were Burgeſſes.

30° *September* 1712. Another Ordinance of the Common-Council is entered in the Town-Book, That every inferior Burgeſs ſhall be nominated, choſen, elected, and made, by the Mayor, Maſters, and Chief Burgeſſes, of the Common-Council, at their Convocations, or common Aſſemblies, in the ſame manner as they then were, and had been for 20 Years paſt; and by no other Perſon or Perſons, nor in any other manner, whatſoever:

And there is a Penalty annexed of 100 *l.* upon the Mayor admitting, and 50 *l.* upon the Perſon claiming Freedom, in any other manner; and all Elections of inferior Burgeſſes to the contrary are made void.

This Ordinance recites, That this Way of Admiſſion was the ancient Uſage and Cuſtom of the Town; and that an ancient Ordinance, for the ſame Purpoſe, had been loſt, or deſtroyed, by the Alterations made in that Corporation in the Times of King *Charles* and King *James*.

The Petitioners Counſel complained of this Ordinance, as an Uſurpation, whereby the Common-Council of the Corporation had engroſſed to themſelves the whole Power of the Borough; to the Prejudice of Perſons who have Right to Freedom; which Right ought not to be controuled by the Common-Council.

The

The Petitioners Counſel objected to Six of the Sitting Members Voters, for Non-reſidency:

It was proved they were not reſient; but were, ſeveral Years ago, ſworn Burgeſſes, had voted in former Elections, and were objected to in 1710, as being honorary Burgeſſes; and that One of them had ſerved in Parliament for this City.

The Sitting Members Counſel inſiſted, That the Right of Election is in the Community, or Select Body, and not in the Commonalty; to be of which Community, it is neceſſary to take the common Burgeſſes Oath, according to the ancient and conſtant Uſage as well before as ſince the Charter:

This, they ſaid, was, in a great meaſure, proved on the Petitioners Part; and, referring to what had been offered, they added the following Evidence; *viz.*

Twelve Returns to Parliament:

Three before the Charter; *viz.*

1° *Mariæ. Magiſter & co'itas eligerunt:*

1° & 2° *Phil. & Mariæ, &* 14° *Eliz. Magiſter & burgenſes elegerunt:* And,

Nine Returns after the Charter; *viz.*

39° & 43° *Elizabethæ,* 1° *Jac.* 3° & 15° *Car.* & 13° *Car.* II*di.* Six Returns; *Major, magiſtri, & burgenſes, elegerunt:*

25° & 31° *Car.* II*di.* Two Returns; Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, elected; being the major Part of the Burgeſſes, Citizens, and Electors:

7° *Annæ. Major, magiſtri, & burgenſes, elegerunt.*

To prove the Antiquity of ſwearing the Burgeſſes, and that it did not come in with the Charter; the Form of their Oath is recorded in the Town-books, in the Reigns of Queen *Mary*, Queen *Elizabeth*, and King *James* the Firſt.

The Sitting Members Counſel alleged, That Admiſſion into any of the Companies within this Town gives a Freedom to exerciſe Trade there; but that a Burgeſhip carries with it farther Privileges, and, peculiarly, Exemptions from inferior Offices; for which they anciently paid Fines; and, by the Conſtitution, cannot have Burgeſhip, but by Admiſſion at the Convocations, or General Aſſemblies, of Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, in Common-Council: And ſeveral ancient Entries were read in the Town-books, of Admiſſions at ſuch Convocations, and Gifts given, and Fines paid, for the Burgeſhip, in the Reigns of Queen *Mary*, Queen *Eliz.* King *James* the Firſt, and in ſubſequent Reigns: And it appeared, That Freedom had been once refuſed; and, in ſeveral Inſtances, was granted, upon a Second or Third Petition for it:

And it was alleged by the Counſel, That if this ancient and uninterrupted Uſage be inverted, this Town will be in the utmoſt Confuſion, and want Perſons to ſerve inferior Offices.

And it was proved by *Wm. Sage*, and Mr. *Jo. Gutch*, the Town-Clerk; the Firſt of which ſpoke to 40 Years Uſage, and the other to 15; That, in all their time, none ever voted but the Mayor, Maſters, and ſworn Burgeſſes; and that the common and conſtant Reputation has always been, That no others have any Right of voting; and that no others ever pretended to vote till lately: And,

Mr. *Gutch* added, That, according to the Conſtitution of the Town, and in all his time, all Admiſſions to Burgeſhip muſt be, and have been, at the Common-Hall, by Vote of the Majority of their Convocations, or Aſſemblies, of Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes being of the Common-Council; and that, out of ſuch Convocation, or at any other Aſſembly, or by the Mayor alone, none can be, or ever have been, admitted in his time:

He farther ſaid, That the Petition for Burgeſhip, ſigned by the 44 Perſons before-mentioned, was not preferred at any ſuch Convocation, but at a Quarter-Seſſion; which is an Aſſembly of a different Nature from their Convocations: And ſaid, He never knew any ſuch Petition offered at any ſuch Seſſion before.

It appeared, by the Journal of 1695, That, in the then controverted Election, *Richard Fryer*, aged 68 Years, and who is ſince dead, teſtified, That he knew Sir *Ralph Hopton*, and Mr. *Baker*, elected, before the War broke out, by the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes; and believed, he was preſent at Mr. *Hall*'s Election; and that he was elected in the ſame manner: And,

It was then alſo proved by Mr. *Trim*, the then Town-Clerk, That Three of the Candidates declared they would be elected by the ſworn Burgeſſes; and the other Candidate, the then Petitioner, ſaid nothing, but polled as a Burgeſs; and though there were a great many Freemen preſent at the Poll, and at the ſealing the Return, their Claim was not inſiſted on: But it was then proved, on the other Side, That the Freemen had demanded a Poll, and ſigned an Indenture, for the Petitioner.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Citizens to ſerve in Parliament for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, is in the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, of the ſaid City.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Thomas Horner* Eſquire is not duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Maurice Berkley* Eſquire is not duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Wm. Coward* Eſquire was duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Wm. Peirs* Eſquire is duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Citizens to ſerve in Parliament for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, is in the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes, of the ſaid City.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Thomas Horner* Eſquire is not duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Yonge:*	96.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Elford:*	48.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Third, Fourth, and Fifth, Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the By-law, made by the governing Part of the Corporation of *Wells* in 1712, pretending to inflict One hundred Pounds Penalty on the Mayor that nominates or makes any Burgeſs without the Conſent of the major Part of the Corporation, and 50 *l.* Penalty on any Burgeſs that takes the Oath appointed to be taken by the Burgeſs, or that uſe, claim, or challenge, any Freedom or Privilege of a Burgeſs, without ſuch Aſſent, is arbitrary and illegal.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the City of *Wells*, by raſing out the Names of *Thomas Horner* Eſquire, and *Maurice Berkley* Eſquire, and inſerting the Names of *Wm. Coward* Eſquire, and *William Peirs* Eſquire.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to the Committee, touching the Election for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Re-

port he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, who pay Scot and Lot, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Robert Clarges* and *Felix Calvert* Eſquires, for the ſaid Borough:

That the Committee examined the Merits of the Election.

That the Petitioners Counſel alleged this to be a Borough by Preſcription; and that the Right of Election is in the Inhabitants only who pay Scot and Lot:

That the Sitting Members Counſel inſiſted, That Freemen not receiving Alms have alſo a Right of voting.

To prove their Allegation, the Petitioners Counſel produced a Copy of the Roll of Fines, 37° *Hen.* III*tii*; *Homines de Rading dant Regi C. libr' pro quodam brevi habendo, quod ipſi manuteneantur in eiſdem libertatibus, quibus uſi ſuerunt temporibus predeceſſorum regis, regum Angliæ:*

And the following Returns to Parliament; *viz.*

33° *Edward* Iſt, and 1° *Edward* II*di*; 19 *Edward* IId, 1° & 43° *Edward* III*tii*, *Pro communitate villæ:*

1° *Ricardi* II*di*. *Per communitatem villæ Redyng, pro communitate ejuſdem villæ.*

That the Sitting Members Counſel inſiſted on the ancient Uſage of the Town, and the laſt Determination in Parliament: And called,

Simon Finch, *Wm. Gandy*, *Wm. Grover*, *Tho. Holloway*, and *Edward Lewis:* Who ſpoke for Thirty and Forty Years paſt; and ſaid, That, before the Determination of the Houſe, in 1708, all Houſekeepers, and all Freemen, and the eldeſt Sons of Freemen, being of Age, were always allowed to vote; none were ever objected to, though they received Alms; and the common Reputation was, That they all had a Right of voting.

In 1708, the Houſe determined the Right of Election to be in the Freemen and Inhabitants; ſuch Freemen not receiving Alms, and ſuch Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot.

The Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, is in the Inhabitants only paying Scot and Lot.

That the Petitioners Counſel admitted a Majority againſt Mr. *Cadogan*; and proceeded to diſqualify the Sitting Members, on account of Bribery, and corrupt Practices: And called

John Morley: Who ſaid, That *John Baskerville* declared to him, and ſeveral others, That, on the Night before the Election, he received of *Wm. Gandy*, who made Intereſt for the Sitting Members, Six Guineas between himſelf and *Joſeph Spire*, to vote for the Sitting Members.

John Pigot ſaid, That, after the Proclamation was out for a new Parliament, he had his Freedom given him, to vote for the Sitting Members; for which he promiſed his Vote; and, about Three Weeks before the Election, *Gandy* gave him Three Guineas to be true to his Promiſe; and he was ſo.

Wm. Boote junior ſaid, That, before the Election, *Gandy* promiſed him a Reward to vote for the Sitting Members; and, after he had voted, gave him a Guinea.

Henry Morley ſaid, *Daniel Graves* told him, the Night before the Election, at a Publick-houſe, That *Gandy* had given him a Guinea to vote for the Sitting Members; and ſhewed the Money.

John Elkins ſaid, That Mr. *Gandy* and Mr. *Winkfeild* gave him 2 *l.* 13 *s.* to vote for the Sitting Members: He gave a ſingle Vote for Mr. *Cadogan*; and then Mr. *Curtis*, who ſollicited Votes for Mr. *Cadogan*, gave him Two Guineas for voting:

That *Thomas Hall* told him, *Gandy* gave him 2 *l.* 1 *s.* 6 *d.* to vote for the Sitting Members:

That *Richard Buckle* junior told him, That *Wm. Nokes*, who made Intereſt for the Sitting Members, gave him Thirty Shillings to vote for them: And,

John Samples owned, He had Money to vote for the Sitting Members; but did not ſay what.

John Morley ſaid, That *John Smith* told him, He had received ſome Money to vote for the Sitting Members; but did not ſay what, or of whom he had it:

This Witneſs, being croſs-examined, owned, That Mr. *Curtis* gave Money, on the other Side, for Votes for Mr. *Cadogan*; particularly, Two Guineas to *James Hill* for one Side of his Mouth, as the Phraſe was for one Vote; and that *Hill* had Beef and Strong Beer for the other Side of his Mouth; and voted for the Sitting Members.

James Quarrington ſaid, That Mr. *Gandy* aſked his Vote for the Sitting Members, and gave him a Guinea for it; and alſo paid him a Sum of Three Pounds, for which the Witneſs had formerly given him a Diſcharge; thinking then, that he was not obliged to pay it; but, now, upon *Gandy*'s aſking his Vote, he inſiſted to have that Money; and *Gandy* paid it.

Jacob Stanborough ſaid, That, in the Morning of the laſt Day of the Poll, *Richard Sweed* offered him Four Guineas for one Side of his Mouth for the Sitting Members; but that not doing, *Peter Zinzan*, who aſked Votes for them, afterwards gave him Five Guineas; which he produced, and ſaid, They carried his Vote.

That the Sitting Members Counſel called the following Witneſſes; *viz.*

Richard Alder: Who voted for Mr. *Cadogan* ſingly; and ſaid, That Mr. *Jo. Curtis*, who diſtributed Money about the Town for Votes for Mr. *Cadogan*, aſked the Witneſs's Vote, and gave him, at Two different times, Two Guineas for one Side of his Mouth; and afterwards, upon the laſt Day of the Poll, gave him Four Guineas more for both Sides of his Mouth; and told him, He would double what any other offered:

That, when Mr. *Curtis* gave him the Firſt Money, he ſent for him to the *Black Boy* at *Reading*, where *Curtis* had a Bag of about 50 or 60 Guineas before him, and about 30 Voters; the Witneſs withdrew, upon receiving his Money, and did not ſee any given to the others:

He added, That they never before had ſuch Gifts for voting; and that he was afraid they ſhould never have the like again.

Wm. Hall ſaid, That Mr. *Curtis* ſollicited Votes for Mr. *Cadogan*; and gave him, at Two different times, Three Guineas for one Side of his Mouth for him; with a Promiſe, That he ſhould have as much as any body; and afterwards, in the Morning before the Election, Doctor *Harriſon* brought him Four Guineas more upon the ſame Account; which not ſatisfying the Witneſs, becauſe he was to have as much as any body, he offered to return the Six Guineas; upon which Major *Hall*, who ſollicited Votes for Mr. *Cadogan*, threw him another Guinea; ſaying, It would be a Scandal to him, if One of his Name ſhould be againſt the General:

That, he believed, there was a Quart of Guineas in the Bag which Mr. *Curtis* had at the *Black Boy*, and gave away to thoſe that went in to him:

That *Francis Bingley* told him, He had been in, and received a Guinea: And,

Richard Wright told him, He had Three Guineas for his Vote for Mr. *Cadogan*.

John Cooper ſaid, *Tho. Holloway* told him, He had Three or Four Guineas for his Vote for Mr. *Cadogan*; but did not ſay from whom:

That *John Elkins* ſhewed him Five or Six Guineas; which, he ſaid, Mr. *Curtis* gave him to vote for Mr. *Cadogan:*

That, on the laſt Day of the Election, *Stephen Atwater* offered him Six Guineas to vote for Mr. *Cadogan*; and the Witneſs ſaying, He would not do it for 50, *Atwater* gave him Three Guineas to go out of the Way a fiſhing that Afternoon; which he did, having voted for the Sitting Members the Day before; which *Atwater* not diſcovering

covering till afterwards, he came and told the Witneſs, there was a Miſtake in taking his Money after he had voted on the other Side: To which he anſwered, That he had not miſtaken, if t'other had: That he went a fiſhing, according to his Bargain, and would keep the Money: But the Witneſs returned him Two of the Three Guineas, upon *Atwater*'s making a Work for them, and ſaying, That the General had promiſed him a Place in the Cuſtom-houſe; and it would be a Loſs to him.

Tho. Halloway, being called, confeſſed, That Mr. *Curtis* gave him Three Guineas to vote for Mr. *Cadogan*; which he did.

Jeffery Haskins ſaid, That Mr. *Curtis*, at Two different times before the Election, gave him Four Pounds to vote for Mr. *Cadogan*; and afterwards, during the Poll, the Witneſs declaring that his Mind was changed, and he would return the Money, Mr. *Curtis* gave him Five Guineas more, and *Elkins* gave him another Guinea; which *Elkins* then alſo gave *Robert Lovegrove* a Guinea, who had declared he would not poll till he had more Money:

Being croſs-examined, *Haskins* ſaid, He was offered Beer, but no Money, on the Sitting Members Side.

Wm. Watmore ſaid, That, a Night or Two before the Election, Major *Hall* gave him Six Guineas to poll for General *Cadogan*.

John Pither ſaid, Mr. *Curtis* gave him Five Guineas to vote for General *Cadogan*.

James Cordery ſaid, Mr. *Curtis* gave him Forty Shillings at one time, and Six Guineas at another, to vote for General *Cadogan*:

And he ſaw *Curtis* give *John Smith* Forty Shillings for his Vote; but he voted for the Sitting Members.

It appeared by the Evidence, That Mr. *Cadogan* was not at *Reading* at the time of the Election; and that moſt of the bribed Voters, named on either Side, were only Freemen, and not Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot, at the time of the Election.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Clarges* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Felix Calvert* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Reading*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Wm. Cadogan* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Reading*.

The Firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Right of Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, is in the Inhabitants only paying Scot and Lot.

The reſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the late Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough of *Reading* is a void Election.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 31mo *die Maii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners confined in the County of *Worceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor Priſoners within this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the poor Petitioners, by Badneſs of Trade, and great Loſſes, are rendered uncapable of paying their juſt Debts, having been confined, ſome Eight, ſome Nine, and ſome 10, Years and upwards; having large Families of Children, chargeable to the ſeveral Pariſhes where they ſeverally reſide: And praying to relieve the Petitioners, by obliging the Petitioners Creditors to accept of the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable to make, and reſtore the Petitioners to their Liberty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Litchfeild* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, having, by ſeveral Loſſes and Misfortunes, been brought under an Incapacity of paying their Debts, have lain ſeveral Years in Priſon, to the utter Ruin of themſelves and Families; the Petitioners are ready to deliver up to their Creditors, upon Oath, all their Effects, in order to obtain their Liberty: And praying to find ſuch Relief as to your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

Mr. *Cholmley* reported, from the Committee, who were appointed to inquire into the Cauſes of the unuſual Liberty that has been allowed of late to Perſons committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe; whereby they have had Opportunity to make their Eſcapes; the Matter, as it appeared to the Committee; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee have examined ſeveral Witneſſes; and find the Fact as follows; *viz.*

Mr. *Nicolas Ryal* ſaid, That, ſoon after the Revolution, in 1688, he was a Deputy to Mr. *Topham*, then Serjeant at Arms of the Houſe of Commons; and ſo continued till the time of his Death; and that he took ſeveral Perſons into Cuſtody during that time: That Mr. *Topham* was a Houſekeeper in *Bartlett's Buildings*; where he kept Four or Five Priſoners in Cuſtody at a time; and when he had not room at home, he uſed to ſend them to One of his Meſſengers Houſes, and not otherwiſe; and that the Priſoners never went abroad without Leave of the Houſe; except in the Caſe of Two Maltmen, who were great Dealers, and committed upon the Complaint of Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, a Member of this Houſe; and then the Speaker, upon their Application to him, gave them Leave to go out about their Buſineſs; but *Ryal* always went with them; and they returned the ſame Night in Cuſtody:

Mr. *Ryal* further ſaid, That Sir *John Parſons*, Alderman *Sturt*, and Mr. *Fane*, Commiſſioners of the Victualing, being ordered into Cuſtody, upon their Petition to the Houſe of Commons, Leave was given them to be confined at their own Houſes, which were within the Bounds of the Victualing-Office; and that *Ryal* lay at One of their Houſes every Night, and, every Morning, reported to the Serjeant, That he had ſeen his Priſoners: And, except in the Inſtances above-mentioned, he knew of no other Enlargement to the Confinement of any other Perſons in Cuſtody.

Daniel Kingham ſaid, He was a Meſſenger in the Convention-Parliament, under Mr. *Topham*; who kept his Priſoners at home, and never let them go abroad without a Meſſenger.

John Hollingſhead ſaid, That he was a Meſſenger under Mr. Serjeant *Topham* about 27 Years ago, when he lived in *Bartlett's Buildings*: That Mr. *Topham* uſed to order his Priſoners to a Meſſenger's Houſe; but does not know he ever gave Liberty for any to go abroad without a Meſſenger to attend them; and cannot remember, that Mr.

Topham

Topham ever kept any Priſoners at his own Houſe, in his time, except Mr. *Grahme* and *Burton*.

John Cox ſaid, He was a Meſſenger under the late Serjeant *Powel*; and that Mr. *Maſon*, now a Member of this Houſe, was committed to his Cuſtody; but that he never went abroad without *Cox* to attend him.

That Mr. Serjeant *Wiburgh*, being examined by the ſaid Committee, touching the Matters aforeſaid, gave the following Anſwer; *viz.*

That Mr. *Wm. Waller* was, by this Houſe, ordered into his Cuſtody, upon the 24th Day of *May* 1714, for a Breach of Privilege committed againſt *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire; and the ſaid *Waller* ſtanding out in Contempt of the Houſe, upon freſh Application, he was ordered into Cuſtody the Two ſucceeding Seſſions of Parliament; upon the laſt of which Orders he ſurrendered himſelf, and has ever ſince been in Town, ready to appear when ſent for; though he never was confined to cloſe Cuſtody:

That Mr. *Walter Price*, an Attorney, gave the Serjeant his Word for the ſaid *Waller*'s Forthcoming; which was all the Security the Serjeant had; who ſent Three ſeveral times into *Wales* to take him, and received, for Charges and Fees, about 60 *l.* by way of Compoſition; of which he might get about 20 *l.* clear, above Charges, as he believes:

That Mr. *Robert Parker* was, upon the 14th of *April* 1715, ordered into Cuſtody for a Breach of Privilege againſt Mr. *Cholmley*; and he ſurrendered himſelf into Cuſtody of *Tho. Gregory*, One of the Meſſengers; who, being a poor Man, and no Houſekeeper, put him into a Friend's Houſe of his, whoſe Name the Serjeant never knew; the ſaid *Gregory* telling him, That his Priſoner ſhould be forthcoming, at any time, upon Demand, as the Houſekeeper, the ſaid *Gregory*'s Friend, had promiſed him: That the Serjeant received his Caption-fee of 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*; and was promiſed, that it ſhould be made up a greater Sum, when the Matter was over: And that this was all the Security he had from *Parker*; who is run away:

That, on the 24th of *May* 1715, *Joſeph Calton*, Mayor of *Hertford*, was ordered into Cuſtody for a Breach of Privilege; but the Serjeant did not ſend for him, by reaſon that Mr. *Cæſar* and Mr. *Gulſton* promiſed, that he ſhould ſurrender himſelf; which he accordingly did in Two or Three Days; and that he never kept him in Cuſtody; but *Hollingſhead* the Meſſenger had the Care of him; though, by the Serjeant's Approbation, *Calton* was not kept in Cuſtody at *Hollingſhead*'s Houſe; nor does he know where he was kept for Ten Months after his Commitment; but that *Moffet*, One of his Meſſengers, has now the Care of him; but knows not where he is kept: And the Serjeant ſaid, He received 33 Guineas upon *Calton*'s Account; and believes *Hollingſhead* had 10 Guineas; and believes that the Money was Mr. *Cæſar*'s; but gave a Receipt in *Calton*'s Name.

Robert Moffet, being examined, ſaid, He never had Mr. *Calton* in his Cuſtody.

That the Serjeant being aſked, What was become of one *Berrington*, a Printer, ordered into Cuſtody the 1ſt of *July* 1715;

He ſaid, That *Berrington* ſurrendered himſelf ſoon after the Order, and was committed to the Care of *Moffett* the Meſſenger; but, upon Mr. *Gawen Maſon*'s promiſing, That he ſhould be forthcoming, he gave him his Liberty; and does not know where he now is: That he received 20 Guineas of *Berrington*; but returned Two Guineas back again, by reaſon of his Poverty:

Moffett ſaid, The Serjeant gave *Berrington* Leave to go home:

And the Serjeant further ſaid, That he was no Houſekeeper, and never kept in cloſe Confinement any Perſons committed to his Cuſtody.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That *Tho. Wybergh*, Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, having, by unwarrantable and corrupt Practices, permitted divers Perſons, committed to his Cuſtody for notorious Contempts of the Privileges of this Houſe, and other great Offences, to have their Liberty, and Diſcharge, without any Order of the Houſe for ſuch Diſcharge, or any Leave from the Speaker for ſuch Liberty, hath thereby rendered ineffectual the juſt Cenſures of this Houſe, and has been guilty of a great Breach of Truſt in the Execution of his Office;

And the previous Queſtion being put, That that Queſtion be now put;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Queſtion being put;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing Two Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, in the room of *Robert Clarges* Eſquire, and *Felix Calvert* Eſquire; whoſe Election for the ſaid Borough hath been declared void.

A Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Number, Qualifications, and Manner, of chooſing Commiſſioners for executing the Powers in the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick:

Reſolved, That the Number of the ſaid Commiſſioners be Thirteen.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That no Member of this Houſe be a Commiſſioner for putting in Execution the Powers in the ſaid Bill;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Baird:* } 105.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Edgcomb*, Mr. *Coventry:* } 117.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That no Perſon be a Commiſſioner, who hath any Office of Profit, or is accountable to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Commiſſioners be choſen by way of Balloting.

Ordered, That the Members of this Houſe do, by *Tueſday* next, at One of the Clock, prepare Liſts of Thirteen Perſons Names, to be put into Glaſſes, to be elected Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Powers in the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 1° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements of *Peter Sunderland* Eſquire in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of Debts charged thereon before the Making of his Marriage-Settlement, and by virtue thereof, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wentworth* junior do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 2° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Sollicitor-General took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Sir *John Ward* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England* and *New-York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, were referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual ſecureing the Peace of the *Highlands*, and the North Parts of *Scotland*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 4° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. Sollicitor-General, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon, was committed, the Amendments they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverlly a put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands, and the North Parts of *Scotland*, was committted the Amendments they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, One of the ſaid Amendments was diſagreed with; and the reſt, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 5° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of *Frances St. John*, the Wife of *Henry* late Viſcount *Bolingbroke* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband was, by an Act of this preſent Seſſion, attainted of High Treaſon: And that the Petitioner brought him a very good Fortune, conſiſting of a real Eſtate in Land, as well as Money; and the Petitioner, to ſupply her ſaid Huſband's Occaſions, did not only conſent to ſell great Part of her own real Eſtate, but did likewiſe join with him in ſelling Part of her Jointure: And the Petitioner, upon her Huſband's ſaid Attainder, did repreſent her deplorable Condition to his Majeſty, to grant her the remaining Part of her ſaid Huſband's real and perſonal Eſtate for her Support: And his Majeſty was pleaſed to give Direction, that proper Inſtruments ſhould be prepared for that Purpoſe: And, by a Clauſe in a Bill now depending, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, *&c.* the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate will be veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick: And praying, That a Clauſe may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, to enable his Majeſty to purſue his gracious Intentions for the Petitioner's Relief, in ſuch manner as . . his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; was committed; be received.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Members to prepare Liſts, to be put into Glaſſes, of Thirteen Perſons Names, to be Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the Powers in the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace in . . *Weſtminſter-hall*, and the Courts there, and Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe:

And he went accordingly;

And, being returned;

The Clerk and Clerk-Aſſiſtant went on each Side of the Houſe, with Glaſſes, to receive from the Members the ſaid Liſts of Perſons Names to be the ſaid Commiſſioners:

And the ſaid Liſts, being received, were brought up to the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the ſaid Liſts:

And it is referred to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Banks*, Lord *Coningsby*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Benſon*, Colonel *Long*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Ferguſon*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Fuller*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Nevill*, Lord *Down*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Sir *Char. Turner*, Sir *Wm. Johnſon*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Ducane:* And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber; and report upon which Thirteen Perſons the Majority falls.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe proceeded to take into further Conſideration the Report from the Committee, who were appointed to inquire into the Cauſes of the unuſual Liberty that was allowed of late to Perſons committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe; whereby they had had an Opportunity to make their Eſcapes.

A Petition of *Tho. Wybergh*, Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is moſt heartily ſorry for his having incurred the Cenſure of this Houſe, for having unwarrantably diſcharged ſome Priſoners committed to his Cuſtody; and permitted others to have their Liberty, without any Authority for that Purpoſe: Which Cenſure the Petitioner doth moſt humbly acknowlege to be juſt, in the manner your Honours have been pleaſed to paſs the ſame; and, in Mitigation of his ſaid Offence, humbly begs Leave to offer to your Honours, That the Lenity, which, he was informed, his Predeceſſors had uſed to Perſons ordered into their Cuſtody, led him into theſe fatal Errors; but the Petitioner humbly aſſures your Honours, That the juſt Senſe he now hath of his ſaid Miſbehaviour, hath wrought in him a moſt ſincere Reſolution to behave himſelf as he ought for the future: And praying, That, in Compaſſion to the Petitioner's Circumſtances, your Honours will forbear any further Reſentment againſt him; and humbly begging Pardon; and throws himſelf on the Mercy and Goodneſs of this Honourable Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Waller*, who was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, committed againſt *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, and who was unduly diſcharged out of Cuſtody by the ſaid Serjeant, be committed a Priſoner to the *Gatehouſe*.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Calton*, Mayor of *Hertford*, who was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, in making an undue Return of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Hertford*, and who was unduly diſcharged out of Cuſtody by the ſaid Serjeant, be committed a Priſoner to the *Gatehouſe*.

Ordered, That *E. Berrington*, a Popiſh Printer, who was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for printing a falſe, ſcandalous, and traiterous, Libel, intituled, *The Evening-Poſt*, from *Tueſday June* 28th, to *Thurſday June* 30th, 1715, high . . reflecting on his Majeſty, and both Houſes of Parliament, and who was unduly diſcharged out of Cuſtody by the ſaid Serjeant, be committed a Priſoner to the *Gatehouſe*.

Ordered, That *Robert Parker*, who was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, committed againſt *Hugh Cholmly* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, and who has eſcaped out of Cuſtody, be committed a Priſoner to the *Gatehouſe*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrants for the Commitments of the ſaid *William Waller*, *Joſeph Calton*, *E. Berrington*, and *Robert Parker*, accordingly.

Mr.

Mr. Comptroller reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; was committed; the Amendments they had made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 6° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Wrightſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Thomas Proctor*, of *Rock*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Eſquire, to raiſe the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of his Eſtate, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his younger Children, was committed, That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That Mr. Sollicitor-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Banks* reported from the Committee, who were appointed to inſpect the Liſts of Thirteen Perſons to be Commiſſioners to put in Execution the Powers in the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; and to report to the Houſe on which Thirteen Perſons the Majority fell; That they had examined the Liſts accordingly; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; and is as follows; *viz.*

Richard Grantham Eſquire, — — —	226
George Treby Eſquire, — — —	211
Arthur Ingram Eſquire — — —	204
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Denis Bond Eſquire, — — —	151
John Birch Serjeant at Law, — — —	149
And Sir *John Eyles* Baronet, — — —	139

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table until the Report of the ſaid Bill be taken into Conſideration.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That *Mary*, the Wife of the late Duke of *Ormond*, notwithſtanding her Coverture, might, from the enjoy, during her Life, all ſuch Rent, or annual Sum, and Premiſes, in *Ireland*, not exceeding, in the Whole *per Annum*, as, by any Settlement executed by the late Duke before the Day of or by any Act of Parliament made in *England*, or *Ireland*, was or were provided or ſecured for or to her, or for her Jointure, in caſe ſhe ſurvived the late Duke: And that there ſhould be forthwith raiſed for, and paid to, *Elizabeth*, the only ſurviving Daughter of the late Duke, ſuch Portion, not exceeding as in or by any Settlement executed by him before the ſaid Day of or any Act of Parliament made in *England*, or *Ireland*, was provided, or intended to be raiſed, for her Portion, out of any Eſtate late belonging to the late Duke:

The ſaid Clauſe was twice read:

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Clauſe;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until *Friday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England* and *New-York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, were referred, be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 8° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *David Murray*, in *Tomſhelburn*, in the County of *Nithiſdale*, or *Roxborough*, have forcibly taken Poſſeſſion of Part of the Eſtate of Sir *William Johnſtone*, a Member of this Houſe, in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion during Pleaſure, or for any Number of Years, from the Crown, was read the Third time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who has any Penſion for any Number of Years from the Crown.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Reverend Dr. *Sherlock*, Dean of *Chicheſter*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday at *St. Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*: And that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. *Aſhe*, General *Carpenter*, and Mr. *Miſſabie*, do acquaint him therewith.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland* was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to the Bill, That ſuch Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall appoint under his Royal Sign Manual, ſhall, on or before the Day of lay before him an Account of the proper Places for eſtabliſhing Schools; and of the neceſſary Salaries for the Maintenance of them:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and the Blanks were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then the ſeveral Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 6. To leave out "theſe," and inſert "the;" and, after "Counties," to inſert "herein after-named:"

Pr. 5. L. * To leave out "they are," and inſert "he "is:"

Pr. 8. L. * After "Attendance," inſert "of:"

L. * To leave out "Sentiments," and inſert "Sentences:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland*.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate, of *Wedneſday* laſt, upon the Clauſe offered, on behalf of *Mary* the Wife of the late Duke of *Ormond*, and his Daughter, to be added to the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick:

And the ſaid Clauſe was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That Application having been made to his Majeſty by the late Ducheſs of *Ormond*, and her Daughter; by the late Lady *Marr*, on behalf of herſelf and her Daughter; and by the late Lady *Bolingbroke*; his Majeſty had commanded him to acquaint this Houſe, That his Majeſty is graciouſly diſpoſed to ſhew ſome Favour to thoſe Ladies, and their Daughters, in caſe a Power be reſerved to his Majeſty to make a Proviſion for them out of the Eſtates of the late Duke of *Ormond*, late Earl of *Marr*, and late Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, reſpectively:

And a Clauſe being offered, to be added to the Bill, purſuant to his Majeſty's gracious Intentions;

The ſame was twice read, and amended; and then, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, was agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That all hereditable Juriſdictions, commonly called Conſtabularies, Regalities, or Admiralties, which were in the Poſſeſſion of Traitors on the Day of and which are become forfeited, ſhall, after the Day of be ſuppreſſed and extinguiſhed, and ſo remain; but all forfeited Sheriffſhips and Stewartries ſhall ſubſiſt and remain, and ſhall be annexed to the Crown; and the ſuppreſſed Conſtabularies and Regalities ſhall be ſubject to the ſeveral Sheriffſhips or Stewartries, within the Bounds of which they lie:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up;

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to enable the King to make Grants to the Widows of forfeiting Perſons:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up to the Table;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *James Cuninghame*, Mr. *Grant*:	33.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Hen. Aſhburſt*, Mr. *Coventry*:	46.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Commiſſioners ſhall not be deemed incapacitated to ſit and vote in Parliament:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That if any Action ſhall be brought or proſecuted againſt any Perſon, for what he ſhall do in Execution of this Act, ſuch Perſon, ſo ſued, may plead the General Iſſue, *&c.*:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And ſeveral other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Then the Blank left in the Bill for the Commiſſioners Names was filled up with their Names.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 9° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *William Waller*, in the Priſon of the *Gatehouſe* at *Weſtminſter*, who was committed for a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe committed againſt *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, on the 24th of *May* 1714, the Petitioner was committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for a Breach of Privilege, in entering upon the Poſſeſſion, and working the Lead-mines, of *Edward Vaughan* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, *in Com' Montgomery*; but the Petitioner, not paying his Fees, was re-committed in Two ſucceeding Seſſions; which Fees the Petitioner has ſince paid; but, being a Stranger to the Rules of this Houſe, did not apply to your Honours for his Diſcharge; whereby this Houſe has committed the Petitioner to the Priſon of the *Gatehouſe*, where he now is: And praying, That this

Houſe, in regard the Petitioner is aged and infirm, will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, whereby he may be diſcharged from the ſaid Confinement.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 11° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Thomas Proctor*, of *Rock*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Eſquire, to raiſe the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds out of his Eſtate, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his younger Children, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wrightſon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Keeper of the *Gatehouſe* do bring the Body of Mr. *William Waller*, in his Cuſtody, to the Bar of this Houſe, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, in order to his being diſcharged.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 12° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent the Miſchiefs by manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco; and the Abuſes in Making and Mixing of Snuff; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the Laws for repairing the Highways more effectual; and for the better paving and cleanſing the Streets in the City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's County-Gaol at *Winton*, for the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners do repreſent to your Honours the Miſery of Confinement; and that your Honours will be pleaſed to make ſome Proviſion for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors; there being near Thirty in the ſaid Gaol; and that the Petitioners are willing to make the utmoſt Satisfaction they are able.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent the Miſchiefs by manufacturing Leaves, or other things, to reſemble Tobacco; and the Abuſes in Making and Mixing of Snuff:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

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Ordered, That Mr. *John Chetwynd* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

An ingroſſed Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider to be added to the Bill, That all Leaſes for Years, not exceeding at certain yearly Rents, which have been made by the Duke and Ducheſs of *Somerſet*, of their Eſtates in the County of *Northumberland*, to any Perſon convicted or attainted of High Treaſon, ſhall, from and after of the Perſons intereſted therein the ſaid Duke being accountable, in his Majeſty's Exchequer, for the Value of the Eſtates and Intereſt ſuch Tenants have forfeited.

The ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was amended, by inſerting the Name of the Earl of *Carliſle* in it, and make it agreeable to the Caſe of the ſaid Duke and Ducheſs, and the ſaid Earl:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Third time;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Strickland:*	48.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Grimſton:*	105.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Another ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That all Mortgages for ſecuring the Payment of juſt Debts, and all other Conveyances for valuable Conſiderations, made by Perſons attainted, of any Eſtates, ſince the and before the reſpective Days on which the ſame would, by Law, have become forfeited, ſhall be good and valid:

The ſaid Clauſe was once read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Second time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out the 35th and 36th Preſſes at the End of the Bill, which contained the Clauſes following; *viz.*

" And to the end, That no Child or Children of any " Parent or Parents profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, who " have profeſſed or embraced, or who ſhall profeſs and " embrace, the Proteſtant Religion; or who are, or ſhall " be, deſirous and willing to be inſtructed and educated " therein; may, in the Life-time of ſuch Perſon or Per- " ſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, for fear of being " diſinherited by ſuch Perſon or Perſons profeſſing the " Popiſh Religion, or, for want of a fitting Mainte- " nance, or future Proviſion, be compelled and neceſſi- " tated to embrace the Popiſh Religion, and be deterred

" or with-held from owning and profeſſing the Proteſtant " Religion; Be it further Enacted, by the Authority " aforeſaid, That, from and after the Twenty-fourth " Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred and Six- " teen, upon Complaint made in the High Court of " Chancery, by Bill, founded upon this Act, againſt ſuch " Popiſh Parent, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid " Court to make ſuch Order for the Maintenance and " Education of every ſuch Proteſtant Child not main- " tained by ſuch Popiſh Parent, ſuitable to the Degree " and Ability of ſuch Parent, and to the Age of ſuch " Child; and alſo for the Portion of ſuch Child, being " educated a Proteſtant, to be paid at the Deceaſe of " ſuch Popiſh Parent, as the ſaid Court ſhall adjudge fit " ... ſuitable to the Degree and Ability of ſuch Parent: " And, in caſe the eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of ſuch " Popiſh Parent ſhall be a Proteſtant, that then, and in " ſuch caſe, ſuch Popiſh Parent and Parents ſhall become, " and be adjudged, by force and virtue of this Act, to " be only Tenant for Life of all the real Eſtate whereof " ſuch Popiſh Parent is, or ſhall be, ſeiſed in Fee-tail, or " Fee-ſimple; or whereof any Perſon or Perſons is or " ſhall be ſeiſed in Truſt for ſuch Popiſh Parent or Pa- " rents; and the Reverſion in Fee, and every Term or " Terms for Years attending ſuch Inheritance, ſhall be " veſted in ſuch eldeſt Son, being a Proteſtant; ſubject " nevertheleſs to all ſuch Debts, and real Incumbrances, " as would, on the Twentieth Day of *March* One thou- " ſand Seven hundred and Fifteen, have affected the " Eſtate, in caſe this Act had never been made; and ſub- " ject alſo to ſuch Maintenances and Portions for other " Children, whether Proteſtants or Papiſts, of ſuch Po- " piſh Parents, then born or after to be born, as the ſaid " Court of Chancery, in manner aforeſaid, ſhall order " for them reſpectively; ſuch Portions not to exceed the " Value of One-third Part of the Inheritance of ſuch " Eſtate, which ſhall be held or enjoyed accordingly, " diſcharged of all voluntary Settlements made by ſuch " Popiſh Parent; and alſo of all Sales and Incumbrances " made or ſuffered by ſuch Popiſh Parent or Parents, " other than ſuch Sales and Incumbrances as have been, " *bona fide*, made for good and valuable Conſideration, " before the ſaid Twentieth Day of *March* One thouſand " Seven hundred and Fifteen. Provided always, and be " it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That " no eldeſt Son of ſuch Popiſh Parent or Parents ſhall " take Benefit by this Act, being of the Age of Eigh- " teen Years, unleſs ſuch Son ſhall, before the Twenty- " ninth Day of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred " and Sixteen, take the Oaths, and ſubſcribe the Decla- " ration, mentioned in and by an Act, made in this pre- " ſent Seſſions of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the " further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Govern- " ment, and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of " the late Princeſs *Sophia*; and for extinguiſhing the " Hopes of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and his open " and ſecret Abettors; and repeat and ſubſcribe the De- " claration, ſet down and expreſſed in an Act of Parlia- " ment, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of " the late King *Charles* the Second, intituled, An Act " for the more effectual Preſervation of the King's Per- " ſon and Government, by diſabling Papiſts from ſitting " in either Houſe of Parliament, in the High Court of " Chancery, or at the Quarter-Seſſions for the County " wherein he ſhall moſt uſually have reſided; and, if under " the Age of Eighteen Years, within Six Months after " his having attained to the Age of Eighteen Years afore- " ſaid; any thing herein contained to the contrary not- " withſtanding:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Clauſes do ſtand Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Whereupon the Clauſes were cut off from the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

After which, the Blank, left in the Bill for the Title thereof, was filled up by the Clerk at the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Secrecy, That they had, according to Order, prepared a Replication to the Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered.. in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

THE Commons have conſidered the Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited againſt him by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled; and do aver their Charge againſt the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford*, for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, to be true; and that the ſaid Earl is guilty of all and ſingular the Articles and Charges therein reſpectively contained, in ſuch manner as he ſtands impeached: And that the Commons will be ready to prove their Charge againſt him, at ſuch convenient time as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Replication be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants trading to, or reſiding in, *New-England* and *New-York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others .... be adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 13° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE ingroſſed Replication to the Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles exhibited againſt him for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors was read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aiſlabie* do carry the ſaid Replication to the Lords.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more effectual and exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeduce Soldiers to deſert; or who, being Papiſts, ſhall inliſt themſelves in his Majeſty's Service:

And the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 31. Leave out " *May*," and inſert " *June*:"

Pr. 3. L. 6. Leave out " once :"

L. 7. Leave out " *May*," and inſert " *June*."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Molyneux* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Molyneux* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe being informed, That the Keeper of the *Gatehouſe* attended, according to Order, with Mr. *William Waller* in his Cuſtody;

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Waller* be brought in to the Bar, and receive a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

And the ſaid Mr. *Waller* was brought in to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, did receive a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 14° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England* and *New-York*, were referred:

And the ſaid Report was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-England* and *New-York*, on account of Monies lent by the ſaid Merchants to the Government, for the Service of the Expedition to *Canada*:

That the Committee have taken into Conſideration the Matters contained in the ſaid Petitions.

It appeared, That the Petitioners did furniſh the Government with very conſiderable Sums of Money for the Expedition to *Canada*; and received Bills of Exchange for the ſame, drawn by General *Nicholſon*, Colonel *Hunter* Governor of *New-York*, Sir *Hovendon Walker*, and others, Agents and Miniſters for the Crown, on the Treaſury-Board, and other Offices, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions to them for that Purpoſe.

It appeared, That her late Majeſty, in her Letter of Credit, did promiſe punctual Payment of the ſaid Bills; but the Petitioners have not as yet received any more than a Part of ſome of the ſaid Bills, and of others no Part at all, after a long and tedious Attendance; having been near Five Years out of their ſaid Money.

That the Committee, being deſirous to come to a full Underſtanding of the Caſe, and being acquainted, That Mr. *Baniſter* could inform the Committee in ſome Facts relating to the Bills of Exchange, ſent for him: And he, appearing, ſaid,

That he was in *New-England* at the time when General *Hill*, and Admiral *Walker*, were there: That the General Court, or Aſſembly, made a Loan to the Merchants of 40,000 *l.* free of Intereſt, for Two or Three Years; which Money they paid for the Bills of Exchange they received for the Government here; ſo that the Merchants were nothing in Diſburſe:

That the Rate of Exchange was ſettled by the General Court at 40 *l. per Cent.* Advance; and their own Members ſubſcribed 18,000 *l.* towards the Supply which was demanded; and the reſt was ſubſcribed in Six Hours time, without giving any publick Notice, that the Subſcription was open; at which the Merchants in general were much diſguſted:

That, afterwards, General *Hill* applied to the General Aſſembly for 10,000 *l.* more for carrying on the Expedition; and publick Notice was given of this new Subſcription; and he has heard, that betwixt 50 and 100,000 *l.* was ſubſcribed to the ſame:

That 40 *per Cent.* was below the Value of the Exchange; which was, at that time, from 55 to 60 *per Cent.* among Merchants; and theſe publick Bills preferable to private ones, in Conſideration that no Money was to be paid for them till after Three Years.

Mr. *Dummer*, who appeared for the Government and Merchants of *New-England*, replied, That the Loan, made by the Government of *New-England* to the Merchants, was at firſt but 40,000 *l.*; when that Sum was found to be inſufficient for the Ends propoſed, they did, at the Deſire of General *Hill*, and Colonel *Nicholſon*, add 10,000 *l.* more:

That the Loan was given at firſt only for Two Years; and that, though the Time of Payment was prolonged for One Year more, it was not done till the Merchants had firſt paid in Half their Money; and had ſet forth, in a Petition, That they had been paid but Two-thirds of any of their Bills, and of ſome no Part at all; and that 5 *l. per Cent.* had been ſtruck off from others; and that their Correſpondents in *England* had been at great Charge in ſoliciting the ſame:

That the Merchants had ſince paid in a Sixth-part more of their Debt; and believed all was paid before this time:

Said, That if no Part of the Loan had been paid in, yet it could not be ſaid, that the Merchants had advanced no Money, becauſe the Loan was but 50,000 *l.*; whereas the Draughts were for above 75,000 *l.*

In Anſwer to what was alleged in relation to the Aſſembly, That they took the Advantage of the Loan to themſelves, without allowing the Merchants their equal Share, Mr. *Dummer* produced an atteſted Liſt of all the Perſons who had the Benefit of the Loan; by which it appeared there were but Eleven of the Aſſembly, out of Seventy-four, that were concerned in it:

That the 18,000 *l.* was not ſubſcribed by the Members of the General Court ſingly, but in Company with other Merchants of the Place, as appeared by the aforeſaid Liſt:

He further called ſeveral Merchants, to whom the Bills for the 18,000 *l.* were indorſed; who gave an Account, That about 12,000 *l.* of it were for Account of other Perſons; *viz.* the Merchants in *New-England*, and here; ſo that the Merchants neither were, nor could be, diſguſted at the Aſſembly, in relation to the Loan, as was pretended:

He further ſaid, That the Merchants, having advanced Money for the Expedition to *Annapolis Royal*, the Year before; and they having no Advice of their Bills being paid; were unwilling, and many of them unable, to truſt the Government on a new Score; eſpecially when ſo large a Credit was demanded: Others declared, If they did truſt the Government, they would allow but 20 *l. per Cent.* for the Exchange of Money: And that, for the Encouragement of the Merchants, as well as to raiſe the Value of the Bills, the Government of *New-England* came into this Loan.

Mr. *Dummer* alſo produced a Letter, wrote by Brigadier *Hunter* to the Lord Treaſurer; giving an Account of what publick Service the Loan in *New-England* was; and that he, for want of ſuch a Help in his Government of *New-York*, could get but 30 *l per Cent.* for his Bills.

As to the other Objection, That the Bills were drawn at an inferior Exchange, he undertook to prove, by the Merchants then preſent, That publick Bills were then at 40 *l. per Cent.*; and had been ſo both before and ſince:

That private Bills were no higher than 50 *l. per Cent.*; which were at leaſt 10 *l. per Cent.* better than the Publick:

As to the publick Bills, he inſtanced in thoſe drawn by Colonel *Nicholſon*, for the Expedition to *Annapolis Royal*, the Year before; which were drawn at 40 *l. per Cent.* and ſo accepted, and paid. They likewiſe produced a large Liſt of Bills of Exchange on the Navy, Victualing, and Board of Ordnance, ſince the Expedition, at 35, 40, and 45, *per Cent.*

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That they produced likewiſe a Contract, made between the Navy-Board and Mr. *Benjamin Edmunds*, for ſupplying the Man of War at *Boſton* with Money, at 45 *per Cent.* Exchange; which being but a ſingle Ship, it muſt be ſuppoſed, that when a whole Squadron arrives, the Suddenneſs and Greatneſs of the Demand muſt alter the Exchange at leaſt 5 *l. per Cent.*; it being well known among Merchants, that the Value of every thing alters according to the Demand:

That, as to private Bills, Mr. *Dummer* produced Twenty Sets of Bills drawn by Mr. *Borland*, an eminent Merchant at *Boſton*, in the Year 1711, when the Expedition was, and in the Year following, for 50 *l. per Cent.*; and likewiſe Five Sets of Bills drawn by Mr. *Belcher*, a Merchant of undoubted Credit, in the ſame Year, and at the ſame Rate: He likewiſe appealed to the private Bills drawn in that Year by General *Nicholſon*, and his Secretary Mr. *Netmaker*, at 40 *l. per Cent.*; which were honourably paid: He then ſaid, That, in all private Bills, the Cuſtom is to give Bond to pay *Cent. per Cent.* in caſe the Bills are not paid to a Day; becauſe leſs than that would not make Satisfaction to Merchants for the Diſappointment of their Bills: That this makes 10, if not 15, *l. per Cent.* Difference. Several Sets of Bills were alſo produced, drawn by Mr. *Nicolas Robarts* on Mr. *John Mead* and Company, payable to Mr. *Sandford*, and others, at 40 *l. per Cent.*; drawn about the time of the Expedition; by which it appears, That the Rate of the Exchange was rather under than above 50 *l. per Cent.*

That, as to the *New-York* Bills, which were drawn upon the Treaſury, it appeared to the Committee, That the ſame were all paid in Money, and the Exchange ſettled by Colonel *Hunter*, the Governor of *New-York*, at 30 *l. per Cent.*:

But the Merchants received Two-thirds of the ſaid Bills of Exchange, and that in *South-Sea* Stock, when the ſame was at a great Diſcount; and were ſtruck off 10 *l. per Cent.* of the Exchange; and made it 140 *l. New-York* Money, for 100 *l.* Sterling, inſtead of 130 *l.* as drawn.

That the Committee, in order to ſet this Matter in a true Light, and to ſtate the Fact to the Houſe, did examine into the Inſtructions given by her late Majeſty, and her Miniſtry, to the Governors of *New-England* and *New-York*; as alſo to General *Hill*, General *Nicholſon*, Colonel *Arnott*, Sir *Hovendon Walker*, and other Officers concerned in the late Expedition; and it did appear, by the ſeveral Inſtructions given to them, That they, the ſaid Colonel *Hunter*, Colonel *Dudley*, General *Hill*, Colonel *Nicholſon*, Colonel *Arnot*, Sir *Hovendon Walker*, and others, had ſufficient Authority from her late Majeſty to draw Bills of Exchange on the Government for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as they thought neceſſary, and to provide Stores as they ſhould have Occaſion for, in *North America*, for the Service of the ſaid Expedition to *Canada*:

But the Committee did obſerve, That the aforeſaid Inſtructions were not counterſigned.

That, upon the whole Matter, it appeared to the Committee, That there were Seventeen Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Arnot*, from *New-England*, on the late Paymaſter of the Army, amounting, in the Whole, to 23,947 *l.* 11 *s.* 11 *d.* Sterling; whereof Two-thirds of the ſaid Bills, amounting to 15,631 *l.* 14 *s.* 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* is paid; So there remains due thereon the Sum of —— —— —— 8,315 17 3$\frac{3}{4}$

That there is One Bill of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Hunter* and Colonel *Nicholſon* on the ſaid late Paymaſter for 130 *l.* 10 *s.*; whereof Two-thirds, amounting to 87 *l.* is paid: So there remains due thereon the Sum of —— 43 10 0

That there is One Bill of Exchange drawn by Sir *Hovendon Walker* on the Commiſſioners of the Ordnance for 2,260 *l.* 19 *s.* 11 *d.*; whereof Two-thirds of the ſaid Bills, amounting to 1,507 *l.* 6 *s.* 7 *d.* is paid: So there remains due thereon the Sum of —— 753 13 4

That there are Four Bills of Exchange drawn by *Wm. Haws* on the Commiſſioners of the Ordnance, amounting to 1,028 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.*; whereof Two-thirds, amounting to 685 *l.* 10 *s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* is paid: So there remains due thereon the Sum of —— —— —— 342 15 2$\frac{1}{2}$

That there are Two Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Dudley* and Colonel *Nicholſon* on the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, amounting to 469 *l.* 8 *s.* 3 *d.*; whereof Two-thirds, amounting to 312 *l.* 18 *s.* 10 *d.* is paid; So there remains due the Sum of —— —— 156 9 5

That there are Eight Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Dudley* on the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, whereof no Part is paid, amounting to the Sum of —— —— —— 4,499 17 5

That there are Twenty-four Bills of Exchange drawn by Sir *Hovendon Walker*, *Daniel Mahon*, and *John Horton*, on the Commiſſioners of Victualing, amounting to 13,520 *l.* 18 *s.* 10 *d.*; the Exchange of which Bills being altered from 40 to 45 *l. per Cent.* reduces that Sum to 13,054 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*; Two-thirds whereof, amounting to 8,703 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.* being paid, there remains due thereon the Sum of —— 4,351 11 6

So the Total due on the before-mentioned *New-England* Bills of Exchange, amounts to the Sum of— 18,463 14 2$\frac{1}{4}$

It appears alſo to the Committee, That there are 116 Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Hunter*, from *New-York*, on the Treaſury, amounting to 17,049 *l.* 12 *s.* 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*; the Exchange of which Bills being altered from 30 to 40 *l. per Cent.* reduces that Sum to 15,831 *l.* 12 *s.* 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*; Two-thirds whereof being paid in *South-Sea* Stock, amounting to 10,554 *l.* 8 *s.* 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* there remains due thereon the Sum of 5,277 4 1$\frac{3}{4}$

That there are Five other Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Hunter*, from *New-York*, on the Treaſury, of which no Part is paid, amounting to the Sum of 370 *l.*; which, if altered to an Exchange of 40 *l. per Cent.* makes the Sum of — —— 343 11 4$\frac{3}{4}$

So that the total Sum remaining due on the before-mentioned Bills of Exchange, drawn from *New-York*, amounts to the Sum of — 5,620 15 6$\frac{1}{2}$

The Committee do obſerve, That there is One Bill of Exchange more, for 5,957 *l.* 11 *s.* 4 *d.* drawn on the Commiſſioners of the Navy, payable to *Benja. Edmonds*, being for Account of Mr. *Andrew Fanuill*; Two-thirds of which Bill has been paid: So there remains due to Mr. *Fanuell*, upon the ſaid Bill, the Sum of 1,917 *l.* 7 *s.* 7 *d.*:

But the Commiſſioners of the Navy did object againſt the Payment thereof; and ſaid, That the ſame was not a regular Bill:

That Mr. *Fanuel* was an Agent for Sir *Hovendon Walker*:

That the Account given in by Mr. *Fanuel* was very extravagant:

That the ſaid Mr. *Fanuel* has charged 5 *l. per Cent.* Commiſſion-money for his own Goods:

That, for theſe Reaſons, the Commiſſioners of the Navy did inſiſt, That the ſaid Mr. *Fanuel*, being employed

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as an Agent by Sir *Hovendon Walker*, ought to paſs his Account with the ſaid Commiſſioners, according to the Courſe of the Navy, before he receive any more Money upon that Bill:

In Anſwer to which Objections, Mr. *Fanuell* ſaid, That the whole Sum was paid to Sir *Hovendon*'s Order; and every Voucher ſays, received of him: He believes the Bill for 5,957 *l.* 11 *s.* 4 *d.* will be judged to be a good Bill of Exchange: The Draught is on the Navy-board: There are Four of the ſame Tenor and Date: It is payable to Mr. *Fanuel*, or Order: The Rate of the Exchange is mentioned; and the Value is owned to be received: Which Particulars are humbly conceived to be all that is eſſential is a Bill of Exchange: However, Mr. *Fanuel* took it for a good and regular Bill; and that Sir *Hovendon* intended it as ſuch, is evident from his giving it that Name in the Body of it.

Mr. *Fanuell* admits, That he received Two-thirds of his Bill in like manner as the other Bills were paid; which, he thinks, plainly ſhews the ſame was reckoned a Bill of Exchange by the Government.

Mr. *Fanuell* ſays, That if there were a greater Quantity of Materials, and other Stores, furniſhed, than the Service of the Fleet required, as has been objected, that muſt lie upon Sir *Hovendon Walker*; by whoſe Order every thing was furniſhed, as he owns himſelf in the Certificate annexed to his Bill of Exchange.

Mr. *Fanuel* further ſays, That if the Stores were charged at exceſſive Prices, as has been alſo objected, that muſt lie upon the Auditors, who were appointed by the Governor at Sir *Hovendon*'s Requeſt; he the ſaid Mr. *Fanuel* made no Prices for any thing; but only paid the Money to the reſpective Tradeſmen, after their Accounts had been examined, approved, and ſigned, by the Auditors.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts, was committed, be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 15° *die Junii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the Laws for repairing the Highways more effectual; and for the better paving and cleanſing the Streets of the City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 18. After "*Anne*," inſert "Queen:"

L. 23. After "Writing," inſert "upon Oath:"

Laſt L. Leave out from "to" to "next," in the 6th Line of the 2d Pr. and inſert "the Juſtices at their:"

Pr. 2. L. 7. and 8. Leave out "or monthly Meeting "of Juſtices, to be held in that Diviſion," and inſert "to "be holden for Amendment of the Highways, according "to the ſaid recited Act:"

L. 26. Leave out "or monthly Meeting:"

L. 28. After "at," inſert "ſuch;" and, in the ſame and next Line, leave out "or monthly Meeting:"

Pr. 3. L. 6. After "at," inſert "ſuch:"

L. 7. Leave out "or monthly Meeting:"

L. 12. Leave out from "Reparations" to "and," in the 29th Line of the 4th Preſs:

Preſs 4. L. 35. After "at," inſert "ſuch:"

L. 36. Leave out "or monthly Meeting:"

L. 42. After "at," inſert "ſuch:"

L. laſt, Leave out "or monthly Meeting:"

Pr. 5. L. 33. After "General," inſert "or:"

Pr. 6. L. 37. After "at," inſert "ſuch;" and, after "Seſſions," leave out "or:"

L. 38. Leave out "monthly Meeting:"

Pr. 7. L. 19. Leave out from "and" to "be," in 24th L.; and, in the ſame Line, leave out "therefore," and inſert "further:"

L. 26. Leave out "ſuch Cities," and inſert "any City, or Market-Town:"

Pr. 8. L. 11. Leave out "ſo offending:"

L. 26. Leave out "the," and inſert "ſuch "their;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out "or month-"ly Meeting:"

Pr. 9. L. 23. Leave out from "whatſoever" to "and," in the Firſt Line of the next Preſs:

Pr. 10. L. 10. After "the," leave out "ſaid;" and, after "City," inſert "of *London*:"

L. 14. Leave out from the Word "Act," mentioned in the Second Place, to the End of the Bill; and inſert "as if this Act had not been made:"

In the Title of the Bill, Line 2. Leave out from "ef-"fectual" to the End of the Title.

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Archer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Eye*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of *Edward Hopkins* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Revenue in *Ireland*.

Mr. *Aiſlabie* reported, That he had, according to Order, at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, delivered to their Lordſhips the Replication of the Commons to the Anſwer of *Thomas* Earl of *Strafford* to the Articles of Impeachment for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors exhibited by the Commons againſt the ſaid Earl.

Mr. *Molyneux*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts, was committed, the Amendments made thereunto; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 16° *die Junii*;
Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being moved, That ſo much of the Act, of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, might be read, as enacts, That no Perſon, which ſhould thereafter come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhould go out of the Dominion of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, *Nemine contradicente*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repealing ſo much of the ſaid Act as enacts, That no Perſon who ſhould come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhall go out of the Dominions of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament: And that Sir *John Cope* and Mr. *Hampden* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to encourage the Planting of Timber-trees, Fruit-trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; and for the better Preſervation of the ſame; and for the preventing the Burning of Woods; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to revive, and continue, an Act of the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *Wm.* for Repair of the Piers of *Bridlington*, alias *Burlington*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Erengard Meloſine* Baroneſs of *Schulenburg*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Erengard Meloſine* Baroneſs of *Schulenburg*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts, was read the Third time:

And an Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Pr. 5. L. * To leave out "Defendant," and inſert "Demandant:"

The ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of this Kingdom, by enforcing the Laws now in being againſt Papiſts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Molyneux* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, in the room of *Wm. Coward* Eſquire, deceaſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 18° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the Committee, to whom the Bill for making more effectual an Act, of the Fourth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better collecting Charity-money on Briefs by Letters Patents; and preventing Abuſes in relation to ſuch Charities; was committed; be revived.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Erengard Meloſine* Baroneſs *Schulenburg* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Yonge*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Naylor*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Lord *Shannon*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Honywood*, Colonel *Morton*, Colonel *Grant*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Monroe*, Sir *Orlando Bridgman*, Mr. *Allaſon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Lechmere*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *John Cope* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repealing ſo much of the Act, of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as enacts, That no Perſon who ſhould come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhall go out of the Dominions of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 19° *die Junii*;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Fælix Calvert* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, at the laſt Election of Members for the Borough of *Reading*, *in Com' Berks*, *Charles Cadogan*, *Owen Buckingham*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner was duly elected for the ſaid Borough by a Majority of uncorrupted Votes; but the ſaid Mr. *Cadogan* and Mr. *Buckingham*, by Bribery, and other undue Practices, by themſelves and Agents, have procured themſelves to be elected; in Prejudice to the Petitioner: And praying to be relieved in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Edward Berington*, a Priſoner in the *Gatehouſe*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner being Printer of a Paper called *The Evening-Poſt*; in which Paper he printed a Letter, which had been printed and publiſhed by other Perſons; but contained ſome Reflections; by which means, the Petitioner fell under the Cenſure of this Houſe; and being ordered to be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe for the ſame: That the Petitioner is very poor, and has a great Family, and nothing but his Labour to ſupport them: And that the Petitioner never before fell under the Diſpleaſure of the Government, although he has followed the Trade in the Reign of King *William* to this preſent Time; and that he is very ſorry that he hath incurred the Cenſure of this Houſe: And praying, in regard of his Circumſtances, and his numerous Family, That he may be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the Keeper of the *Gatehouſe* do bring the ſaid *Edward Berington*, in his Cuſtody, to this Houſe upon *Friday* Morning next, in order to his being diſcharged.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Erengard Meloſine* Baroneſs of *Schulenburg*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill; and

and directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Bill was read a Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to continue the Duties for encouraging the Coinage of Money; and to charge the Duties on Senna as a medicinal Drug; and for appropriating ſeveral Supplies granted to his Majeſty; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for repealing ſo much of the Act, of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King *William*, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as enacts, That no Perſon who ſhould come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhould go out of the Dominions of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repealing ſo much of the Act, of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as enacts, That no Perſon who ſhould come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhall go out of the Dominions of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament.

Ordered, That Sir *John Cope* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 22° *die Junii*;

Anno °2 Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to diſcharge Sir *Alexander Rigby* from his Impriſonment; and to veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees, for his Creditors; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of Sir *George Mathew* Knight, Sir *Richard Houblon* Knight, *Bartholomew Swartz*, *John Stafford*, *Peter Hambly*, and *Thomas Clarke*, of *London*, Merchants, in behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Merchants, late ſeparate Traders to *Eaſt-India* by Licence, purſuant to ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that behalf made, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeparate Trade to *Eaſt-India* was eſtabliſhed by ſeveral Acts of Parliament; particularly by One Act of the Second of Queen *Anne*; which ſeparate Trade expired at *Michaelmas* 1714, and was always excluſive, and independent of the *Eaſt-India* Company: That, during the ſaid ſeparate Trade, great Quantities of *Eaſt-India* Goods, as well rated as unrated, were imported into this Kingdom; and the ſame were entered at the Cuſtom-houſe by the Petitioners, and others, and Securities given for the Payment of the Cuſtoms and Duties of the ſame, as uſual; which were afterwards duly paid as they were required, and adjuſted by the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms according to the ancient Method uſed for that Purpoſe; and no other Cuſtoms or Duties were ever demanded for the ſaid Goods during the ſaid Trade; and that the Petitioners, and others concerned in the ſaid ſeparate Trade, ſold the ſaid Goods by the Candle; in which Sale, . . . had always a ſpecial regard to the Duties paid for the ſame, thoſe being the Meaſure or Standard of their Profit or Loſs; and, after ſuch Sales, according to the Meaſure of thoſe Duties, from time to time, paid and balanced all the net Produce of their reſpective Traders, and Dealings amongſt all Perſons intereſted: That Sir *Edward Northey*, his Majeſty's Attorney-General, in or about *February* 1714, upon an Information by him exhibited againſt the *Eaſt-India* Company, their Accounts being then open, and not adjuſted with his Majeſty, or the late Queen, in relation to the Duties before-mentioned, and on Suggeſtion of ſome Fraud committed in the Payment of the ſaid Duties, obtained a Decree in the Court of Exchequer, againſt the ſaid *Eaſt-India* Company, for a new Way of computing and paying thoſe Duties in the algebraick Way, according to a Scheme then approved of by the ſaid Court; but the ſaid Decree was not to extend to private Perſons, or ſeparate Traders, licenſed as aforeſaid: That long after the Expiration of the ſaid ſeparate Trade, *viz.* in *Eaſter* Term laſt, the ſaid Attorney-General hath exhibited a great many Informations in the ſaid Court of Exchequer, againſt the Petitioners, and others, to compel them to pay greater Sums of Money than they all along paid during the ſaid ſeparate Trade, on account of the Duties of the ſaid unrated *Eaſt-India* Goods, purſuant to the ſaid new algebraick Method of Computation; although the Petitioners had, long before that time, paid the Duties demanded of them for the ſaid Goods, in Diſcharge of the Securities by them given for the ſame: And the Petitioners were moſtly Agents for other Perſons in entering the ſaid unrated Goods; and their Correſpondents, and Dealers in the ſaid ſeparate Trade, being many of them dead, and others become inſolvent, and others have withdrawn themſelves into Places remote; ſo that, if ſuch Proſecutions ſhould be carried on, and Recoveries had, againſt the Petitioners, and many others, for thoſe new-demanded Cuſtoms, during the Continuance of the ſaid ſeparate Trade, the Petitioners, and many more Families, muſt inevitably be ruined; there being no Probability that the Petitioners, after ſuch a Length of Time, could ever be reimburſed, or have any Recompence of the Parties then intereſted; and which, if . . were poſſible, would be the Occaſion of innumerable and endleſs Suits of Law: And praying, to take the Premiſes into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland*, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being informed, That *John Carnegy* Eſquire, of *Boyſack*, who is returned a Member of this Houſe for the Shire of *Forfar*, had been in Arms in *Scotland*, on the Part of the Rebels, during the late Rebellion; and that there were Two Perſons at the Door who could prove the ſame;

They were called in; and examined at the Bar; and gave the Houſe an Account, That they had ſeen the ſaid Mr. *Carnegy* in Arms at *Perth*, on the Part of the Rebels.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the ſaid *John Carnegy* be expelled this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to his Attorney-General, That the ſaid *John Carnegy* be immediately proſecuted for High Treaſon.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Shire of *Forfar*, in the room of *John Carnegy* Eſquire, expelled this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland:*

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 3. L. 26. After "Time," inſert "or oftener:"

Pr. 4. L. 25. After "nor," inſert "of any Officers, "or their Aſſiſtants, employed in the Execution of Ju- "ſtice: Nor ſhall this Act be conſtrued to:"

L. 40. After "Burghs Royal," inſert "be "kept:"

Pr. 5. L. 9. After "to," inſert "keep, or:"

Pr. 9. L. 30. Leave out "Lord Juſtice General:"

L. 33. Leave out "exonored," and inſert "ex- "onerated."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lord *Wm. Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe being acquainted, That the Keeper of the *Gatehouſe* attended, according to Order, with *Edward Berington* in his Cuſtody;

Ordered, That the ſaid *Edward Berington* be brought to the Bar, and receive a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker; and be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

And the ſaid *Edward Berington* was brought in to the Bar: Where he, upon his Knees, received a Reprimand from Mr. Speaker accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 23° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Bucks*, in the room of *Richard Hampden* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of One of the Tellers of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the more effectual reverſing, and making void, the Attainder of *Charles* Earl of *Macclesfeild*, deceaſed: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The ſaid Bill was read the Firſt time:

And Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer informed the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been acquainted with the Contents of this Bill before it was brought into the Houſe of Lords; and that he had graciouſly pleaſed to conſent to its being brought in.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a Second time upon *Monday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Dormer:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repealing ſo much of the Act, of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as enacts, That no Perſon who ſhould come to the Poſſeſſion of the Crown ſhall go out of the Dominions of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, without Conſent of Parliament, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Attainder of *Thomas Forſter* junior, Eſquire, and *William Mackintoſh* Eſquire, commonly called Brigadier *Mackintoſh*, of High Treaſon, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to diſable any Perſon from being choſe a Member of, or from ſitting and voting in, the Houſe of Commons, who hath any Penſion, for any Number of Years, from the Crown, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates, with ſeveral Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for better regulating Hackney Coaches, Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality; and for preventing Miſchiefs occaſioned by the Drivers riding upon ſuch Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons; with ſeveral Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to diſcover and regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates, be now taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe accordingly proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration:

And the ſame were once read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 2. L. 27. After "Perſons," inſert "not having "taken the Oaths herein after-mentioned before the laſt "Day of *Trinity* Term 1716, in the manner by Law "required:"

L. 31. Leave out "or," and, after "being," inſert "or ariſing:"

Pr. 3. L. 1. Leave out "now," and inſert "on the "24th of *June* 1716;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out "18," and inſert "21:"

L. 2. Leave out "*November*," and inſert "*Ja- "nuary:*"

L. 5. Leave out "now," and inſert "on the "ſaid 24th of *June:*"

L. 8. After "Age," inſert "and have ſuch "Eſtate or Intereſt as aforeſaid:"

L. 29. and 30. Leave out "Eſtate in:"

L. 30. After "lie," inſert "or ariſe:"

L. 36. After "Oaths," inſert "and ſo, from "time to time, within Six Months after he, ſhe, or they, "or any Truſtee or Truſtees for him, her, or them, or "his, her, or their, Benefit or Advantage, ſhall come "into the Poſſeſſion or Perception of the Rents or Pro- "fits of any other Lands, Tenements, or Heredita- "ments:"

L. *ult.* Leave out "in which," and inſert "whereof:"

Pr. 4. L. 1. Leave out "ſhall then have any Eſtate "or Intereſt legal or equitable," and inſert "or any

" Truſtee or Truſtees for him, her, or them, or his, her, " or their, Benefit or Advantage, ſhall be in Poſſeſſion, " or in the Receipt or Perception of the Rents or Pro- " fits :"

L. 3. After " being," inſert " or ariſing :"

Pr. 4. L. 6. Leave out " or," and, after " Town- " ſhip," inſert " or Place :"

L. 8. After " lie," inſert " or ariſe :"

L. 16. After " Leaſe," inſert " then by whom " ſuch Leaſe was made :"

L. 17. Leave out " upon ſuch Leaſe," and inſert " thereupon :

L. 19. Leave out " the," and inſert " ſuch ;" and, after " thereof," inſert " in caſe the ſame was made " by himſelf, or any Perſon in Truſt for him ; or that he " was Party or privy thereunto ;" and, in the ſame Line, and next Line, leave out " and, if unlett, the true " yearly Value thereof :"

Pr. 7. L. 6. After " Rolls," inſert " and ſhall like- " wiſe enter ſuch Warrants of Attorney upon Record :"

L. 7. After " Regiſtry," inſert " and Entry " on Record :"

L. 8. After " Regiſtry," inſert " and Entry on " Record :"

L. 35. Leave out from " Office " to the 2d " and," in the 27th Line of the next Preſs :

Pr. 8. L. 28. Leave out from " who " to the Second " ſhall," in the 36th Line, and inſert " is or are hereby " required or intended to take and ſubſcribe ſuch Oath, " and repeat and ſubſcribe ſuch Declaration, as aforeſaid ; " or, in Default thereof, to regiſter, or cauſe to be re- " giſtred, his, her, or their, Name and Names, Eſtate " and Eſtates, as aforeſaid :"

L. 40. Leave out from " and" to " Eſtate " in the laſt Line ; and, in the ſame, and Firſt Line of the 9th Pr. leave out " or Intereſt legal or equitable :"

Pr. 9. L. 10. Leave out " ſo," and inſert " wil- " fully :"

L. 11. Leave out " regiſtring falſe," and inſert " refuſing ſo to do, or committing any Fraud in ſuch " Regiſtry :"

L. 11, 12, 13. Leave out " all his, her, and " their, reſpective Eſtate and Eſtates, both real and per- " ſonal," and inſert " the Fee-ſimple and Inheritance of " all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not " regiſtred, or fraudulently regiſtred, whereof he, ſhe, " or they, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him, " her, or them, was or were ſeiſed in Fee-ſimple at the " time of ſuch Default, or Fraud, in regiſtring, as afore- " ſaid, and the full Value of the Inheritance of all ſuch " Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not regiſtred, " or fraudulently regiſtred, as aforeſaid, whereof he, ſhe, " or they, or ſome Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him, " her, or them, was not, or were not, ſeiſed in Fee-ſimple " at the time of ſuch Default, as aforeſaid :"

L. 18. After " Plaint," inſert " Suit :"

L. 26. Leave out " real or perſonal :"

L. 34. Leave out " upon Oath :"

Pr. 10. L. 2. After " neglecting," inſert " to regiſter ;" and, after " or," inſert " fraudulently ;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out " falſe :"

L. 7. Leave out " all his," and inſert " the ;" and, after " Eſtate," leave out " truly," and inſert " ſo " ſued for :"

L. 22. Leave out from " Ejectment" to " pro- " vided," in the 25th Line :"

L. 28. Leave out from " Perſons" to " ſhall," in the 31ſt Line of the ſame Preſs, and inſert " who is or " are hereby required or intended to take and ſubſcribe " ſuch Oath, and make and ſubſcribe ſuch Declaration, " or to make ſuch Regiſtry, as aforeſaid :"

L. 32. Leave out " Firſt," and inſert " 18th :"

Pr. 11. L. 4. Leave out " *February*, " and inſert " *May* :"

L. 5. Leave out " 16," and inſert " 17 :"

L. 10. Leave out " *February*," and inſert " *May* :"

L. 11. Leave out " 16," and inſert " 17 :"

L. 19. Leave out " Firſt," and inſert " 18 :"

L. 23. Leave out " *November*, " and inſert " *January* :"

L. 29. Leave out " *November*, " and inſert " *January* :"

At the End of the Bill, add Clauſes marked A, B, C, D, and E :

A : " Provided, That in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons " ſo making Default, or committing any Fraud in regi- " ſtring, as aforeſaid, after ſuch Default or Fraud com- " mitted, and before he, ſhe, or they, be thereof convict- " ed, or any Ejectment or Suit brought for ſuch forfeited " Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall, *bona fide*, " for a juſt and valuable Conſideration, convey over, " grant, leaſe, or incumber, all or any ſuch Lands, Te- " nements, or Hereditaments, omitted, or fraudulently " regiſtred, as aforeſaid ; that then, and in ſuch Caſe, the " Perſon or Perſons ſo purchaſing, or having ſuch Grant, " Leaſe, or Incumbrance, as aforeſaid, not knowing, at " the time of ſuch Purchaſe or Incumbrance made, the " ſaid Offender to be a Perſon within the Deſcription of " this Act, ſhall not be prejudiced, nor his, her, or their, " Eſtate or Intereſt in the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and " Hereditaments, impeached, for or by reaſon of ſuch " Forfeiture, as aforeſaid ; but, in that caſe, the ſaid Of- " fender ſhall forfeit the Value of the Inheritance of the " ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be diſ- " tributed and recovered in manner as aforeſaid :"

B : " Provided always, and be it hereby further Enact- " ed and Declared, by the Authority aforeſaid, That no- " thing in this preſent Act contained ſhall extend, or be " conſtrued to extend, to compel any Perſon whatſoever " to regiſter, or procure to be regiſtred, any Lands, Te- " nements, or Hereditaments, until he, or ſome other " Perſon or Perſons, as Truſtee or Truſtees for him, or " his Benefit, or on his behalf, is, are, have, or hath been, " or ſhall be, actually ſeiſed, and have Notice thereof, or " poſſeſſed, or in the Receipt of the Rents or Profits, of " the ſame for the Space of Six Months :"

C : " Provided, That nothing herein contained ſhall " extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to compel any Per- " ſon or Perſons to regiſter any Lands, Tenements, or " Hereditaments, whereof he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be only " Farmer or Farmers, or Tenants at a Rack-rent, or who " only do or ſhall hold by Leaſe or Leaſes, whereupon " Two-thirds of the full yearly Value, or more, is, are, " or ſhall be, reſerved :"

D : " Provided alſo, That nothing herein contained " ſhall extend to defeat, or prejudice, any Proteſtant or " other Creditor, who, *bona fide*, hath, or ſhall have, any " Charge or Incumbrance upon any real Eſtate or Eſtates " hereby directed to be regiſtred ; but then, in caſe of " ſuch Charge or Incumbrance, the Perſon or Perſons ſo " making Default, or committing any Fraud in regiſtring, " as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit the Value of ſuch Charge and " Incumbrance ; One Third-part thereof to and among " the Perſon and Perſons who ſhall, by virtue of this Act, " ſue for, and recover, the Lands, Tenements, and He- " reditaments, forfeited, as aforeſaid ; and ſubject to ſuch " Charge and Incumbrance, or any Part thereof, in pro- " portion to the Part ſo by him, her, or them, recovered ; " and Two Third-parts thereof to the King's moſt Ex- " cellent Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors :"

E : " Provided alſo, and be it further Enacted and " Declared, by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon " or Perſons, being in the *Eaſt* or *Weſt-Indies*, or *Ame- " rica*, ſhall be compelled to take the ſaid Oaths, and ſign " the Declaration before-mentioned, and regiſter his, her, " or their, Eſtate or Eſtates at the time within mentioned ; " but ſhall have Twelve Months longer than the Times " herein before reſpectively allowed to Perſons beyond the " Seas to take the ſaid Oaths, and ſign the ſaid Declara- " tion, and regiſter their Eſtate and Eſtates ; any thing " herein to the contrary notwithſtanding."

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned until *Monday* Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 25° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſs had been preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty would be pleaſed to give Directions to his Attorney-General, That *John Carnegy* Eſquire may be immediately proſecuted for High Treaſon; and that his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſay, He will give Directions for the Proſecution of Mr. *Carnegy*, according to the Deſire of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Maidſtone*, in the County of *Kent*, in the room of Sir *Robert Marſham* Baronet, now Lord *Romney*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for better regulating Hackney Coaches, Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality; and for preventing Miſchiefs occaſioned by the Drivers riding upon ſuch Carts, Drays, Cars, and Waggons:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Pr. 1. L. 29. Leave out from "Mortality" to "and," in the 33d Line:

Pr. 2. L. 8. Leave out from "ſame" to "that," in the 19th Line of the 3d Preſs:

Pr. 3. L. 21. After "are," inſert "or ſhall be:"

L. 31. After "make," inſert "ſuch;" and, after "Ordinances," inſert "from time to time:"

L. 36. After "fit," inſert "ſo as ſuch Orders, "By-laws, or Ordinances, be made agreeable to the true "Intent and Meaning of this Act, and the former Acts "concerning Hackney Coaches; and be for the better "putting in Execution thereof, and for the good Go-"vernment and regulating the Perſons licenſed to keep "Coaches, and the Renters of ſuch Licences, and Drivers "of ſuch Coaches; and ſo as they do not contain any "thing repugnant to the Laws of this Realm:"

L. 37. After "approved," inſert "and put in "Execution:"

L. 38. Leave out from "directed" to "and," in the 14th Line of the 5th Preſs:

Pr. 5. L. 29. Leave out from "aforeſaid" to "and," in the 7th Line of the next Preſs.

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New Woodſtock*, in the County of *Oxon*, in the room of *William Cadogan* Eſquire, now Lord *Cadogan*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Plympton*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of *Richard Edgecomb* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted of being One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of the Exchequer.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Second reading the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the more effectual reverſing, and making void, the Attainder of *Charles* Earl of *Macclesfeild*, deceaſed;

A Petition of *Elizabeth* Ducheſs of *Hamilton*, Sir *Thomas Orby* Baronet, and the Lady *Charlotte* his Wife, and *John Elrington* Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner the Ducheſs of *Hamilton* is Niece, and the Lady *Charlotte Orby* is Siſter, and *John Elrington* is Nephew, and alſo Co-heirs at Law, of *Charles* Earl of *Macclesfeild*, deceaſed: That the ſaid Earl, by his laſt Will, deviſed all his Manors and Lands to *Charles* late Lord *Mohun*, ſince alſo deceaſed, and his Heirs; and, after the ſaid Earl's Death, the Petitioners, at great Expence, diſcovered, that, at his Death, he ſtood attainted of High Treaſon, committed againſt King *Charles* the Second; and that the Petitioners were adviſed, by reaſon of ſuch Attainder, the ſaid Earl had no Power to deviſe his Manors and Lands; and, if the Petitioners could obtain Leave from the Crown to bring a Writ of Error to reverſe the ſaid Attainder of the ſaid Earl, his Blood would be reſtored, and thereby his Eſtate will deſcend to the Petitioners, his Heirs at Law; and the Petitioners have not yet obtained Leave to bring ſuch Writ of Error: But the Lady *Mohun*, who, under the Will of the late Lord *Mohun*, claims both his paternal and the *Macclesfeild* Eſtates; and hath brought a Bill into the Houſe of Lords, which is now ſent down to this Houſe, intituled, An Act for the more effectual reverſing, and making void, the Attainder of *Charles* Earl of *Macclesfield*, deceaſed; which is to defeat the Petitioners of all future Hopes of Favour from the Crown, and to ſecure .. herſelf the ſaid Eſtates, being of great yearly Value, though ſhe is a Stranger in Blood to the ſaid Earl: And praying to be heard, by Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, which tends to make good the unnatural Will and Deviſe of the ſaid Earl of *Macclesfield*; whereby, as far as in him lay, he diſinherited the Petitioners, his Heirs at Law, of the ancient Eſtate of their Family.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Fitz-Williams*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Denton*, Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Offley*, General *Carpenter*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Benſon*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Lutwich*, Sir *John Bland*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed, have Leave to ſit To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates:

And the ſaid Amendments were ſeverally read a Second time, as far as Clauſe A:

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſes A, B, and C, being ſeverally read the Second and Third time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe D being read the Second and Third time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Banks*: } 38.

Tellers

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Nevill:* } 13.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Clauſe E, being read the Second and Third time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeſſop* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 26° die Junii;

Anno 2° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Great Wenlock*, in the County of *Salop*, in the room of the Honourable *Thomas Newport* Eſquire, now Lord *Torrington*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Old Sarum*, in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *Thomas Pitt* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted of being Governor of the Plantation of *Jamaica*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Lancaſter*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, in the room of *William Heyſham* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the more effectual reverſing, and making void, the Attainder of *Charles* Earl of *Macklesfeild*, deceaſed, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be now read the Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Brackley*, in the County of *Northampton*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Paul Methuen* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral publick and private Bills.

After which, his Majeſty was pleaſed to declare from the Throne, That he had ordered the Lord Chancellor to deliver his Majeſty's Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, in his Majeſty's Name and Words.

And the Lord Chancellor did accordingly read a Speech, delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne.

And, afterwards, the Lord Chancellor, by his Majeſty's Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is his Majeſty's Royal Pleaſure, That this Parliament be prorogued to *Tueſday* the Seventh Day of *Auguſt* next: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued, to meet here on *Tueſday* the Seventh Day of *Auguſt* next.

Martis, 7° die Auguſti;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the 18th Day of *September* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Tueſday* the 18th Day of *September* next.

Martis, 18° die Septembris;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the 16th Day of *October* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Tueſday* the 16th Day of *October* next.

Martis,

Martis, 16° *die Octobris*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the 20th Day of *November* next.

And the Parliament was according.. prorogued until *Tueſday* the 20th Day of *November* next.

Martis, 20° *die Novembris*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the 8th Day of *January* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Tueſday* the 8th Day of *January* next.

Martis, 8° *die Januarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black-Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Thurſday* the 17th Day of *January* inſtant.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Thurſday* the 17th Day of *January* inſtant.

By his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales*, Guardian of the Realm of *Great Britain*, and his Majeſty's Lieutenant within the ſame:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE P. C. R.

WHEREAS this preſent Parliament ſtands prorogued to the Eighth Day of *January* next enſuing; We, with the Advice of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, do hereby publiſh and declare, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall be further prorogued, on the ſaid Eighth Day of *January* next, to *Thurſday* the Seventeenth Day of the ſaid Month of *January:* And we have given Order to the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain* to prepare a Commiſſion for proroguing the ſame accordingly: And we do hereby further declare, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *January* next enſuing, be held, and ſit, for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commiſſioners for Shires and Burghs, of the Houſe of Commons; are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly, at *Weſtminſter*, on the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *January* next enſuing.

Given at the Court at *St. James's*, the One-and-twentieth Day of *December* 1716, in the Third Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

HENRY Duke of *Kent*, Lord Steward of his Majeſty's Houſhold, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, and One of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting: Know ye, That I, the ſaid Lord Steward, by virtue of my ſaid Office of Lord Steward, have conſtituted, named, and appointed, and, by theſe Preſents, do conſtitute, name, and appoint, the Honourable *Hugh Boſcawen* Eſquire, Comptroller of his Majeſty's Houſhold; Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Thomas Wheat*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Baronets; the Honourable *Francis Robartes*, *Reginald Calthorp*, *John Leigh*, *Owen Merick*, *Thomas Ferrers*, *Philip Papillon*, *Joſeph Earl*, *Tho. Miller*, Eſquires; the Lord *William Powlett*, the Lord *Harry Powlett*; Sir *William Daines*; *Henry Holmes*, *Richard Reynell*, *Wm. Helier*, *Antony Morgan*, *Geo. Bridges*, *Wm. Aſh*, *Thomas Stephens*, *William Bray*, Eſquires; Sir *Thomas Read*; *Wm. Dowdeſwell*, *Godfrey Clark*, *Samuel Bracebridge*, *Wm. Ward*, *Clement Corrance*, *Joſeph Herne*, *James Jennings*, *Charles Longueville*, Eſquires; Sir *Edward Williams*; *William Foreſter*, *Charles Maſon*, *Richard Fleming*, *Richard Fowler*, *John Bigg*, *William Egerton*, *William Thompſon*, *John Weſt*, *Geo. Trenchard*, *John Eden*, *Henry Trenchard*, *Thomas L'Grey*, *Thomas White*, *Richard Grantham*, Eſquires; Sir *John Rogers*; *John Henley*, *Thomas King*, *Walter Chetwynd*, *Maurice Berkley*, *George Chaſin*, *Thomas Horner*, *Denzill Onſlow*, *Thomas Rowney*, *John Jenyns*, Eſquires; Sir *John Norris*; *Matthew Aylmer*, *John Pepper*, *Shilſton Calmady*, *William Okeden*, *Thomas Lewis*, *William Stanhope*, *Thomas Paske*, *John Hungerford*, *Thomas Onſlow*, Eſquires; Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *John Coriton*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*; *John Curzon*, *William Inge*, *Thomas Brodrick*, *Horatio Townſend*, Eſquires; Sir *Robert Rich*; *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire; Sir *Arthur Owen*, Sir *Robert Worſley*; *William Newland*, *Thomas Wylde*, Eſquire; Sir *Nathanael Mead*; *John Digby* Eſquire; *Daniel* Lord *Finch*; *Thomas Wilkinſon*, *John Selwyn*, *Henry Cartwright*, *Richard Wynn*, *John Anſtis*, *Francis Drewe*, *Richard Hampden*, *William Farrer*, *Joſeph Addiſon*, *Gyles Earl*, *Thomas Lyddall*, *William Lowndes*, *Richard Edgcumbe*, *Wm. Shippen*, Eſquires; Sir *Robert Furneſe*; *William Carr*, *Thomas Lewis*, Eſquires; *George* Lord *Carbery*; *Ralph Bell*, *John Rolle*, *William Sloper*, *Stephen Biſſe*, *William Stephens*, *Charles Bertie*, *William Northey*, Eſquires; Sir *Alexander Commyns*; and *William Hucks* Eſquire; or any Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them; my Deputies, and Deputy, in my place and ſtead, to tender and adminiſter the Oaths mentioned in the Statute,

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tute, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for removing and preventing all Queſtions and Diſputes concerning the Aſſembling and Sitting of this preſent Parliament, according to the Direction of the Statute; and of all and every other Statute and Statutes, directing the Taking of the ſaid Oaths before me; to all and every Perſon and Perſons, which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners for Shires or Burghs, of the Parliament appointed to meet the 17th Day of *March* 1714; and to take and receive the Oaths of all and every the ſaid Perſon and Perſons, which is, are, or ſhall be, elected or appointed a Knight, Citizen, Burgeſs, Baron of any of the Five Ports, or Commiſſioners for Shires or Burghs, as aforeſaid, for the ſaid Parliament; giving them, Six, Five, Four, Three, Two, or One, of them, full Power and Authority to execute and perform the ſame; ratifying and confirming all and whatſoever my Deputies, or Deputy, ſhall do and perform in this behalf, in as ample, perfect, and full, manner, as if I myſelf had perſonally been preſent, and done the ſame. In Teſtimony whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal. Given this Eighth Day of *January*, in the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *Anno Domini* $17\frac{16}{17}$.

Kent (L.S.).

Jovis, 17° *die Januarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

THE Houſe being met, according to the laſt Prorogation, and in purſuance of a Proclamation hereunto annexed, by his Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales*, Guardian of the Realm of *Great Britain*, and his Majeſty's Lieutenant within the ſame;

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Thurſday* the 24th Day of this inſtant *January*.

And the Parliament was prorogued, accordingly, till *Thurſday* the 24th Day of *January* inſtant.

Jovis, 24° *die Januarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

THE Houſe being met, purſuant to the laſt Prorogation;

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the ſaid Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Wedneſday* the 20th Day of *February* next.

And the Parliament was prorogued, accordingly, until *Wedneſday* the 20th Day of *February* next.

Mercurii, 20° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Several Members, returned upon new Writs, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for that Purpoſe.

Then a Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, and unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: Where his Majeſty was pleaſed to declare, That he had commanded the Lord Chancellor to declare the Cauſes of his Majeſty's meeting his People in Parliament at this time, as they were contained in a Speech, which his Majeſty delivered into the Lord Chancellor's Hands from the Throne; and his Lordſhip read the ſame to both Houſes: And that, to prevent any Miſtakes, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth;

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Was in Hopes, that the Succeſs which it pleaſed God to give us, in defeating the late Rebellion, might have ſecured to the Nation Peace, Plenty, and Tranquillity.

My Endeavours have not been wanting, during your Receſs, to improve the happy Proſpect which was in View, by entering into ſuch Negotiations, as I judged moſt conducive to thoſe good Ends; and 'tis with Pleaſure I can acquaint you, That many Defects in the Treaties of *Utrecht*, which very nearly affected the Trade, and even the Security, of theſe Kingdoms, have been remedied by ſubſequent Conventions; the happy Conſequences of which have already very ſenſibly appeared, by the flouriſhing Condition of our Trade and Credit.

By the Alliance lately concluded with *France*, and the States-General, we are ſoon to be eaſed of all future Apprehenſions from *Dunkirk* and *Mardyke*: The Pretender is actually removed beyond the *Alps*; his Adherents are deprived of all Hopes of Support and Countenance from *France*; and even the Aſſiſtance of that Crown is ſtipulated to us, in caſe of Exigency.

It ſeemed reaſonable to expect, that ſuch a Situation of Affairs, at home and abroad, ſhould have recovered from their Deluſion all ſuch of our Subjects as had unhappily been ſeduced by the Craft and Wickedneſs of deſperate and ill-deſigning Men; and thereby have afforded me the Opportunity, which I deſired, of following the natural Bent of my own Inclinations to Lenity, by opening this Seſſion with an Act of Grace: But ſuch is the obſtinate and inveterate Rancour of a Faction amongſt us, that it hath again prompted them to animate and ſtir up foreign Powers to diſturb the Peace of their native Country: They will chooſe rather to make *Britain* a Scene of Blood and Confuſion, and to venture even the putting this King-

dom under a foreign Yoke, than give over their darling Deſign of impoſing a Popiſh Pretender.

I have ordered to be laid before you Copies of Letters, which have paſſed between the *Swediſh* Miniſters on this Occaſion; which contain a certain Account of the projected Invaſion: And I promiſe myſelf, from your experienced Zeal and Affection to my Perſon and Government, that you will come to ſuch Reſolutions, as will enable me, by the Bleſſing of God, to defeat all the Deſigns of our Enemies againſt us.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I did hope, the putting an End to the late Rebellion would have ſo far ſecured the Peace and Tranquillity of the Nation, that I might, conſiſtently with the Safety of my People, have made a conſiderable Reduction of the Forces: But the Preparations which are making from abroad to invade us, oblige me to aſk ſuch Supplies, as you ſhall find abſolutely neceſſary for the Defence of the Kingdom.

You are all ſenſible of the inſupportable Weight of the National Debts, which the Publick became engaged for, from the Neceſſity of the Times; the Preſſures of a long and expenſive War, and the languiſhing State of publick Credit: But the Scene being now ſo happily changed, if no new Diſturbances ſhall plunge us again into Streights and Difficulties, the general Expectation ſeems to require of you, that you ſhould turn your Thoughts towards ſome Method of extricating yourſelves, by reducing, by degrees, the Debts of the Nation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have an intire Confidence in you; and have therefore nothing to aſk, but that you would take ſuch Meaſures as will beſt ſecure your Religion and Liberties: While you preſerve thoſe ineſtimable Bleſſings, I ſhall ſit eaſy and ſafe on my Throne; having no other View but the Happineſs and Proſperity of my People.

After which, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had commanded him to lay before this Houſe Copies of Letters which paſſed between Count *Gyllenberg*, the Baron *Gortz*, *Sparr*, and others, relating to the Deſign of raiſing a Rebellion in his Majeſty's Dominions, to be ſupported by a Force from *Sweden*:

And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe accordingly.

And the ſaid Copies were read; and are bound up with other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return him the Thanks of this Houſe for his moſt gracious Speech from the Throne: To congratulate his Majeſty upon his ſafe and happy Return to his Kingdoms; and upon the prudent Adminiſtration of the Government by his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, under his Majeſty; and the great Care his Royal Highneſs took of the Peace and Security of the Kingdom during his Majeſty's Abſence: To acknowlege his Majeſty's Goodneſs and tender Regard to his People, in remedying the fatal Defects of the Treaties at *Utrecht*; and in ſo ſeaſonably diſcovering the traiterous Deſigns that are again ſet on foot againſt his Sacred Perſon, and Government: To expreſs the higheſt Reſentment and Indignation at this deſperate Attempt: And to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will ſtand by, and ſupport, his Majeſty againſt all his Enemies at home and abroad, who ſhall, in any manner, aid and abet the Pretender to his Crown; and will moſt chearfully contribute ſuch Supplies as ſhall be found neceſſary for the Safety of his Royal Perſon, and the Defence of his Kingdoms; and will apply themſelves, with all poſſible Diligence and Attention, to the great and neceſſary Work of reducing the National Debts.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. *Onſlowe*, Sir *John Browlowe*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. Secretary *Methuen*, Mr. *Craggs*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Molineux*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Harvey*, Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *John Hobart*, Mr. *Maſters*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Cockborn*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Aiſliby*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Wylde*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Coventry*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Brodrick*: And they are to meet immediately, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed by Mr. Speaker: And that he do appoint the Printing thereof: And that no other Perſon preſume to print the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 21° die Februarii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the Grand Committee for Religion do ſit every *Tueſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances do ſit every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Juſtice do ſit every *Saturday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade do ſit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, of Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Sir *Thomas Wheat*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Monroe*, Colonel *Morgan*, Mr. *Stephens*, General *Webb*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Wylde*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Jeffryes*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *North*, Sir *Thomas Read*, Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Honywood*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Onſlow*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Sir *John Norris*, Colonel *Stanhope*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *Edward Ernley*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Tuffnell*, Lord *Cavendiſh*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Colonel *Campbell*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Treſuſis*, Mr. *Grant*, Mr. *Churchill*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Littleton*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Eyre*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Deſhoverie*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Deacle*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Lord Marquis of *Wincheſter*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Frankland*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Molyneaux*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Betts*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Sir *Edward Williams*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Lord *Pagett*, Sir *Nathanael Mead*, Mr. *Elford*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Robartes*, Mr. Secretary *Methuen*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Sir *John Hynd Cotton*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *Edgcumbe*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Lyddell*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr.

Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Nico. Carew*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Wm. Humphryes*, Mr. *Haldane*, Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Thomas Samuel*, Mr. *Trevor*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Sir *Henry Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Cartwright*: And they are to meet upon *Monday* next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber; and to ſit every *Wedneſday*, *Friday*, and *Monday*, in the Afternoon: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to take into Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges; and to proceed upon Double Returns in the Firſt place; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe, from time to time: And all Perſons that will queſtion Returns, are to do it in Fourteen Days next; and ſo within Fourteen Days next after any new Return ſhall be brought in: And the Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information: And all Members, who are returned for Two or more Places, are to make their Election by this Day Three Weeks, for which of the Places they will ſerve; provided there be no Queſtion upon the Return for that Place: And if any thing ſhall come in Queſtion, touching the Return, Election, or Matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate; and that all Members returned upon Double Returns do withdraw, till their Returns are determined.

Reſolved, That no Peer of this Realm hath any Right to give his Vote in the Election of any Member to ſerve in Parliament.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall judge any Petition, touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satisfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

Reſolved, That in caſe it ſhall appear any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected, or returned, as a Member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt Practices, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath been tampering with any Witneſs, in reſpect of his Evidence to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof; or, directly or indirectly, hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any Perſon from appearing, or giving Evidence; the ſame is declared to be a High Crime and Miſdemeanor; and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath given falſe Evidence, in any Caſe, before the Houſe, or any Committee thereof, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That it is a high Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of *Great Britain*, for any Lord of Parliament, or any Lord Lieutenant of any County, to concern themſelves in the Elections of Members to ſerve for the Commons in Parliament.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do, from time to time, take into his Cuſtody any Stranger, or Strangers, that he ſhall ſee, or be informed of to be, in the Houſe or Gallery, while the Houſe, or any Committee of the whole Houſe, is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Back-door of the Speaker's Chamber be locked up every Morning, at the Sitting of the Houſe; and the Key delivered to the Clerk, to be locked up by him: And that he do not preſume to deliver the ſame to any Perſon whatſoever, without Order of the Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care to clear the Speaker's Chamber every Day before the Door is locked up.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to bring any Stranger, or Strangers, into the Houſe, or Gallery thereof, while the Houſe is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Conſtables, and other Officers, of *Middleſex* and *Weſtminſter* do take care, that from Nine of the Clock in the Morning to Three in the Afternoon, during this Seſſion of Parliament, the Paſſages through the Streets between *Temple-bar* and *Weſtminſter-hall* be kept free and open; and that no Obſtruction be made by Cars, Drays, Carts, or otherwiſe, to hinder the Paſſage of the Members to and from this Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do give Notice of this Order to the Officers aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the Conſtables in Waiting do take care there be no Gaming, or other Diſorders, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, or the Paſſages leading to the Houſe, during the Sitting of Parliament; and that there be no Annoyance by Chairmen, Footmen, or otherwiſe, therein, or thereabouts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Orders be ſent to the High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*; and that he do ſee the ſame put in Execution.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care, that no Footmen be permitted to be within the Lobby of the Houſe, or upon the Stairs leading thereto.

Reſolved, That, notwithſtanding the Oath taken by any Candidate at or after any Election, his Qualification may be afterwards examined into.

Reſolved, That the Perſon, whoſe Qualification is expreſly objected to in any Petition relating to his Election, ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, give to the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons a Paper, ſigned by himſelf, containing a Rental or Particular of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereby he makes out his Qualification; of which any Perſon concerned may have a Copy.

Reſolved, That of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof the Party hath not been in Poſſeſſion for Three Years before the Election, he ſhall alſo inſert in the ſame Paper from what Perſon, and by what Conveyance, or Act in Law, he claims and derives the ſame; and alſo the Conſideration, if any, paid, and the Names, and Places of Abode, of the Witneſſes to ſuch Conveyance and Payment.

Reſolved, That if any Sitting Member ſhall think fit to queſtion the Qualification of a Petitioner, he ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, leave Notice thereof in Writing with the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons; and the Petitioner ſhall, in ſuch Caſe, within Fifteen Days after ſuch Notice, leave with the ſaid Clerk of the Houſe the like Account, in Writing, of his Qualification, as is required from a Sitting Member.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Midhurſt*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of Sir *John Forteſcue Aland* Knight, now One of the Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Com-Baron to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town and Port of *Seaford*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of Sir *William Aſhburnham* Baronet; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Town, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of Alienation.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Richmond*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *Thomas York* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the

the Town and County of *Kingſton upon Hull*, in the room of *William Maiſter* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Hereford*, in the room of Sir *Thomas Morgan* Baronet, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Hereford*, in the room of *James* Lord Viſcount *Scudamore*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of Sir *William Thompſon* Knight; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Sollicitor-General to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Ryegate*, in the County of *Surry*, in the room of Sir *John Parſons* Knight, deceaſed.

A Petition of Sir *Theodore Janſen*, and Colonel *Antony Morgan*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *South Yarmouth*, in the *Iſle of Wight*, the Petitioners, Sir *Robert Raymond*, and Colonel *Henry Holmes*, ſtood Candidates: That ſeveral Perſons were illegally made free of the Corporation, and, contrary to the expreſs Words of the Charter, were admitted to poll for the ſaid Sir *Robert Raymond*, and Colonel *Holmes*; and, by other indirect Practices, procured themſelves to be returned; in Wrong to the Petitioners, and in Violation of the Rights and Privileges of the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Weymouth*, and *Melcomb Regis*, in the County of *Dorſet*, in the room of *John Baker* Eſquire, deceaſed.

A Petition of *Felix Calvert* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, *Charles Cadogan* Eſquire, *Owen Buckingham* Eſquire, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner was duly elected by a Majority of uncorrupted Votes; and that the ſaid *Charles Cadogan* and *Owen Buckingham*, by Bribery, and other illegal Practices, by themſelves and Agents, procured themſelves to be elected and returned Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough; in Prejudice to the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That Lieutenant-General *George Carpenter*, having, ſince his Election, accepted of a Commiſſion from his Majeſty, conſtituting and appointing him Governor of the Iſland of *Minorca*, and the Town and Gariſon of *Port-Mahon*, and the Caſtle, and Forts, and all other Military Works and Fortifications thereunto belonging, or elſewhere ſituated in the ſaid Iſland, deſires to know the Senſe of the Houſe thereupon, whether he may ſit in the Houſe, in reſpect of the Act, 8° *Annæ Reginæ*, *Cap.* 4. *Sec.* 26. *&c.*;

The ſaid Act was read.

Then the Commiſſion was produced, and read; a Copy whereof is as follows; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* To our truſty and well-beloved Lieutenant-General *George Carpenter*, Greeting: We, repoſing eſpecial Truſt and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and Experience in Military Affairs, do, by theſe Preſents, conſtitute and appoint you to be Governor of the Iſland of *Minorca*, and the Town and Gariſon of *Port-Mahon*, and the Caſtle, Forts, and all other Military Works and Fortifications thereunto belonging, or elſewhere ſituated in the ſaid Iſland: You are therefore to take the ſaid Iſland, Town, and Gariſon, with the Caſtle, Forts, and other the Fortifications thereof, into your Care and Charge; and carefully and diligently to diſcharge the Duty of Governor thereof, by doing and performing all and all manner of Things thereunto belonging: And we do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all our Officers and Soldiers, who now are, or hereafter ſhall be, in Gariſon in the ſaid Iſland, Town, Caſtle, or any other the Fortifications there, and all other our Miniſters, Officers, and loving Subjects, whom it may concern, to obey you as our Governor thereof: And you are to obſerve and follow ſuch Orders and Inſtructions, from time to time, as you ſhall receive from us, according to the Rules and Diſcipline of War, in purſuance of the Truſt we hereby repoſe in you. Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the Fifth Day of *July* 1716, in the Second Year of our Reign.

Entered with the Secretary at War. By his Majeſty's Command,
James Stanhope.

Rd. Arnold.

Entered with the Paymaſter-General.
J. M.

And the Inſtructions to him, as Governor of *Minorca*, *&c.* were alſo produced, and read; a Copy whereof is as follows; *viz.*

By his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, Guardian of *Great Britain*, &c.

Inſtructions to *George Carpenter* Eſquire, Governor of his Majeſty's Iſland of *Minorca*, *George*, P. C. R. given at the Court at *Hampton-Court*, the 4th Day of *Auguſt* 1716, in the Third Year of his Majeſty's Reign.

HIS Majeſty having appointed you Governor of his Iſland of *Minorca*, you will apply yourſelf in the Diſcharge of that Truſt, and in the Execution of ſuch Orders as you ſhall receive, with that Zeal which his Majeſty's Service, and the Intereſt and Proſperity of his Subjects in thoſe Parts, do require.

In caſe of your neceſſary Abſence from the Iſland, it is his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Lieutenant-Governor ſhall command in Chief; and, in caſe of his Abſence, the Lieutenant-Governor of Fort *St. Philip* ſhall command; and, in caſe of his Abſence, That the Command ſhall devolve on the eldeſt Officer in the Iſland.

When any Vacancy ſhall happen in a Military Employment, you ſhall acquaint his Majeſty with it, and receive his Directions for ſupplying the ſame; and, in caſe of your Abſence, the Officer commanding in Chief on the Iſland is to acquaint you with it, that you may lay it before his Majeſty, and know his Pleaſure therein.

You are to give Orders, That no Officer have Leave to be abſent from the Iſland, without your Knowlege and Allowance.

You are to take care, that, upon no Pretence whatſoever, the Paymaſters of the Regiments do receive Pay for any abſent Officers; but that ſuch Pay be left in the Deputy Paymaſter-General's Hands on the Iſland, till ſuch time as the Officer returns to his Poſt: You are to give Orders, That none be muſtered but the Effectives; and that

that the non-effective Money be applied towards recruiting, by proper Warrants.

You are to take care, that the State of the Accounts of each Regiment be made up every Two Months, and delivered in to yourſelf; or, in your Abſence, to the Commander in Chief.

You are to give Orders, That no Serjeant, Corporal, Drum, or private Soldier, be diſcharged, without Leave from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to which they belong; nor are they to receive any corporal Puniſhment, except Confinement, but by the Determination of a Court Martial.

G. P. C. R.

A true Copy; examined,
20th *Feb.* 1716.
Geo. Tilſon.

After which, the Senſe of the Houſe being, That it was a Military Commiſſion, the ſaid Lieutenant-General came into the Houſe.

Mr. *Onſlow* reported from the Committee appointed Yeſterday to draw up an humble Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, return your Majeſty their humbleſt Thanks for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

Your Majeſty's ſafe and happy Return into your Kingdoms gave an univerſal Joy to all your People; and as the prudent Adminiſtration of the Government by his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, under your Majeſty, did, in ſome degree, make the Want of your Royal Preſence more eaſy to us, we beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty upon the Peace and Security, that, during your Majeſty's Abſence, was, by the great Care of his Royal Highneſs, preſerved in the Kingdom, to the general Satisfaction of all your Subjects.

We can never ſufficiently acknowlege the repeated Inſtances of your Majeſty's Goodneſs, and unwearied Concern for the Welfare of your Kingdoms: We ſee, with Admiration, many of the fatal Defects of the Treaties at *Utrecht*, and the great Diſadvantages that were impoſed upon this Nation, at the Head of a victorious Army, and powerful Confederacy, happily remedied by your Majeſty, even in the midſt of inteſtine Dangers and Troubles: Your conſummate Wiſdom has renewed thoſe Alliances that were baſely betrayed and diſſolved, and concluded ſuch new Treaties, as may render the Peace ſafe and laſting; and we are at a Loſs to determine, whether, in future Ages, the ſuffering the Demolition of the Port of *Dunkirk* to be ſcandalouſly evaded, will be a greater Reproach, or the procuring the Deſtruction of the Sluices of *Mardyke*, a greater Honour, to the *Britiſh* Nation.

We cannot, at the ſame time, but with the higheſt Reſentment and Indignation, look upon the obſtinate and inveterate Rancour of thoſe, who are again endeavouring to embroil their native Country in Blood and Confuſion: It is aſtoniſhing to find, that any, who call themſelves Proteſtants, can be ſo inflexible and reſtleſs in their Endeavours to impoſe upon us a Popiſh Pretender; and rather venture to ſubject the Kingdom to a foreign Yoke, than depart from their darling and avowed Deſign of altering and ſubverting the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment in the Proteſtant Succeſſion. We adore the watchful Eye of Heaven, that has ſo wonderfully guarded and protected your Sacred Perſon; and cannot too much extol the Wiſdom and Vigilance that has been uſed, in ſo early and ſeaſonably diſcovering this deſperate Attempt: And, in order moſt effectually to defeat it, your faithful Commons, with Hearts ſincerely zealous in the Cauſe of their King and Country, aſſure your Majeſty, That they will, to the utmoſt, ſtand by and ſupport your Majeſty againſt all your Enemies at home and abroad, that ſhall, in any manner, preſume to aid or abet the Pretender to your Crown; and will moſt chearfully grant to your Majeſty ſuch Supplies as ſhall be found neceſſary for the Safety of your Royal Perſon, and the Defence of the Kingdom.

We are all but too ſenſible of the inſupportable Weight of the National Debts; and therefore will not neglect to apply ourſelves with all poſſible Diligence and Attention to the great and neceſſary Work of reducing and leſſening, by degrees, this heavy Burden; which may prove the moſt effectual Means of preſerving to the publick Funds a real and certain Security.

The ſaid Addreſs, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Ordered, Nemine contradicente, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize his Majeſty to prohibit Commerce with *Sweden*, during ſuch time as his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary for the Safety and Peace of his Kingdoms: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Craggs*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 22° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

MR. Comptroller reported, That he having waited upon his Majeſty, to humbly know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon at Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *St. James's*.

A Petition of *William Wallis* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the Election for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*, Major-General *John Pepper*, *Robert Leaves*, *John Middleton*, Eſquires, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates; and that the ſaid Major-General *Pepper*, and *Robert Leaves*, by Corruption, and other undue Practices, procured themſelves to . . returned Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough; to the great Injury of the Petitioner, who ought to have been returned: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Chriſt-Church*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of *William Ettericke* Eſquire, deceaſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And a Motion being made for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 23° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty, and preſent to him their Addreſs; and that his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this his moſt gracious Anſwer; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Duty and Zeal which you expreſs, in this loyal Addreſs, to my Perſon and Government; your affectionate Concern for the Welfare of your Country; your Promiſes of an effectual Support againſt all our Enemies at home and abroad; and your Reſolution of applying yourſelves to eaſe my People, by reducing gradually the heavy Load of the publick Debts; deſerve my hearty Thanks: You ſhall never have Cauſe to repent of the Confidence you repoſe in me; the Honour, Welfare, and Proſperity, of this Nation being what I have chiefly at Heart.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to authorize his Majeſty to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden* during ſuch time as his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary for the Safety and Peace of his Kingdoms: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of *John Elwill* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the ..... Borough of *Honiton*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of Sir *William Courtney* Baronet, who, being likewiſe choſen a Knight of the Shire for the ſaid County, made his Election to ſerve for the County, the Petitioner, and Sir *William Pole*, Baronet, ſtood Candidates: That, by ſeveral corrupt and indirect Practices made uſe of in behalf of the ſaid Sir *William Pole*; and in particular by *William Gill*, Portreeve of the ſaid Borough, by admitting Perſons to vote who had no Right, and refuſing others who had a Right, and would have voted for the Petitioner: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the oppreſſed Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Borough is a Borough by Preſcription, and have ſent Members to Parliament Time immemorial: That it was an open Town until the Diſſolution of Monaſteries, and the happy Reformation thereupon: That the Petitioners Predeceſſors, during thoſe Times of Popery and Superſtition, were influenced by the Prior and Monks of a great Priory within the ſaid Town, and who were not only Lords of it, but ſeveral of the adjacent Pariſhes: That, towards the latter End of the Reign of *Edward* the Sixth, a Charter of Incorporation was granted for better Government of the ſaid Town; but not ſealed, by reaſon of the Demiſe of the ſaid King; and, during the ſhort Continuance of that Reign, the ancient Privileges of the Petitioners Predeceſſors were rather retrieved and inlarged, than leſſened and deſtroyed thereby; but, a Stop being put to the bleſſed Reformation by the Acceſſion of Queen *Mary* to the Throne, ſeveral Perſons who, upon that unfortunate Turn, had expreſſed a furious Zeal for the Support of that bloody Government, obtained, as a Reward, a more inlarged Charter, and themſelves to be made Governors of the ſaid Borough, by the Names of a Bailiff, High Steward, Recorder, and Twenty-four Capital Burgeſſes: That the Petitioners Predeceſſors, who profeſſed the Proteſtant Religion in thoſe early Times, and in this then bigotted Place, whilſt the Popiſh Reign laſted, could not, Burning for Conſcience-ſake excepted, lie under heavier Oppreſſions than the Petitioners have done for ſeveral Years laſt paſt: And, as if the Inhabitants of *Leominſter* were always deſtined, whenever Popery prevailed, and the Proteſtant Intereſt was in Danger of being ſubverted, that their Privileges as *Engliſhmen* ſhould be, amongſt the firſt, in Hazard of being invaded; the Petitioners do, in the moſt humble manner, repreſent to this Honourable Houſe, That, when the glorious King *William*, of immortal Memory, the great Preſerver, under God, of the Proteſtant Intereſt, and Liberties of *Europe*, arrived, to relieve us from King *James*'s Popery, and arbitrary Power, this ancient Borough was reſtored to their juſt Rights and Privileges in the Choice of their Members to ſerve in Parliament; and do, becauſe they may with Truth, and without Vanity, affirm, That no Corporation, for the Space of near Sixteen Years, in this Kingdom made uſe of that great Truſt repoſed in them freer from Corruptions and Bribery, and in all other reſpects with greater regard to the true Intereſt of their Country, than the now abuſed Petitioners did; but ſince thoſe Men have had any Power, who our glorious King, in his Royal Proclamation for ſummoning this preſent Parliament, mentions to have been diſaffected to his happy Acceſſion to the Throne, and to have left this Kingdom not only under the greateſt Difficulties in reſpect of its Trade and Navigation, but have, as his Sacred Majeſty is pleaſed further to declare, to his great Surprize, very much increaſed, even ſince the Concluſion of the laſt War, the publick Debts of the Nation, we the Petitioners have laboured under great Difficulties, by means of the unjuſt and arbitrary Proceedings of the Three following Receivers of the publick Money, who are all Inhabitants of our Town, and Two of them capital Burgeſſes of our Corporation; *viz.* *Caleb Powell* Eſquire, our preſent Bailiff, and Receiver-General for the publick Taxes in the Shires of *Brecon*, *Radnor*, and *Montgomery*; *James Caſwall* Eſquire, likewiſe a capital Burgeſs of the ſaid Borough, and Receiver-General for the publick Taxes of the Counties of *Monmouth*, and Three more other Counties in the extreme Parts of *North Wales*; and *Samuel Clarke* Eſquire, Receiver-General for the publick Taxes in the County of *Hereford*: That, ſince the Three ſaid publick Officers have had the Command of ſo much publick Money (for before they had none to ſpare from carrying on their reſpective Trades; the One being a Tanner, the other a Glover, and the Third a Mercer), they have, in Combination and Confederacy with Mr. *Thomas Price*, Attorney at Law, another capital Burgeſs of the ſaid Borough, and Town-Clerk of the ſame, and ſeveral of the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Corporation, at ſeveral paſt Elections, but more eſpecially at the laſt, for chooſing Members for this preſent Parliament, in order to force us to elect *Edward Harley* Eſquire, Recorder of the ſaid Borough, One of the Auditors of the Impreſts, and Brother to the late Lord Treaſurer the Earl of *Oxford*, to whoſe Favour *Caleb Powell* and *James Caſwall* aforeſaid owe their Employments, by the illegal, arbitrary, and unjuſt, Proceedings following, as far as in them lay, endeavoured to rob us of our invaluable Privileges; to invert the Method of our Elections; and not only to uſurp to themſelves the ſole Government of the Body Corporate, but to bring into the Members thereof the Power, at leaſt, of directing,

directing, in an arbitrary manner, the Inhabitants of this ancient Borough by Preſcription who they ſhall truſt with all that is dear to them in this World; and more particularly they, by themſelves, Servants, Agents, or Accomplices, have, by their lending ſo many, and ſuch great, Sums, either of the publick or the ſaid Mr. *Harlye*'s Money, to ſo many of the poorer or moſt indigent Sort of Voters of, and Inhabitants within, the ſaid Borough, and upon ſuch Securities as they the ſaid Voters could not obtain any Money elſewhere, and have ſince broke ſome of the ſaid Voters, got ſuch an Influence upon ſo many of the Voters of the ſaid Borough, that, by their arbitrary, illegal, and unjuſt, Proceedings, and by their Threats of ſuing the ſaid Voters, and forcing them to pay what they are not able, their ſaid Debtors are compelled to comply, and vote in Elections for Members of Parliament, as they are directed by the aforeſaid Magiſtrates, Town-Clerk, and Receivers, or their or ſome of their Agents and Accomplices, contrary to their own Inclinations and Opinions, as many of them declare; and which, being ſo great a Number, makes the Petitioners find the hard Effects of ſuch arbitrary and illegal Proceedings: And moreover, to carry on ſuch indirect Proceedings, the preſent Bailiff, and the Magiſtrates, as living within the ſaid Borough, have, for many Years laſt paſt, by indirect Contrivances, kept the Bailiwick, the Magiſtracy, and Government, of the ſaid Borough in their own Power, and amongſt their own Party; for that the preſent Bailiff hath been Three times Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, Two Years of which have been within the Space of Ten Years laſt paſt; and the ſaid *James Caſwell* hath been Four times Bailiff of the ſaid Borough; and hath been, within the Space of Seven Years laſt paſt, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough for Three Years ſucceſſively; and his Father-in-law *Edward Bangham* Eſquire, One of the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid Borough, hath been Three times Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, and ended his laſt Year's Bailiwick at *Michaelmas* laſt; and, for the Continuance of ſuch their Management, and keeping up the Number of their Party in the Chamber, there are but Nineteen Perſons, beſides the Bailiff, in that Community, which ought to conſiſt of Twenty-four, beſides the Bailiff: And the ſaid Bailiff, and his Accomplices, neglect to fill up the ſaid Chamber with other proper and fit Perſons; becauſe thoſe who are moſt proper and fit to be choſen for capital Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough are in a contrary Intereſt, and oppoſite to them, and who will not willingly join in ſuch indirect Practices as are uſed in the ſaid Chamber, who have divers Houſes, Lands, and Tenements, belonging to the ſaid Chamber lying within the ſaid Borough, and are demiſed to many of the Inhabitants and Voters of the ſaid Borough for Lives, under yearly Rents and Fines; which Fines are arbitrary; but, where the Tenants are in the Intereſt of the now and late Years prevailing Bailiff and Magiſtrates, and their Aſſociates, their Fines are much eaſier than their Oppoſers are forced to undergo; and, as an Inſtance in this Matter, the aforeſaid Mr. *Edward Bangham*, and Mr. *Thomas Price*, who hold the Two Meſſuages they reſpectively live in, and lying within the ſaid Borough, by Leaſe under the ſaid Chamber, by their Friendſhip amongſt their Brethren, obtained each of them a Leaſe of their reſpective Houſes for Three Lives; with a Covenant, that each of them ſhould, upon the Death of any One Life mentioned in their reſpective Leaſes, be admitted to add a Third Life, at One Year's Value, at ſuch a Rate as they then put upon their reſpective Houſes; whereas none other of the Tenants of the ſaid Chamber ever had any ſuch Covenant allowed them: And the ſaid Bailiff and Magiſtrates, and ſeveral others of their Party in the ſaid Chamber, being Commiſſioners, and having the executive Power of directing and levying all the Taxes within the ſaid Borough, they have, for many Years laſt paſt, extremely eaſed themſelves, and the Perſons in their Party, in all or moſt of their reſpective Taxes; and loaded their Oppoſites with Stock in Trade, Money at Intereſt, and other heavy Burdens, contrary to the Rules of common Juſtice; but the Receivers, who have each of them ſeveral Thouſands of Pounds at Intereſt, not charged for the ſame: And, as an undeniable Inſtance of their Injuſtice to the Government, there is not, nor hath been, One Houſe lying within the ſaid Borough charged at Thirty Shillings *per Annum* for Light-money, according to the Act of Parliament, ſince the ſame was made; though there are near Forty Houſes within the ſaid Borough that ought to be charged therewith; and in ſuch Method are theirs, and all their Votaries, Houſes, underrated, or totally omitted to be rated: And, for the further Carrying on of their Oppreſſion in the like Nature, all Perſons who will engage with them, and vote in their Intereſt, are admitted to be Inhabitants, and vote in the ſaid Borough, without giving any, or, at leaſt, no ſufficient, Security to indemnify the Town from their Charge; and by which means ſome Families are now, and more like to become, a Charge to this Borough for the Support of them; but, if any Perſons who are their Oppoſites come to live with.. the ſaid Borough, they are forced to give undeniable Security; nor will that be accepted but at Will and Pleaſure; and alſo all ſuch, and likewiſe ſuch other Perſons who are their Oppoſites, living within the ſaid Borough, are loaded with Offices, forced to ſerve upon unprofitable Juries, impoveriſhed by the Inequality of Taxes, and terrified by the Frowns and Threats of the Magiſtrates, and governing Part of the Town; and ſuch as are Publick-houſe Keepers and Voters, if they will not join with the ſaid Magiſtrates in voting for Members of Parliament as they pleaſe, are threatened they ſhall have no Licences to ſell Ale; but ſuch as will comply with them ſhall be licenſed, or have Leave to ſell Ale without Licence; by reaſon whereof, there are this preſent time Forty Publick-houſes that ſell Ale within this ſmall Borough: Under all which Aggrievances, the oppreſſed Petitioners have laboured for ſeveral Years laſt paſt; and therefore have juſt Reaſon now to complain; which they would have avoided, had not the ill Practices, unjuſt and corrupt Proceedings, in the laſt Election for Members to ſerve for the ſaid Borough in this preſent Parliament, given them juſt Occaſion to repreſent to this Honourable Houſe, That after the aforeſaid *Caleb Powell* Eſquire, the preſent Bailiff of this Borough, had received the Mandate from the Sheriff of the County of *Hereford*, for the electing Two Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for this Borough, by the Advice of his aforeſaid Town-Clerk, and, as is believed, by the Approbation, if not Direction, of the aforeſaid Mr. *Harley* the Recorder, after Sun-ſet, on *Friday* the Twenty-eighth Day of *January* laſt paſt, did cauſe publick Notice to be affixed on ſeveral Places in the ſaid Town, That he the ſaid Bailiff intended to proceed to elect Two Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough, by Nine of the Clock on the *Tueſday* Morning following, being the Firſt Day of *February* inſtant; which was but Three Days Notice, and contrary to the Act of Parliament in that Caſe made and provided, which requires Four Days Notice, at leaſt, to be given of ſuch Elections: And notwithſtanding the ſaid Bailiff was then informed, that ſuch Notice was not according to Law; yet the ſaid Bailiff would not alter what he had directed; nor did he take care, that the Town-Clerk ſhould publiſh the Proclamation for diſſolving the laſt Parliament: And the Petitioners further ſheweth, That, from the time that the aforeſaid publick Notice was given, even to the very Hour of the Election, and during the ſame, ſuch Bribery, arbitrary and corrupt Proceedings, by Menaces, Threats, Force, and Locking up of Voters the Night before the Election, were uſed and practiſed within the ſaid Borough, for and on the behalf of the ſaid *Edward Harley*, by the ſaid Receivers, Magiſtrates, their Agents or Accomplices, or ſome of them, as ....want Words to expreſs, by forcing Men to vote contrary to their Inclinations and faithful Promiſes, and by filling them ſo with Drink, that many of the Voters, when they paſſed their Votes, did not rightly underſtand who they voted for; and which had ſo lamentable an Effect upon One of the ſaid Voters, formerly a very ſober Man, that, as ſoon as he was led home from voting, he was laid down upon his Bed in his Cloaths, and declared he was prevailed with to vote againſt his Con-

Conſcience, and forthwith died; and, at the ſaid Election, the Bailiff admitted ſeveral Perſons to vote for the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, who had no Right of voting, and refuſed to allow the Votes, or to poll ſeveral Perſons there produced, and offered to be polled, on the behalf of *Henry Gorges* Eſquire, and who had a juſt Right of voting; and which, had they been polled as they ought to have been, would have caſt the Majority on Mr. *Gorges'* Side againſt Mr. *Harley:* And moreover, *Thomas Bayly* Gentleman, Under-Sheriff for the County of *Hereford*, came into Court about the Middle of the ſaid Poll, at which time he had nothing to do there, unleſs, at the Requeſt, and upon the behalf of Mr. *Harley*, to hinder ſuch Voters as were in Debt from appearing, for fear of being arreſted by him; and he being reprimanded for the ſame by One of the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Hereford*, who liveth in *Leominſter* aforeſaid, and voted at the ſaid Election againſt the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, the ſaid Under-Sheriff withdrew; and, about Two Hours afterwards, came into Court again, and inſulted the ſaid Juſtice of the Peace in a moſt inſolent, rude, and violent, manner, threatening to break his Head, and calling him very opprobrious Names, and went away with Impunity; and, after the ſaid Bailiff had polled all the Voters he would allow of, he refuſed to let the Candidates Clerks compare their Poll-book with the Town-Clerk's Poll book, to ſee if any, and what, Miſtakes had happened in taking the ſaid Poll; ſaying, He had nothing to do with any of the Poll-books, but with the Town-Clerk's, who took the Poll for him; nor did the Bailiff direct his Town-Clerk to read over the Names of the Voters in his own Poll-book, to ſee that there were no Miſtakes in his taking the Poll; but the ſaid Bailiff finding, by ſome private Intimations given him, that the ſaid Mr. *Harley* had, according to the Town-Clerk's Poll-book, and according to the Management of the Proceedings, as aforeſaid, ſome ſmall Majority of the ſaid Mr. *Gorges*, he commanded the Town-Clerk to caſt up the Poll-book; and, according to his Computation only, without any other Inſpectors, the ſaid Bailiff declared the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Coningsby*, and the ſaid Mr. *Harley*, to be duly elected Members to ſerve for the ſaid Borough in the next Parliament; and that he would, and accordingly did, return the ſame; and notwithſtanding the ſaid Mr. *Gorges'* Agent did then, on the behalf of the ſaid Mr. *Gorges*, tender One Indenture to the ſaid Bailiff, ready ingroſſed, and required the ſaid Bailiff to return the ſaid Mr. *Gorges*, he being a Member, had Juſtice been done him, duly and legally choſen; but the ſaid Bailiff poſitively refuſed to do the ſame; and the ſaid Bailiff, the Morning after the ſaid Election, turned One of the Searchers and Sealers of Leather for the ſaid Borough, being a Place of ſome Profit, out of his Office, for no other Reaſon as can be known, than that he voted at the ſaid Election againſt the ſaid Mr. *Harley:* All which Actings and Doings ... many more of the ſame Nature, are expreſly contrary to the Rules of Juſtice, and are arbitrary, illegal, and unjuſt; and which Practices and Proceedings not only tend to the Ruin and Deſtruction of the Rights and Privileges of the Petitioners, and this Borough, in chooſing their Repreſentatives in Parliament; but alſo, if practiſed in other Cities and Boroughs, will end in the Extirpation of our truly happy, if not abuſed, Conſtitution and Government: And praying to be relieved againſt all theſe Oppreſſions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do examine whether the ſaid Petition be the ſame in Subſtance with that which was preſented to the Houſe the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; and whether it is ſigned by the ſame Perſons.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 25° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *John Dodd* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for the City or Borough of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*, the Petitioner, together with *Thomas Horner* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid City or Borough, in the place of *William Coward* Eſquire, deceaſed: That the ſaid *Thomas Horner*, by the Aſſiſtance of *William Salmon* Mayor, and by other indirect and illegal Practices, procured himſelf to be returned a Member to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid City or Borough; in the manifeſt Prejudice of the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion made upon *Friday* laſt, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to authorize his Majeſty to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*, during ſuch time as his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary for the Safety and Peace of his Kingdoms.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 26° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Francis Barrington*, late of *Tofts*, in the County of *Eſſex*, Eſquire, did, in his Life-time, by Deeds of Settlement, limit ſeveral Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the ſaid County, to the Uſe of the Petitioner for Life; with Remainder to all his Sons ſucceſſively in Tail Male; with divers Remainders over: That in the ſaid Settlement is contained, amongſt other things, a Proviſo, That the Petitioner, and his Iſſue Male, when they ſhall reſpectively be in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſes, take upon them the Surname of *Barrington:* And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, in order to confirm and ſettle the Name of *Barrington* to and upon the Petitioner, and his Iſſue Male.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *John Hobart*, and Mr. *White*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Gabriel Roberts* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right of electing Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Marlborough* hath, for Time out of mind, been in the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough; and that *John Fowler*, Mayor, did, by Indenture duly executed, return the Petitioner; and delivered the ſame to the Sheriff, who accepted thereof: But one *Roger William*, pretending to act as Mayor, though not qualified ſo to do, got Poſſeſſion of the Precept; and annexed a Return thereto of Sir *William Humphreys*, and *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire, who alſo ſtood Candidates, although they were not duly elected: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; and of the Deficiencies of the Parliamentary Funds.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, with the Half-pay of the Officers of the Navy and Marines, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charges for Guards and Gariſons, and Land-Forces, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance, for the Land-Service, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a State of the Debt of the Navy to *Chriſtmas* laſt be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Liſt of the Regimental and Warrant Officers that are to be in Half-pay for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe, how the Money granted for extraordinary Repairs of the Navy, in the Two laſt Years, has been laid out; and alſo an Account of what will be further neceſſary for extraordinary Repairs of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſaid ſeveral Accounts, State, Liſt, and Eſtimates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Craggs*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to authorize his Majeſty to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*, during ſuch time as his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary for the Safety and Peace of his Kingdoms, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 27° *die Februarii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe their Return to this Houſe, with the Accounts of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods, and Naval Stores, imported from *Ruſſia*; in purſuance of Clauſes in ſeveral Acts of Parliament.

And then the Commiſſioners withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read; *viz.*

An Account of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the ſeveral Warehouſes in the Port of *London* at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen; with what have been brought in ſince that time, what exported, as alſo what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen: And alſo,

An Account of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the ſeveral Warehouſes in the Port of *London* at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen; with what have been brought in ſince that time, what exported, as alſo what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen: And alſo,

An Account of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the reſpective Warehouſes of the Out-ports at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen; what brought in ſince that time, what exported, as alſo what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen: And alſo,

An Account of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods remaining in the reſpective Warehouſes of the Out-ports at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen; what brought in ſince that time, what exported, as alſo what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen: And alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Port of *London* from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen: And alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Port of *London* from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen: And alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Ports commonly called the Out-ports from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen: And alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Ports commonly called the Out-ports from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Nevil*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill to authorize his Majeſty to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*, during ſuch time as his Majeſty ſhall think it neceſſary for the Safety and Peace of his Kingdoms, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That no Perſon ſhall incur any Penalty for bringing into *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, any Goods of *Sweden*, which, on or before a certain Day and Month, ſhall be laden or put on board any Ship or Veſſel in *Sweden*, or other foreign Parts, to be brought into *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging; and due Proof thereof made:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. 40. After "Parliament," to inſert "under "the Penalties herein after-mentioned:"

Preſs 2. L. 27. The ſame Amendment:

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty effectually to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That his Majeſty would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the Eſtimates, Accounts, Liſt, and State, therein mentioned, having been preſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions accordingly.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards and Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen:

And the Titles of the ſaid Eſtimates were read:

And the ſaid Eſtimates are as follows; *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year 1717.

		Pay of the Troops and Regiments for 365 Days.			Total Charge.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Horſe.	First Troop of Guards, conſiſting of One hundred and Eighty-one Men, Officers included — —	16,546	13	4			
	Second Troop, *ditto* — — — —	16,546	13	4			
	Third Troop, *ditto* — — — —	16,546	13	4			
	Fourth Troop, *ditto* — — — —	16,546	13	4			
	First Troop of Grenadier-Guards, conſiſting of One hundred and Seventy-ſix Men, Officers included —	10,743	3	4			
	Second Troop, *ditto* — — — —	10,870	18	4			
	Royal Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of Forty-four Men in each, Officers included ——	29,339	18	4			
	General *Lumley*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of Forty-two Men in each, Officers included ——	28,518	13	4			
	Colonel *Pitt*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Six Troops, of Forty-two Men in each, Officers included — —	19,338	18	4			
	Lord *Windſor*'s Regiment — — — —	19,338	18	4			
					184,337	3	4
Dragoons.	Royal Regiment of Dragoons, conſiſting of Six Troops, of Forty-four Men in each, Officers included ——	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Campbell*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*'s, *ditto* — —	12,814	10	10			
	Earl of *Stair*'s, *ditto* — — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Ker*'s, *ditto* — — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Major-General *Evans*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Major-General *Pepper*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Brigadier *Dormer*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Sir *Robert Richs*'s, *ditto* — — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Stanhope*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Brigadier *Bowles*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Brigadier *Honywood*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Major-General *Wynn*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Brigadier *Gore*'s, *ditto* — — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Tyrrell*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Churchill*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Brigadier *Munden*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Moleſworth*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
	Colonel *Newton*'s, *ditto* — — —	12,814	10	10			
					243,476	5	10
Foot	First Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of Twenty-eight Companies, of Seventy-ſix Men in each, Officers included — — — —	52,088	10	10			
	Second Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of Eighteen Companies, of Seventy-ſix Men in each, Officers included	33,811	3	4			
	Third Regiment of Guards, *ditto* — — —	33,811	3	4			
	Colonel *Kirk*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Twelve Companies, of Fifty-five Men in each, Officers included —	13,958	4	2			

Lieutenant-

		Pay of the Regiments, &c. for 395 Days.			Total.		
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Foot.	Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Lord *Irwin*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Lord *Shannon*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Harriſon*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Grove*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Montagu*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Lieutenant-General *Macartney*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Major-General *Sabine*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Lieutenant-General *Wills*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Preſton*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Fane*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Stearn*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Handaſyd*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Pocock*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Lucas*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Stanwix*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Sir *Charles Hotham*, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Grant*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Dubourgay*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Colonel *Chudleigh*'s, *ditto*	13,958	4	2			
	Brigadier *Morriſon*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Ten Companies, of Fifty-five Men in each, Officers included	11,780	7	6			
	Colonel *Egerton*'s, *ditto*	11,780	7	6			
	Major-General *Wightman*'s, *ditto*	11,780	7	6			
	Colonel *Clayton*'s, *ditto*	11,780	7	6			
					459,954	15	0
General Officers, *&c.*	General Officers	23,929	8	6½			
	Gariſons, with Fire and Candle	28,245	9	2			
	Contingencies upon Account	20,000	0	0			
					72,174	17	8½
	Total				959,943	1	10½

Wm. Pulteney.

ESTIMATE of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1717.

	Pay of the Regiments and Companies for 365 Days.			Total.		
In the PLANTATIONS.	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Colonel *Alexander*'s Regiment	9,654	5	0			
Four Independent Companies at *New-York*	7,093	3	4			
Four *ditto* at *Annapolis Royal*	5,681	16	8			
Four *ditto* at *Placentia*	5,681	16	8			
One *ditto* at *Bermudas*	991	11	8			
Two *ditto* at *Jamaica*	3,628	14	2			
				32,731	7	6
Gariſons at *Annapolis Royal* and *Placentia*				2,011	6	8
				34,742	14	2
In *MINORCA.*						
Royal Regiment of Fuziliers	12,869	5	10			
Colonel *Phillips*' Regiment	12,668	10	10			
Major-General *Whetham*'s	12,668	10	10			
Lieutenant-General *Sankey*'s	12,668	10	10			
				50,874	18	4
Officers of the Gariſon, *&c.*				6,154	16	3
In *GIBRALTAR.*						
Major-General *Pearce*'s Regiment	11,147	14	2			
Colonel *Cotton*'s	11,147	14	2			
Lieutenant-General *Meredyth*'s	11,147	14	2			
				33,443	2	6
Officers of the Gariſon, *&c.*				3,749	12	3½
Total				128,965	3	6½

Wm. Pulteney.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon *Thurſday* the Fourteenth Day of *March* next.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 28° *die Februarii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Derby*, in Common-Council aſſembled, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners conceive the making the River *Derwent*, in the County of *Derby*, navigable, will very much advance the Trade and Commerce of all Markets, and other Places, near

near the ſame; and be highly advantageous not only to all his Majeſty's Subjects trading in the ſtaple Commodities of Lead, Butter, Cheeſe, and other Merchandizes, by a cheap and eaſy Conveyance, much leſſening the Rates of Commodities in the ſaid County; but alſo to the Publick in general: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the making the ſaid River navigable.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *James Cavendiſh*, and Colonel *Stanhope*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, the Ordinary Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtimate is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Deficiencies of all the Lottery-Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer: And alſo,

An Account of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read:

And the ſaid Accounts are as follow; *viz.*

AN Account of the Deficiencies of all the Lottery-Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer.

Upon the annual Sum of 135,000 *l.* granted for the Lottery *Anno* 1710, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1716	127,362	10	0				
For the Salaries to Officers, *&c.*	2,400	0	0		129,762	10	0
Upon the annual Sum of 186,670 *l.* granted for the Claſs Lottery *Anno* 1711, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1715	48,449	13	0				
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1716	39,995	5	8½		90,484	18	8½
For Two Years Salaries to Officers, *&c.*	2,000	0	0				
Upon the annual Sum of 168,003 *l.* granted for the 10 *l.* Lottery *Anno* 1712, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1715	39,353	19	5				
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1716	34,243	2	4				
For Two Years Salaries to Officers, *&c.*	2,100	0	0		82,744	6	3
For incident Expences paid to Managers, *& al.*	7,047	4	6				
Upon the annual Sum of 168,003 *l.* granted for the Claſs Lottery *Anno* 1712, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1715	45,568	18	9½				
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1716	47,862	15	2½		95,531	14	0
For Two Years Salaries to Officers, *&c.*	2,100	0	0				
Upon the annual Sum of 160,000 *l.* to the *Eaſt-India* Company, for the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1714	27,364	15	4				
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1715	27,314	16	7		63,444	10	8½
For the Year ended at *Michaelmas* 1716	8,764	18	9½				
Upon the low Wines, granted in the Year 1705, which expired 24 *June* 1714, Principal	61,707	3	2				
Intereſt for One Year	3,702	8	7		65,409	11	9
Upon the Duties on Candles for Loans, which ended 1ſt *May* 1715, Principal	314,219	11	2¼				
Intereſt for One Year	18,853	3	6		333,072	14	8¼
Upon the 4th 2 *ſh.* Aid, Principal					4,217	6	2¼
Upon the Duties on Hops, beſides Intereſt					8,590	16	8½
Upon the Duties on Malt *Anno* 1715					143,494	10	1
For Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year 1716, as *per* the Account within written					577,014	16	1¼
					1,593,767	15	2¼

In Obedience to his Majeſty's Command, to me ſignified by the Right Honourable *James Stanhope* Eſquire, Principal Secretary of State, upon an Addreſs of the Honourable Houſe of Commons, this Account is humbly preſented, this 28th of *February* 171⅞,

By me, *Wm. Lowndes.*

AN

An Account of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year 1716.

The Supplies granted in Parliament *Ao* 1716, are		Dr.
	l.	
Land-Tax of iiij *sh. per libra'*, with a Credit at 6 *l. per Cent.* — — — — —	1,880,000	0 0
Malt-Act, *ultra* the Transference, at Do — —	531,564	8 1¾
	2,411,564	8 1¾
Deficiency of the Grants — — —	577,014	16 1¼
	£. 2,988,579	4 3

Voted.	The Uſes.	Cr. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*			
19 *January* 1715.	For Wages, Victual, Wear and Tear, and Ordnance Sea-Service, for 10,000d Men — — —	520,000	0	0			
Do	For the Ordinary of the Navy, incl. Half-Pay — —	233,849	19	6			
24 *March*	For extraordinary Repairs of the Navy performed, and to be performed, in the Year 1716 — — —	230,623	0	0			
					984,472	19	6
19 *January*	For Ordnance Land-Service for the Year 1716 — —				122,496	18	2½
Do	For Guards, Gariſons, *&c.* for the Year 1716 —	993,015	4	5			
Do	For Forces in *America* for the ſame Year — —	34,837	17	10½			
Do	For Forces in *Minorca* for the ſame Year — —	57,917	19	6			
Do	For Forces in *Gibralter* for the ſame Year — —	37,294	12	9			
28	For 6,000d Men from States-General for One Year indefinite — — — — —	126,033	4	9			
14 *February*	For Land-Forces, *Ao* 1715, over and above 132,563 *l.* 9 *s.* 6 *d.* ſaved by the Pay of 13 Regiments of Dragoons, *&c.* from 21 *July* 1715 to 24th *December* following —	14,352	12	1½			
Do	For extraordinary Expences of the Land-Forces for the Year 1716 — — — —	66,012	5	5			
24 *March*	To make up Half-Pay full Pay to 25 *July* 1716 —	87,160	11	0			
Do	For Half-Pay *Ao* 1716 — — —	100,146	15	0			
Do	For Demolition of *Dunkirk* — — —	3,311	16	10½			
					1,520,082	19	8½
19 *January*	For Deficiencies of the Grants, *Anno* 1715 — — —				50,886	11	10½
3 *March*	For a Year's Intereſt of the Sum remaining unſatisfied on the Regiſter for low Wines — — — — —				3,702	8	7
Do	The like on the Regiſter on the Candle-duty — — —				18,853	3	6
Do	To make good the Deficiency of the Fund for the 10 *l.* Lottery, *Anno* 1712, for Two Years ended *Michaelmas* 1714 — — —				42,665	13	6
	For Salaries, and Incidents, to Commiſſioners of Accounts, to 10th *March* 1716 — — — — —				3,250	0	0
19 *January*	Fund for *South-Sea* Company, 295,202 11 1; but will be ſatisfied with —				242,168	9	4½
					£. 2,988,579	4	3

W. Lowndes.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellowes:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty effectually to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the publick Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty effectually to prohibit, or reſtrain, Commerce with *Sweden*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 4° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Coningſby* has endeavoured, by himſelf and Agents, by Bribes, Threats, and other illegal Practices, not only procured himſelf to be elected a Member of this preſent Parliament; but alſo, by the ſame indirect Practices, procured *Henry Gorges* Eſquire to be elected for the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief therein.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Herne:*	69.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Thomas Wheat*, Mr. *Coventry:*	79.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, upon *Monday* the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* inſtant.

Mr. *Plumtre*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army, preſented to the Houſe a Report from the ſaid Commiſſioners:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Conningsby* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, now Lord *Conningsby* of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

A Petition of *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop*, of *London*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but conſtantly profeſſed the true Proteſtant Religion: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Petitioner's Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Barrington* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Ordinary Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of Deficiencies of all the Lottery Annuities, and other Funds payable at the Exchequer; and alſo the Account of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 5° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Aſh*, from the Board of Ordnance, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, for Land-Service:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as followeth; *viz.*

AN

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year 1717.

For Land-Service.

	£.	s.	d.
The Ordinary of the Office, compriſing Salaries, Rents, Repairs of Store-houſes, Barracks, Platforms, Carriages, Stores for Gariſons, and other incident Charges	38,835	7	6
The Eſtabliſhments of *Maon*, *Gibraltar*, *Annoplis*, *Placentia*, and *North Britain* —— —— ——	9,962	3	9
For Rebuilding of *Landguard* Fort ——	2,975	15	9
Building a grand Powder Magazine at *Tilbury* —— —— ——	5,800	0	0
Building a Powder Magazine at *Sheerneſs*	1,200	0	0
Building a Braſs-foundery at *Woolwich*	2,700	0	0
Building Store-houſes at *Plymouth* ——	3,000	0	0
Building a Barrack for 50 Soldiers at *Upnor* Caſtle —— —— ——	1,400	0	0
Building Barracks for a Regiment of Foot at *Berwick* —— —— ——	4,937	10	7
Half-Pay of the Officers, and Chaplain, who have ſerved well in the Trains of Artillery in *Flanders*, and on ſeveral Expeditions —— —— ——	2,266	11	8
	£. 73,077	9	3

Memorandum: Particulars for which nothing is demanded.

Minorca, *Gibraltar*, *Annopolis*, *Placentia*.

Edw. Aſhe, *Tho. Erle*, *M. Richards*, *John Armſtrong*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of *Philip Freeke*, and *Thomas Edwards* junior, Eſquires, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right of electing Members of Parliament for the City of *Briſtol* is veſted in the Freemen and Freeholders of the ſame City; and that the Petitioners, together with Sir *William Daines*, and *Joſeph Earle* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates; and that, after the Election was ended, an Indenture was made between the ſaid Sheriffs and the Freemen and Freeholders of the ſaid City, importing, That the ſaid Petitioners were duly elected; which Indenture was executed by many of the Freemen and Freeholders, and by Mr. *Taylor*, One of the ſaid Sheriffs, who attended the whole Poll (but the other Sheriff was abſent during the greateſt Part of the Time); the ſaid Indenture was, by the ſaid Mr. *Taylor*, faſtened and ſealed to the Writ; but the ſaid Sheriffs have unduly and falſly returned the ſaid Sir *William Daines*, and *Joſeph Earle*, Members for the ſaid City; and, by undue Practice, ſevered the Writ from the ſaid Indenture: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Granado Pigott* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for the Election of Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the County of *Cambridge*, the Petitioner, together with *John Jenyns* and *John Bromley* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That the ſaid Mr. *Bromley*, being regularly requeſted to take the Oath appointed to be taken by an Act of the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, he did begin to take the ſame; but, when he came to ſpecify where the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, lay, he refuſed to proceed any further in the taking the ſaid Oath: And that the ſaid Mr. *Jenyns* and Mr. *Bromley*, by themſelves, Friends, or Agents, were guilty of Bribery, Menaces, and other illegal Practices.. procured themſelves to be returned to ſerve for the ſaid County; in Prejudice to your Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Hearſt* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Shafton*, alias *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*: That the ſaid *Edward Nicholas*, by Bribery, Corruption, and other indirect Practices, procured himſelf to be returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough; in Prejudice to your Petitioner, who was duly elected, and ought to have been returned by the Mayor of the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Oley Douglas* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, and *Francis Delavall* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates at the Election of a Member to ſerve in Parliament for the County of *Northumberland*, in the room of *Thomas Forſter* Eſquire; and that the ſaid *Francis Delavall* was returned by the Sheriff of the ſaid County to ſerve as a Knight of the Shire for the ſame; although he was not duly qualified to be choſen, according to the late Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliaments, by farther qualifying the Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons; and the Petitioner, being duly qualified, and had a Majority of unexceptionable Votes, ought to have been returned: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others, who have a Right of Election for Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right Honourable the Lord *Shelburne*, *James Chaſe*, *George Bruere*, and *Vincent Oakley*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates for the ſaid Borough; and that, after the Precept was opened and read, a Poll was demanded (there being a private Agreement made, without the Conſent of the Petitioners, That the ſaid *James Chaſe* and *Vincent Oakley* ſhould deſiſt; and that the Lord *Shelburne* and *James Bruere* ſhould be declared elected); the Petitioners often demanded a Poll; being averſe to be repreſented by the ſaid *George Bruere*; who, they were aſſured, was not duly qualified, according to Law, to be a Member; but the Conſtables of the ſaid Borough returned the ſaid *George Bruere*, contrary to the Laws of the Land: And praying, That the Qualification of the ſaid *George Bruere* may be examined into; and that they may have the Privilege of being repreſented by Perſons of landed Intereſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Joſeph Gray*, *Stephen Gray*, *Richard Holloway*, *John Martin*, and *John Webb*, Inhabitants, paying Scot and Lot, within the ſaid Borough of *Great Marlow*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right Honourable the Lord *Shelburne* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, *Vincent Oakley*, *George Bruere*, and *James Chaſe*, Eſquires, ſtood Candidates; who being met at the uſual Place, the Sheriff's Precept was read, and a Poll demanded; the Petitioners expected a Poll would have been taken; and no Poll was taken: That the ſaid Lord *Shelburne*, by Menaces, open Bribery, and other illegal Practices, procured himſelf to be returned One of the Burgeſſes for the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, 3° and 4° *Annæ Reginæ*, *Cap.* 8. intituled, An Act to permit the Exportation of *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the Plantations; and to prohibit the Importation of *Scotch* Linen into *Ireland*; and alſo a Clauſe in an Act, of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for continuing ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, relating to Coals, Hemp, Flax, *Iriſh* and *Scotch* Linen, and the Aſſize of Bread; and for giving Power to adjourn the Quarter-Seſſions for the County of *Angleſea*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; might be read;

They were read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations: And that Mr. *Bladen*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Wyld*, and Mr. *Broderick*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Navy, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood on the Thirty-firſt of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen: And alſo,

A Scheme, or Eſtimate, of the Charge of the Works propoſed to be carried on at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, to thoſe Ships that are already in hand, and ſuch as may be taken in hand this Year; with the Nature of their Repairs, and the Time for beginning and completing each Ship, and their Sea-Stores, to an Eight Months Proportion, according to the preſent View of Affairs, and the beſt Judgment that can be made of their Condition; as likewiſe for completing the Stores of thoſe Ships that are already repaired; together with ſuch extra Works at the Yards as are judged neceſſary to be performed the enſuing Year:

And the Titles of the ſaid Eſtimate and Scheme were read:

And the ſaid Eſtimate and Scheme are as follows; *viz.*

Navy-Office, 25th *January* 1716. } AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1716.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars: Before this Reign.	Particulars: Since this Reign.	Total.
Wear and Tear, ordinary and extraordinary Repairs:			
Due to pay off, and diſcharge, all the Bills entered on the Courſe of the Navy for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof — — — — —	— — — —	208,199 0 0	
For the Freight of Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 31ſt of *December* 1716 —	446 17 8	13,341 9 3	473,945 14 11
To his Majeſty's Yards, and Rope-Yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — — —	— — — —	215,278 0 0	
For Half-Pay to the Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by his Majeſty in Council on that behalf —	3,199 9 6	33,480 18 6	
Seamens Wages:			
Due to pay the Men unpaid on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the late Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — — —	110,760 0 0	16,882 12 6	
To Ships in Sea-Pay on the aboveſaid 31ſt of *December* 1716 — — — — — —	55,827 0 0	318,376 0 0	509,542 12 6
To diſcharge, and pay off, all the Bills entered in Courſe for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties to Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — — —	— — — —	7,697 0 0	
Victualing-Debt, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:			
Due for Short-allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off —	81,810 18 5	14,340 0 9	
For Bills on their Courſe; and alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extra-neceſſary Money, and Wages to the Officers, Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.* —	7,576 0 10	120,872 9 5	224,599 9 5
Sick and Wounded: The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners; *viz.*			
Due for the Quarters and Cure of ſick and wounded Seamen ſent aſhore from his Majeſty's Fleet, and the Contingencies relating to the ſaid Service — — —	1,304 13 2	7,271 14 3	8,576 7 5
	260,924 19 7	955,739 4 8	1,216,664 4 3

Cha. Wager, James Acworth, Cha. Sergiſon, Da. Lyddell, J. Burton, J. Fawler, Thomas Swanton.

Memorandum:

Memorandum: There was remaining in the late and present Treasurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31st of *December* 1716, in Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock, as under-mentioned; and may be reckoned towards satisfying the aforesaid Debt of the Navy; *viz.*

In what Treasurer's Hands.	In Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.			On the Heads of: Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.	Seamens Wages.	Victuals.	Reserved for such Uses as the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall please to direct.	Total.
	Memorandum: The Balance of Money, Tallies, &c. in the Hands of the Executors of Sir *Thomas Littleton*, late Treasurer of the Navy, on the 31st of *December* 1716, stood in this Office at —		10,897 5 0					
	But Mr. *Francis Hawes*, who was Cashier to the said Treasurer, has, on behalf of his Executor, certified to have formerly paid to the Lord Chief Baron, and to the Auditors of the Imprests, &c. for Fees and Allowances for passing the Leidgers since the Year 1700, the Sum of — — —	4,836 13 11						
	As also, that there has been paid, between the 31st *October* and 31st *December* last, by Warrant from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury, the Sum of —	4,068 8 6	8,905 2 5					
			1,992 2 7					
	So remains, over and above the Assignments made by the Navy-Board, the Sum of — — — — — —			— — —	— — —	26 7 8	1,965 14 11	1,992 2 7
Charles Cæsar Esquire — —	In Money — — — — — —			7,830 3 7¾	9 11 0	24 16 7	— — —	10,096 6 9
	In *South-Sea* Stock — — — — —			101 18 9¼	— — —	2,129 16 9	— — —	
Right Honourable *John Aislabie* Esquire — —	In Money — — — — — — —			13,669 6 3½	69,978 1 5¼	1,940 13 10	7,681 9 3	161,238 15 1¼
	In Tallies on Reversions of Annuities — — —			— — —	— — —	— — —	39,089 0 0	
	on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1715 — — —			— — —	— — —	— — —	1,379 0 5½	
	on Malt, *Anno* 1715 — — —			— — —	— — —	— — —	22,000 0 0	
	on Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716 — — —			— — —	— — —	— — —	188 10 3¾	
	In Bank Annuities, of 5 *l. per Cent.* — — —			12 1 7	— — —	138 14 1¼	— — —	
	In Money, towards the Debt for the sick and hurt Seamen —			— — —	5,161 17 10	— — —	— — —	
				21,613 10 3½	75,149 10 3¼	4,260 8 11¼	72,303 14 11¼	173,327 4 5¼

Memorandum: Of the Sum of Money voted by the House of Commons for last Year's Naval Service, there is 334,239 9 1¾ not yet received.

Navy-Office, 29th *January* 1716.

A Scheme and Eſtimate of the Charge of the Works propoſed to be carried on at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, to thoſe Ships that are already in hand, and ſuch as may be taken in hand this Year; with the Nature of their Repairs, and the Time for beginning and completing each Ship, and their Sea Stores, to an Eight Months Proportion, according to the preſent View of Affairs, and the beſt Judgment that can be made of their Condition; as likewiſe for completing the Stores of thoſe Ships that are already repaired; together with ſuch extra' Works at the Yards, as are judged neceſſary to be performed the enſuing Year.

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Nature of their Repairs.	In what Dock.	Time when to be Taken in hand.	Time when to be Completed.	Eſtimate of the Charge of the Hulls.	Eſtimate of the Charge of the Rigging and Stores.	Total.
							l.	*l.*	*l.*
Deptford —	3	*Torbay* — —	Rebuilding —	Head of the Double Dock —	In hand — — —	Uncertain — — —	5,000	— —	5,000
	4	*Medway* — —	D° — —	Weſt Slip — — —	D° — — —	D° — — —	5,000	— —	5,000
		Salisbury — —	Great, or d° —	Eaſt Slip — — —	D° — — —	*October* next — —	3,998	1,537	5,535
	5	*Dover* — —	Middling — —	Stern of the Double Dock —	D° — — —	*May* next — — —	2,917	1,386	4,303
		Goſport — —	Great — —	New Dock — — —	D° — — —	*October* next — —	4,493	1,291	5,784
	6	*Shark* Sloop —	Small — —	Stern of the Double Dock —	D° — — —	Next Month — —	175	278	453
		Blandford — —	D° — — —	D° — — —	*May* next — — —	*June* next — — —	116	486	602
	4	*Nottingham* —	Rebuilding —	Eaſt Slip — — —	Uncertain — — —	Uncertain — — —	1,000	— —	1,000
		To carry on the rebuilding the old Store-houſe, with an additional Story, and 80 F^{t}. more in Length, beſide old Materials, and ſuch as are already provided —		— — — —	— — —	— — —	— —	— —	1,100
		For completing the Dry Dock in hand		— — — —	— — —	— — —	— —	— —	200
Woolwich —	1	*Britania* — —	Rebuilding —	Double Dock — —	In hand — — —	Uncertain — — —	7,500	— —	7,500
	3	*Revenge* — —	D° — —	D° — — — —	D° — — —	D° — — —	4,500	— —	4,500
	4	*Guernſey* — —	D° — —	Eaſt new Slip — — —	D° — — —	*November* next — —	5,500	2,266	7,766
		Crown — —	Small — —	Double Dock — —	D° — — —	*May* next — — —	1,700	1,289	2,989
		Warwick — —	Middling — —	D° — — — —	D° — — —	*May* next — — —	3,500	1,207	4,707
		Propoſed to be carried on this Year Part of the Work for a Maſt Dock, for the better Security of Maſts in Store, which lie very much expoſed, by incloſing the old Maſt Pond; the Whole being eſtimated at 2,712 *l.*		— — — — — —	— — —	— — —	— —	— —	500
		To rebuild the Joiner's Shop, *&c.* at the End of the new Rigging-houſe; with the Pitch-houſe, Ocham-houſe, Forge for the Lockſmith, and Conveniencies for the inferior Officers, beſides their old Materials, and thoſe of the old Maſt-houſe — — — —			— —	— —	— —	— —	950
		To build a Top-houſe, beſides the old Materials — — — — — — — —			— —	— —	— —	— —	110
		To finiſh the new Rigging-houſe — — — — — — — —			— —	— —	— —	— —	135
Chatham —	2	*Prince* — —	Great — —	1ſt new Dock — —	In hand — — —	*Auguſt* next — —	9,000	2,235	11,235
	3	*Newark* — —	Rebuilding —	Head of the double Dock —	D° — — —	*May* next — — —	4,000	2,833	6,833
		Ruſſell — —	Small — —	2d new Dock — —	D° — — —	Next Month — —	500	1,790	2,290
	4	*Windſor* — —	Middling —	Stern of the double Dock —	D° — — —	D° — — —	500	919	1,419
		Norwich — —	Rebuilding —	South Slip — — —	D° — — —	Uncertain — — —	4,050	— —	4,050
	3	*Cumberland* —	Small — —	2d new Dock — — —	Middle of *February* next —	Beginning of *Mar* next —	360	1,812	2,172
	4	*Swallow* — —	D° — —	Stern of the Double Dock —	Next Month — —	*May* next — — —	800	1,735	2,535
	3	*Burford* — —	D° — —	2d new Dock — — —	Beginning of *Mar.* next —	Middle of *Mar.* next —	280	1,783	2,063
		Eſſex — —	D° — —	D° —— — —	Middle of *Mar.* next —	Beginning of *Apr.* next —	280	1,767	2,047

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Nature of their Repairs.	In what Dock.	Time when to be Taken in hand.	Time when to be Completed.	Estimate of the Charge of the Hulls.	Estimate of the Charge of the Rigging and Stores.	Total.
							l.	*l.*	*l.*
Chatham	4	*Plymouth*	D°	D°	Middle of *April* next	Beginning of *May* next	300	1,517	1,817
		Angleſey	D°	Stern of the double Dock	*May* next	*September* next	1,600	1,791	3,391
	3	*Hampton-Court*	Small	2d new Dock	Beginning of *May* next	*July* next	1,560	1,008	2,568
		Suffolk	Great	Head of the double Dock	*May* next	Uncertain	6,000	—	6,000
		Edinburgh	Rebuilding	2d new Dock	*July* next	D°	800	—	800
	2	*Union*	Middling	1ſt new Dock	*Auguſt* next	D°	5,000	—	5,000
	To complete the new Anchor Wharf						—	—	2,000
	To complete the old ſingle Dock						—	—	4,997
	For a Brick Wall at the End of the Yard						—	—	213
Sheerneſs	5	*Portſmouth*	Middling		In hand	This Month	180	504	684
		Lark	Small		*April* next	*June* next	510	885	1,395
	4	*Tyger*	Rebuilding	The Slip	Uncertain	Uncertain	1,500	—	1,500
	To complete the new Store-houſe						—	—	169
	To make a Tank between the new Store-houſe and Rigging-houſe, to hold freſh Water						—	—	366
Portſmouth	1	*Royal William*	Rebuilding	Great Stone	In hand	Uncertain	10,000	—	10,000
	3	*Monmouth*	D°	Slip	D°	D°	5,000	—	5,000
	4	*Kingſton*	D°	South Dock	D°	D°	2,500	—	2,500
		Briſtol	Middling	Old Dock	D°	*Mar.* next	2,000	992	2,992
		Nonſuch	D°	D°	D°	D°	2,500	924	3,424
	5	*Mermaid*	D°	South Dock	D°	This Month	400	727	1,127
		Sheerneſs	D°	D°	Beginning of next Month	*April* next	1,560	724	2,284
	4	*Mary*	Great	Old Dock	Laſt of *March* next	Uncertain	7,400	—	7,400
		Sutherland	D°	D°	*June* next	D°	4,000	—	4,000
	To complete the new Anchor Wharf						—	—	200
	To complete the remaining Part of the 10 new Maſt-houſes						—	—	200
	For building a new Top-houſe 100 F^{t}. long, 21 F^{t}. in Breadth, and 12 F^{t}. high to the Plate						—	—	200
	To complete the Five Houſes building for the Officers						—	—	2,059
Plymouth	4	*Wincheſter*	Rebuilding	The Slip	In hand	*September* next	2,212	385	2,597
		Dunkirk	Middling	The Dock	D°	Next Month	341	497	838
		St. Albans	D°	D°	*March* next	*October* next	1,715	1,683	3,398
		Deptford	Rebuilding	The Slip	*September* next	Uncertain	2,331	—	2,331
		Antelope	Middling	The Dock	*December* next	D°	1,000	—	1,000
	For taking the *Nottingham* to Pieces, and her ſerviceable Materials ſent to *Deptford*						400	—	400
	D° the *Tyger* to *Sheerneſs*						300	—	300
	To complete the new dry Dock						—	—	4,350
	For building Two new Rooms in Addition to the Maſt-houſe, to receive the Maſts of the Ships in ordinary, and preſerving .... from the Weather						—	—	662

ESTIMATE of the Charge of completing the Rigging, Ground-Tackle, and Stores, for the Ships under-mentioned, already repaired.

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Sum.	Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Sum.
			l.			Brought over	10,463
Woolwich.	5	*Feverſham*	50	*Sheerneſs.*	5	*Southampton*	418
		Folkſtone	446			*Looe*	180
	2	*Marlborough*	1,984		2	*Bleinheim*	2,060
		Sandwich	1,516			*Neptune*	516
	3	*Bredah*	738			*Ramilies*	1,709
		Lenox	171			*St. George*	3,247
Chatham.		*Royal Oak*	268	(a) [*Portſmouth.*]	3	*Boyn*	1,312
	4	*Defyance*	214			*Humber*	1,287
		Greenwich	1,906			*Grafton*	854
		Rupert	644			*Kent*	1,500
		Advice	1,859		4	*Montague*	818
		Tilbury	667			*Rippon*	778
			10,463			Total	25,142

ABSTRACT.

	l.
For carrying on the Works of Ships	126,278 0 0
Completing the Rigging, Ground-Tackle, and Stores, to . . Eight Months Proportion, for ſuch as are propoſed to be finiſhed this Year	36,251 0 0
Extra' Buildings judged neceſſary, as before recited	18,411 0 0
Completing the Rigging, Ground-Tackle, and Stores, for Part of the Ships as are already repaired	25,142 0 0
Total	206,082 0 0

Cha. Wager, *Ja. Ackworth,* *Cha. Sergiſon,*
A. Burton, *D. Lyddell,* *J. Fawler.*
1ſt *March* 1716.

Memorandum: The Ships under-mentioned having been ordered for Sea-Service ſince this Scheme was prepared, the Sums againſt them may be deducted from this Eſtimate, and left to the Head of Wear and Tear; *viz.*

	l.
Cumberland	2,172
Burford	2,063
Royal Oak	268
Montague	818
Total	5,321

Which Sum of 5,321 *l.* being deducted as aboveſaid, there will remain for extra' Repairs the Sum of 200,761 *l.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate, and Scheme, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Ten thouſand Men be allowed for the Sea-Service for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, beginning from the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four Pounds *per* Man *per* Month, be allowed for maintaining the ſaid Ten thouſand Men for Thirteen Months, including the Ordnance for Sea-Service.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred twenty-ſix thouſand Seven hundred Ninety-nine Pounds Five Shillings Three Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, including Half-Pay.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Nine hundred fifty-nine thouſand Nine hundred Forty-three Pounds One Shilling Ten Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That whoſoever ſhall advance or lend any Sum, not exceeding Six hundred thouſand Pounds, for the Services of the Publick by Sea or Land, ſhall be repaid the ſame, with Intereſt at Four Pounds *per Cent.* out of the Firſt Aid to be granted this Seſſion of Parliament.

A Queſtion being propoſed, That this Houſe will, on all Occaſions, maintain, in the moſt ſtrict and inviolable manner, all Parliamentary Engagements;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out "on all Occaſions maintain, in the moſt ſtrict "and inviolable manner," and to inſert "effectually make "good the Deficiencies of:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words propoſed to be left out do ſtand Part of the Queſtion;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion being put, That the Words "effectually make good the Deficiencies of," be inſerted, inſtead thereof;

The ſame was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe will effectually make good the Deficiencies of all Parliamentary Engagements.

(a) Supplied from the Eſtimate which was preſented to the Houſe.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 6° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

Isaac Kuyckvan Mierop took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

A Petition of *Edward Harley* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Harley*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the laſt Election for the Borough of *Biſhop's Caſtle*, in the County of *Salop*; and had a Majority of legal Votes; but that *Charles Maſon* and *Richard Harneage* Eſquires, by themſelves and Agents, and by Bribery, and other indirect Practices, procured themſelves to be returned; and that the ſaid *Charles Maſon* was not qualified as the Law requires; his Eſtate being under Extent to the Crown for a great Sum of Money appropriated by Act of Parliament: And praying Relief therein.

A Petition of the ſaid *Edward Harley* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Harley*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the laſt Election for the Borough of *New Radnor*, and the other Boroughs in that County; and that a very great Majority of the legal Voters did appear, and tendered their Votes for the Petitioner; but Mr. *Samuel Burton*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, refuſed to admit them, and returned *Thomas Lewis* Eſquire, junior, who is not qualified as the Law requires; and the ſaid *Thomas Lewis*, and others, by Menaces, Bribes, and other illegal Practices, endeavoured to influence the Electors to give their Votes againſt the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Sir *Charles Turner*, from the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works, performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen; with the beſt Computations of the Charge of the ſaid Works, that could be made by the Officers of the ſaid Yards: And alſo,

An Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works, performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; with the beſt Computations of the Charge of the ſaid Works, that could be made by the Officers of the ſaid Yards:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters: And that Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Horatio Walpole*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Scheme, and Eſtimate of the Charge, of the Works propoſed to be carried on at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards to thoſe Ships that are already in hand, and ſuch as may be taken in hand this Year; with the Nature of their Repairs, and the Time for beginning and completing each Ship, and their Sea-Stores, to an Eight Months Proportion, according to the preſent View of Affairs, and the beſt Judgment that can be made of their Condition; as likewiſe for completing the Stores of thoſe Ships that are already repaired; together with ſuch extra' Works at the Yards as are judged neceſſary to be performed the enſuing Year; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, for Land-Service, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works, performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen; with the beſt Computations of the Charge of the ſaid Works, that could be made by the Officers of the ſaid Yards; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works, performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; with the beſt Computations of the Charge of the ſaid Works, that could be made by the Officers of the ſaid Yards; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army: And that Mr. Comptroller and Mr. *Craggs* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of *John Dodd* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Wells*, upon *Friday* the Twenty-ninth Day of *March* inſtant.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 7° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Thomas Johnes* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of a Knight of the Shire for the County of *Cardigan*, the Petitioner, and *Lewis Price* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That ſeveral Perſons, qualified to vote ... would have polled for the Petitioner, were, by Threats, and other undue Means, hindered ſo to do; but admit-

ted others to poll for the ſaid *Lewis Price*, who refuſed to take the Oaths; by which illegal Practices, the ſaid *Lewis Price* procured himſelf to be returned for the ſaid County; in Prejudice to the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Loſſes and Damages which his Majeſty's Subjects ſuſtained by reaſon of the tumultuous and rebellious Proceedings in ſeveral Counties, as found by Commiſſioners, upon a Commiſſion out of the Exchequer; touching which Loſſes and Damages, an Addreſs of this Houſe, in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, was preſented to his Majeſty:

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-four thouſand Seven hundred Forty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Two Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Garriſons in the Plantations in *America* for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Fifty-ſeven thouſand Twenty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings Seven Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Garriſons in *Minorca* for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirty-ſeven thouſand One hundred Ninety-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Nine Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Garriſon in *Gibraltar* for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Seventy-three thouſand Seventy-ſeven Pounds Nine Shillings Three Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred thouſand Seven hundred Sixty-one Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for extraordinary Works and Repairs of his Majeſty's Navy, and furniſhing ſuch Sea-Stores as are neceſſary, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

The ſaid Reſolutions were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Petition of *Trevor Hill* and *Martin Bladen* Eſquires was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Members for the Borough of *Saltaſh*, in the County of *Cornwall*, the Petitioners, and *William Shippen* and *Shilſton Calmady* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: The Petitioners were duly choſen for the ſaid Borough by a Majority of legal Voters; and ought to have been returned; but, by the reaſon of the great Irregularities and Partialities of the Mayor of the ſaid Borough, and ſeveral others, and by Bribery, and other illegal Practices, the ſaid Mr. *Shippen* and Mr. *Calmady* procured themſelves to be returned for the ſaid Borough; in Prejudice to the Petitioners: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 8° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Deficiency of Annuities of Six hundred thouſand, and Eight thouſand, Pounds *per Annum*, for the *South-Sea* Company, for the Year to end at *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as followeth; *viz.*

8th *March* 171$\frac{6}{7}$.

AN Eſtimate of the Deficiency of the Annuities of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l. per Annum*, for the *South-Sea* Company, for the Year to end at *Chriſtmas* 1717.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The net Produce of the ſeveral Duties ſettled for Payment of the ſaid Annuities, according to a Medium of their Produce in the Year ended at *Chriſtmas* 1716, will amount to —	535,247	13	2
Whereof the proportional Part, to be applied towards Principal and Intereſt reſting on the General Mortgage of 1710, and not ſubſcribed into *South-Sea* Stock, will, by Eſtimation, amount unto ——	93,749	18	9$\frac{1}{4}$
	441,497	14	4$\frac{1}{4}$
So the Deficiency to be iſſued to the Treaſurer of the Navy, to make good the Money which will be demanded of him for the ſaid Company, will, by Eſtimation, amount unto —— ——	166,502	5	7$\frac{3}{4}$
	600,000	0	0

This, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Command, upon an Addreſs of this Honourable Houſe, is humbly preſented by me, *W. Lowndes.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 9° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Bill for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *John Norris*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Halden*, Sir *Geo. Warringder*, Lord *Carbury*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Henley*, Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Eyres*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Hern*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Powlet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Fitters, Maſters of Ships, Tradeſmen, and other Inhabitants, in the Town of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, on behalf of themſelves, and of ſeveral other Inhabitants of the ſaid Townſhip, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Town of *Sunderland* is ſituate on the River *Wear*, and is a Town of great Trade, and very populous; and that a great Quantity of Coals, Salt, and other Merchandizes, are yearly ſhipped from thence, and ſent to divers Places; to the great Increaſe of the publick Revenue: But the ſaid River and Harbour has been of late much prejudiced, and choaked in its Chanels, and the Depth of Water exceedingly leſſened by Sands thrown up by the Sea; and other groſs Matters waſhed or brought down by Land-Floods, is a Leſſening of the Trade on the ſaid River, and in the ſaid Port: That the amending the Abuſes and Inconveniencies aforeſaid, and making the ſaid Chanel deep, and more navigable, will be a Means of keeping low the Price of Coals; and much tend to the Preſervation of the ſaid Port, and Increaſe of Trade: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the amending the Abuſes and Inconveniencies; and for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Hedworth* and Mr. *Conyers* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred Sixty-ſix thouſand Five hundred Two Pounds Five Shillings Seven Pence Three Farthings, be granted to his Majeſty, to enable the Treaſurer of the Navy to make good the Payments, which, in the Year ending at *Chriſtmas* next, may be demanded of him, purſuant to an Act of Parliament for completing the Funds of Six hundred Eight thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, payable to the *South-Sea* Company.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Five thouſand Five hundred Seventy-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings Three Pence Halfpeny, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good the Loſſes and Damages which his Majeſty's Subjects ſuſtained by reaſon of the tumultuous and rebellious Proceedings in ſeveral Counties; which Loſſes and Damages are found, by Inquiſitions taken upon Commiſſions iſſued out of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer.

The ſaid Reſolutions were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 11° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That a Perſon attended from the Truſtees for the repairing the Breach in the River of *Thames*, at *Havering* and *Dagenham*;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to the Act of Parliament, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the ſpeedy and effectual preſerving the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, by ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, in the County of *Eſſex*; and for aſcertaining the Coal-meaſure; the Account of the ſaid Truſtees; and a Copy of Captain *John Perry*'s Contract for the Stopping of the ſaid Breach.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Account, and of the ſaid Copy of the Contract, were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account, and the ſaid Copy of the Contract, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account, and Copy of the Contract, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the proper Officers do lay before this Houſe an Account of the publick Debts at the Exchequer, as they now ſtand; diſtinguiſhing what the Funds are, when granted, how long ſince granted, what Term remains; how much the original principal Money was, how much has been ſince paid off, and how much remains; and what the annual Intereſt is, that is paid, or payable, for the principal Sums advanced.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty,

Mr.

Mr. *Pulteney* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters: And the ſame was received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 12° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes, and Common-Council, of the Borough of *Liverpoole*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, being appointed Truſtees in and by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Eighth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for the Security of all Ships tradeing to and from thence, have, as far as in them lay, carried on the ſaid Work, and laid out the Sum of Eleven thouſand Pounds, and upwards, and made it capable of taking in Ships; but the ſaid Dock is not yet perfected; and there being only a Clauſe reſerved, in the ſaid Act, for the borrowing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds on Credit of the Duty by the ſaid Act granted; and the Term for which the ſame is ſo granted being only One-and-twenty Years; which is not ſufficient for the perfecting ſuch Dock; and that the Petitioners have already advanced, and taken up at Intereſt, ſeveral great Sums, over and above the ſaid Six thouſand Pounds: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for inlarging the Time granted by the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, and Mr. *Norris*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's Gaol at *Winton*, in the County of *Southampton*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſand more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement; and are daily periſhing for Want, and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was, according to Order, read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hedworth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Three Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty for the Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Three Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, upon all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty for the Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Horatio Walpole*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 13° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop* was committed, That they had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *Thomas Johnſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpoole:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That no Bill be ordered to be brought in on any Petition for repairing or amending any Highway; or for making or cleanſing any Port or Harbour; or for making any River navigable; or for any other Work propoſed to be carried on by Tolls or Duties to be levied on the Subject, in particular Places; till ſuch Petition has been referred to a Committee, and they have examined the Matter thereof, and reported the ſame to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late

late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpole*, be read a Second time upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 14° *die Martii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to .. Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Knights of the Shires, and other Members of this Houſe, do prepare Liſts, fairly written, of Commiſſioners Names for executing the ſaid Act, for the reſpective Counties, Cities, and Places, for which there have been uſed to be Commiſſioners; and that the Chriſtian and Surnames of the ſaid Commiſſioners be written at Length.

The Houſe being informed, That a Perſon from the Earl of *Hallifax*, Auditor of the Receipt at the Exchequer, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the publick Debts at the Exchequer, as they now ſtand; diſtinguiſhing what the Funds are, when granted, how long ſince granted, what Term remains; how much the original principal Money was, how much has been ſince paid off, and how much remains; and what the annual Sums are that are paid, or payable, for the principal Sums advanced; with the Rate of Intereſt, excluſive of the Deficiencies of Parliamentary Grants.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

AN Account of the publick Debts at the Exchequer, as they now ſtand; diſtinguiſhing what the Funds are, when granted, how long ſince granted, what Term remains; how much the original principal Money was, how much has been ſince paid off, and how much remains; and what the annual Sums are that are paid, or payable, for the principal Sums advanced, with the Rate of Intereſt, excluſive of the Deficiencies of Parliamentary Grants.

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.	Lotteries.	When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.
	10 *l.* Lottery, *Anno* 1710, by way of Annuity.							
The Act of the Eighth of Queen *Anne*,	Charges a Duty of Three Shillings *per* Chaldron on Coals, and an additional Duty on Windows, for the Term of 32 Years — —	*Michaelmas* 1710.	6 Years and a Quarter.	25 Years and 3 Quarters.	1,500,000 — —	——— — —	1,500,000 — —	135,000 — —
9 *l. per Cent.*								
	10 *l.* Lottery, *Anno* 1711.							
The Act of the Ninth of Queen *Anne*,	Charges a Subſidy of Tonage and Poundage upon exported Goods, from the 8th of *March* 1710; a Duty of Two Shillings a Chaldron on Coals, from the 8th of *March* 1710; an additional Duty of ½ *d.* a Pound on Tallow Candles, and Four Pence a Pound on Wax Candles, from 25th *March* 1711, for the Term of 32 Years — — —	*Michaelmas* 1711.	5 Years and a Quarter.	26 Years and 3 Quarters.	1,928,570 — —	262,500 — —	1,666,070 — —	135,000 — —
6 *l. per Cent.* and the Principal to be repaid.								
	Claſs Lottery, *Anno* 1711.							
Another Act of the 9th of Queen *Anne*,	Charges 700 *l.* a Week out of the Poſt-Office, from *Michaelmas* 1711; the Duty on Leather, *&c.* One Peny a Pound, from 24th *June* 1711; new Stamp-duty on Bills of Lading, Almanacks, Licences, and Certificates, from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1711; Duty of Five Shillings a Week on Eight hundred Hackney Coaches, from the 24th *June* 1715; and Ten Shillings *per Annum* on Two hundred Hackney Chairs, from the 24th *June* 1711; and a Duty of Six Pence a Pack on Cards, and Five Shillings a Pair on Dice, from the 11th *June* 1711; all for the Term of 32 Years — — — —	*Michaelmas* 1711.	D° — —	D° — —	2,602,200 — —	76,230 — —	2,525,970 — —	186,670 — —
6 *l. per Cent.* and the Principal to be repaid.								

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
	10 *l.* Lottery, *Anno* 1712.							
The Act of the Tenth of Queen *Anne*, 6 *l. per Cent.* and the Principal to be repaid.	Charges the Duty of One Peny a Pound on Soap, from the 10th of *June* 1712; Fifteen Pounds *per Centum, ad valorem*, on foreign printed, painted, or ſtained, Linen; Six Pence a Yard on Silks; Three Pence a Yard on Callicoes; and Two Pence a Yard on Linens and Stuffs printed, painted, and ſtained, in *Britain*, from the 20th of *July* 1712; ſeveral Duties on Paper, Paſteboard, and Books, from the 24th of *June* 1712; a new Stamp-duty on Surrenders; Two Shillings and Three Pence on every Transfer of Stock in any Company; and the Stamp-duty on News-papers, *&c.* from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1712; all for the Term of 32 Years	*Chriſtmas* 1712.	4 Years.	28 Years.	2,341,740 — —	83,220 — —	2,258,520 — —	168,003 — —
	Claſs Lottery, *Anno* 1712.							
Another Act of the Tenth of Queen *Anne*, 6 *l. per Cent.* and the Principal to be repaid.	Charges the additional Duty of a Halfpeny a Pound on Leather, from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1712; Twelve Pence a Pound on Coffee; Two Shillings a Pound on Tea; and Twenty Pounds *per Centum, ad valorem*, on Drugs, from the 1ſt *Auguſt* 1712; Duty of Eight Pence an Ounce on Gilt Wire, and Six Pence an Ounce on Silver Wire, imported from the 1ſt *July* 1712; and a Duty of Two Shillings and Four Pence upon Policies of Inſurance, *&c.*; all for the Term of 32 Years	*Michaelmas* 1712.	4 Years and a Quarter.	27 Years and 3 Quarters.	2,341,990 — —	29,925 — —	2,312,065 — —	168,003 — —
	Civil Liſt Lottery, *Anno* 1713.							
By Letters Patents of the 13th of *October* 1713; and by an Act of the Eleventh of Queen *Anne*, 4 *l. per Cent.* and the Principal to be repaid.	Charges the Civil Liſt Revenues with the annual Sum of 35,000 *l.* for the Term of 32 Years	*Michaelmas* 1713.	3 Years and a Quarter.	28 Years and 3 Quarters.	633,010 — —	33,820 — —	599,190 — —	35,000 — —

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Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has ſince been paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
	Lottery Act, *Anno* 1714.							
The Act of the 12th of Queen *Anne*, and 1ſt of King *George*,	Charges a Duty of One Peny a Pound on foreign Soap, and a Halfpeny a Pound on Soap made in *Great Britain*, from the 2d of *Auguſt* 1714; additional Duty on Paper, *&c.* from the ſame time; Coals exported on foreign Bottoms, Five Shillings a Chaldron, and, on *Britiſh* Bottoms, Three Shillings a Chaldron; and the Deficiency to be yearly computed at *Michaelmas*, and to be made good out of any unappropriated Money; for the Term of 32 Years	*Michaelmas* 1714.	2 Years and a Quarter.	29 Years and 3 Quarters.	1,876,400 — —	64,300 — —	1,812,100 — —	116,573 12 —
Blanks at 5 *l. per Cent.* - 1,157,360 0 0 Prizes at 4 *l. per Cent.* - 719,040 0 0 1,876400 0 0 And the Principal to be repaid.								
	For the Bank, upon their Annuities.							
The Act of the Fifth and Sixth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*,	Charges Five Seventh-parts of the Second additional Nine Pence *per* Barrel Exciſe, for raiſing 1,200,000 *l.*; granting to all Perſons Liberty to ſubſcribe any Sum not exceeding 20,000 *l.* in One Name; for which an Annuity of 100,000 *l.* ſhall be paid, and the Subſcribers be incorporated by the Name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1694 to the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1705; when, upon a Year's Notice, and Repayment of the Capital, the Corporation to ceaſe				1,600,000 — —	— — —	1,600,000 — —	100,000 — —
And by an Act of the Seventh of Queen *Anne*,	The Bank lent 400,000 *l.* more, without any additional Intereſt; that is to ſay, they reduced the Intereſt of their primitive Stock from Eight to Six *per Centum*; which, with 4,000 *l. per Annum*, for Management, fills up the original 100,000 *l.* Annuity: This 400,000*l.* and the 1,200,000 *l.* to be repaid before the Corporation be diſſolved							
6 *l. per Cent.*								

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Act of the Fifth of Queen *Anne*,	Charges the Duty upon Houſes, or Windows, from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1710, for ever, for raiſing 1,500,000 *l.* by iſſuing Exchequer-Bills to that Value: By this Act, the Bank undertook to circulate theſe Bills, upon the Conſideration of Four Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*; and Exchequer-Bills to be iſſued for the Intereſt, till the Fund commences: The Bank to remain a Corporation till the Bills be redeemed — — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	1,775,027 17 10½	— — —	1,775,027 17 10½	106,501 17 6
And by another Act of the Seventh of Queen *Anne*, *6 l. per Cent.*	It was Enacted, That the Bank ſhould pay off, and cancel, all the Exchequer-Bills before extant; which amounted to 1,775,027 *l.* 17 *s.* 10 ½ *d.*; upon allowing Six Pounds *per Centum* Intereſt for that Sum; to which Purpoſe, an Annuity was eſtabliſhed of 106,501 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* to be paid to the Bank out of the Duty aforeſaid, until the Principal be paid off, upon a Year's Notice — — —							
	The Bank for Exchequer-Bills.							
Several Acts of the Seventh, Eighth, and Twelfth, of Queen *Anne*,	Grants 4,676,812 *l.* 10 *s.* 0 *d.* by iſſuing Exchequer-Bills — — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	4,676,812 10 —	115,787 10 —	4,561,025 — —	328,561 18 6½
By the Act of the Firſt of King *George*, 7 *l.* 4 *s.* 0 ¾ *d.* *per Cent.*	The Fund for theſe Exchequer-Bills is the General or Aggregate Fund.							

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
	East-India Company.							
Two Acts of the Ninth of King *William*,	Grants additional Duties on Stamp Paper and Parchment, from the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1698; and a Duty of 28 *d.* a Buſhel on Salt, from 1698 and 1699, for ever: Both theſe Duties are given for 160,000 *l. per Annum*, to raiſe, by Subſcriptions, 2,000,000 *l.* at Eight Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; the Subſcribers to have the ſole Liberty of trading to the *East-Indies*; redeemable upon Payment of the Principal, and Three Years Notice after *Michaelmas* 1711.							
By one Act of the Sixth of Queen *Anne*,	It is Enacted, That the *East-India* Company ſhall pay into the Exchequer 1,200,000 *l*; to have their Eight *per Centum*, granted them in the Ninth of King *William*, reduced to Five *per Centum per Annum*; and to have the Trade to *India* continued to them ſolely to *Lady-day* 1726: This, together with the former Sum advanced, with all Arrears of the 160,000 *l.* to be repaid, before the Company ſhould be determined.	— — —	— — —	— — —	3,200,000 — —	— — — —	3,200,000 — —	160,000 — —
5 *l. per Cent.*								
By the Act of the Tenth of Queen *Anne*,	The Corporation of the *East-India* Company, and their ſole Trade, made perpetual; but the Fund may be redeemed, upon Three Years Notice after the 25th *March* 1733, upon Repayment by Parliament what is due to ſuch Companies as ſhall be then intitled thereunto.							
	South-Sea Company.							
Two Acts of the Ninth and Tenth of Queen *Anne*, and One Act of the Firſt of King *George*,	600,000 *l. per Annum* is charged upon ſeveral Duties, Impoſitions, *&c.* to the *South-Sea* Company; and 8,000 *l. per Annum*, for Management for paying the Intereſt of 10,000,000 *l.* at Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum:* The Company to continue for ever; but the annual Sum of 608,000 *l.* to ceaſe, upon a Year's Notice after the 25th of *December* 1716; repaying what ſhall then be due to the Company —	— — —	— — —	— — —	10,000,000 — —	— — — —	10,000,000 — —	608,000 — —
6 *l. per Cent.*								

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
Years Purchaſe.	Annuities, 14 *l. per Cent.* afterwards turned into a certain Term of 99 Years.				*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Act of the 4th of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and of the 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th of King *William*, and 1ſt of Queen *Anne*, 11 Years and a Half, 12 Years, 11 Years, and 15 Years.	Grants 9 *d. per* Barrel Exciſe upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for the Term of 99 Years —— —— ——	25th *January* 1692.	24 Years.	75 Years.	1,491,639 6 10	— — — —	1,491,639 6 10	124,866 — —
	Survivors.							
The Act of the Fourth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, 7 *l. per Cent.*	The ſame Nine Pence is charged, with a further Sum, on the Benefit of Survivorſhip, till the Number of Survivors be reduced to Seven; and then the Share, or Seventh-part, of each of them, as they die, to revert to the Crown	— — —	— — —	— — —	108,100 — —	— — — —	108,100 — —	7,567 — —
	Annuities on $\frac{2}{7}$ths Exciſe.							
The Act of the Fifth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and of the 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, of King *William*, and Firſt of Queen *Anne*,	Grants Two Seventh-parts of a Nine Pence *per* Barrel Exciſe to Subſcribers, for raiſing 300,000 *l.* in Annuities, from the 29th *September* 1694, at the Rate of 14 *l. per Cent.* on One Life, 12 *l. per Cent.* upon Two Lives, or 10 *l. per Cent.* on Three Lives; which was thus advanced:							

Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Intereſt.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
	Principal Money. Annual Intereſt.							
	Upon One Life —— 107,847 13 9 15,098 13 6							
	Two Lives —— 170,917 2 3 20,510 1 —							
	Three Lives —— 21,235 4 — 2,123 10 4							
	300,000 — — 37,732 4 10							
11 Years and a Half, 12 Years, 11 Years.	Afterwards, by ſubſequent Acts, the full Term for Ninety-ſix Years is given to the Purchaſers; and accordingly the Reverſions of One Life was made up to that Term; for which there was paid —— 61,229 8 — —— — —							
15 Years.	The Contributors of the Two and Three Lives did not purchaſe the Remainder; and, in the Year 1702, it appeared there was fallen in to the Crown, of the Two and Three Lives, 565 *l. per Annum*; which, by an Act then paſſed, were ſold for Fifteen Years Purchaſe; which produced — — 8,475 — — —— — —	29th *September* 1694.	22 Years and a Quarter.	13 Years and 3 Quarters.	369,704 8 —	— — — —	369,704 8 —	36,070 2 3
	369,704 8 — 37,732 4 10							
	There is ſo many of the Contributors dead of the Two and Three Lives, which abates the annual Charge —— 1,662 2 7							
	So the preſent annual Charge for all theſe Annuities is —— —— 36,070 2 3							
	Annuities on 3,700 *l. per* Week Exciſe.							
The Act of the Second of Queen *Anne*, 15 Years.	Charges the 3,700 *l.* a Week, iſſuing out of the Hereditary and Temporary Exciſe, for the Term of 99 Years —— ——	*Lady-day* 1704.	12 Years and 3 Quarters.	86 Years and a Quarter.	1,569,664 18 6	— — — —	1,569,664 18 6	104,745 10 6½

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Acts of Parliament, and Years Purchaſe.		When granted.	How long ſince granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been ſince paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Act of the Third of Queen *Anne*, 15 Years.	Charges the ſame 3,700 *l.* a Week Exciſe, for 99 Years —— —— ——	*Lady-day* 1704.	12 Years and 3 Quarters.	86 Years and a Quarter.	690,000 — —	— — — —	690,000 — —	46,000 — —
The Act of the Twelfth of King *William*, 6 *l. per Cent.*	Charges the ſame 3,700 *l.* a Week Exciſe, with Bankers Annuities, redeemable by Parliament, on Payment of a Moiety of the ſaid Principal; which is —— —— ——	— — —	— — —	— — —	664,263 — —	— — — —	664,263 — —	39,855 16 0½
	Annuities, *Anno* 1706.							
The Act of the Fourth of Queen *Anne*, 15 Years and a Half.	Grants One-third additional Cuſtoms of Tonage and Poundage, and the Third additional Nine Pence *per* Barrel Exciſe upon Beer, Ale, *&c.* for 99 Years —— —— ——	25th *March* 1706.	10 Years and 3 Quarters.	88 Years and a Quarter.	2,855,761 — —	— — — —	2,855,761 — —	184,242 14 —
	Annuities, *Anno* 1707.							
The Act of the Fifth of Queen *Anne*, 16 Years.	Grants Duties on low Wines, from the 23d *June* 1710, for 96 Years; additional Duty on ſtamped Paper and Vellom, from the laſt of *July* 1710, for 96 Years; Duty on Hawkers and Pedlars, from the 23d *June* 1710, for 96 Years; Duty on Sweets, for 99 Years, from the 24th *March* 1707; and the additional Cuſtoms of Tonage and Poundage, granted in the Fourth of the Queen for 98 Years, continued One Year more after that Time; the Overplus of the Annuity Fund, granted in the Fourth of the Queen, computed at *Lady-day* yearly, or within Six Days after, for 99 Years —— ——	25th *March* 1707.	9 Years and 3 Quarters.	89 Years and a Quarter.	1,155,000 — —	— — — —	1,155,000 — —	72,187 10 —

Acts of Parliament, and Years Purchase.		When granted.	How long since granted.	What Term remains.	How much the original principal Money was.	How much has been since paid off.	How much remains unpaid.	What the annual Sums are.
					l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Act of the Sixth of Queen *Anne*, 16 Years.	40,000 *l. per Annum* Annuities, *Anno* 1707. Charges the Overplus of the Annuity Funds before-mentioned, granted in the Fourth and Fifth of the Queen, to be computed at *Lady-day* yearly; as also the Overplus of the First Nine Pence Excise, granted from 25th *January* 1692, after 29th *September* 1710, to be computed at *Midsummer* yearly, for 99 Years —	25th *March* 1708.	8 Years and 3 Quarters.	90 Years and a Quarter.	640,000 — —	— — — —	640,000 — —	40,000 — —
Another Act of the Sixth of Queen *Anne*, 16 Years.	80,000 *l. per Annum* Annuities, *Anno* 1708. Charges One Moiety, or Half-part, of the Old Subsidy of Tonage and Poundage, upon Wines, Goods, and Merchandizes, for 96 Years, from the 31st *July* 1712: The intermediate Interest was supplied out of the Purchase-money; and also, by an Act of the Tenth of the Queen, out of several unappropriated Branches of the Revenue, for 99 Years — —	24th *June* 1708.	8 Years and a Half.	90 Years and a Half.	1,280,000 — —	— — — —	1,280,000 — —	80,000 — —
Acts of Parliament, and Rates of Interest.	Annuities at 9 *l. per Cent.*							
The Act of the Eighth of Queen *Anne*, 9 *l. per Cent.*	Charges Three Pence a Barrel upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors; Eighteen Pence a Pound upon Pepper; Five Shillings *per* Hundred Weight on Raisins; a double Duty on Nutmegs, and other Spices; Three Shillings a Pound on Snuff, from the 6th *February* 1709; and if there be a Deficiency, to be supplied out of the Duty on Coals, and Window Tax, for 32 Years — — —	25th *March* 1710.	6 Years and 3 Quarters.	25 Years and a Quarter.	900,000 — —	— — — —	900,000 — —	81,000 — —
Two Acts of the First of King *George*, 5 *l. per Cent.*	Bank Annuities. Charges the General or Aggregate Fund, after the Interest and Allowances to Exchequer-Bills, and after 120,000 *l.* for his Majesty's Civil Government, with these Annuities, payable at the Bank of *England*, at Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament	— — —	— — —	— — —	1,069,000 — —	— — — —	1,069,000 — —	54,600 — —
					47,268,883 1 2½	665,782 10 —	46,603,100 11 2½	3,118,448 — 10½

ABSTRACT.

	How much the original principal Money was.			How much has been since paid off.			How much remains unpaid.			What the annual Sums are.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
By Lotteries	13,223,910	—	—	549,995	—	—	12,673,915	—	—	944,249	12	—
Bank { By Annuities	3,375,027	17	10½	—	—	—	3,375,027	17	10½	206,501	17	6
Bank { By Exchequer-Bills	4,676,812	10	—	115,787	10	—	4,561,025	—	—	328,561	18	6½
East-India Company	3,200,000	—	—	—	—	—	3,200,000	—	—	160,000	—	—
South-Sea Company	10,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	10,000,000	—	—	608,000	—	—
Annuities	12,793,132	13	4	—	—	—	12,793,132	13	4	871,134	12	10
	47,268,883	1	2½	665,782	10	—	46,603,100	11	2½	3,118,448	—	10½

Exchequer, 14th *March* 1716.

Jos. Fox.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Newſham*, *James Philips*, *John Turner*, *Thomas Clifford*, *George Howell*, *Samuel Clark*, *Laurence Ambroſe*, *Thomas Richers*, *Caleb Powell*, *John Dee*, and *Thomas Loyd*, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other Receivers, and late Receivers, of the publick Taxes, and their Sureties, and of the Executors and Adminiſtrators of others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners many times bring up very conſiderable Sums of Money in Specie, and are at very great Charges in having Perſons to guard the ſame, for which the Government thought it reaſonable to make them Allowances; and, in Expectation of having ſuch Allowances upon ſubſequent Accounts, they gave Credit to the Government in ſubſequent Diſburſements upon the like Occaſions; and, in order thereunto, the Treaſury, conceiving the ſame reaſonable to be done, referred theſe Matters to be adjuſted by the Agents and Commiſſioners of Taxes; who made Reports of the ſame; and thereupon the Petitioners were in hopes of having ſuch Allowances; in which Caſes, they were ready to make up their Accounts, and pay their Balances into the Exchequer, and thereby to have freed themſelves, and their Sureties, from the great Securities they had given the Government; but they were informed, That the publick Money, out of which they uſed to have ſuch Allowances, were appropriated; and that there were not Money applicable to their Satisfaction: And praying, That their hard Caſes may be taken into Conſideration, to prevent the utter Ruin of them, and their Families; and to afford them Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Mr. *Lewis*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Drake*, Lord *Downe*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Freeman*, Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *John Bland*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Sir *Wm. Scawen*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Banks*, Mr. *Williams*, Sir *John Conway*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Mr. *Hor. Walpole*, Mr. *Lyddall*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Wm. Whitlocke*, Mr. *Bathurſt*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Calthorp*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Thomas Read*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Edward Williams*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Richard How*, Sir *Willoughby Hickham*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Tuffnell*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Sir *Nico. Carew*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Chulmley*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records; and to ſit *de die in diem*.

The Order of the Day, for the Call of the Houſe, being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Fortnight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 15° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of *Highgate*, *St. Mary Iſlington*, *St. James Clerkenwell*, *St. Giles Cripplegate*, and *St. Pancraſs*, in the County of *Middleſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Roads leading through the ſaid Pariſhes, from *London* to *Highgate*, are become ſo very ruinous, that the ordinary Courſe appointed by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm is not ſufficient for the effectual amending the ſame; it being out of the Power of the ſaid Pariſhes, without the Aid of Parliament, to repair and keep up the ſaid Roads; by reaſon the Gravel, and other Materials, within the ſaid Pariſhes, are exhauſted, and they are obliged to fetch their Materials at a great Diſtance, and pay great Prices for them: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the ſaid Roads.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Wynn*, Mr. *Pigott*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr *Chulmley*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Clark*, Sir *Wm. Humphrys*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Dr. *Paske*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Bigg*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Thomas Cave*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Morice*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Hertford*, and for the City of *London*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

An ingroſſed Bill for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop*.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati,

Sabbati, 16° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Lyddell*, Mr. *Herne*, Colonel *Houghton*, General *Lumley*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Wm. Humphrys*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *London*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Sir *Robert Chaplain*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Hampden*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Sheppard*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Richard How*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Bacon*, Sir *Thomas Read*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Hucks*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Blackiſton*, Mr. *Bond*, Brigadier *Grant*, Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Stuart*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, *York*, *Durham*, *Norfolk*, and *Middleſex*; and the City of *London*; and the Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be further continued, and charged, upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made, or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the Twenty-third Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be further continued, and charged, upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made, or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the Twenty-third Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Walpole*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That the Expence of Fire and Candle, provided by any Perſon or Perſons for Soldiers keeping Guard, be repaid out of the Contingencies.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to oblige ſuch Perſons, in whoſe Hands the Money called *Whitecoat* Money, in the County of *Dorſet*, now is, to pay the ſame into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid County.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 18° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

Prayers.

A Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpoole*, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Norris*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Conyers*, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Haldane*, Lord *Barrimore*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *John Eyles*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cheſter*; and the City of *London*; and for the Sea-Ports; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do examine the Matter of the Petition, upon which the ſaid Bill was ordered to be brought in; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pulteney* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty,

by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 19° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Pulteney*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as the Amendment made by the Committee, Fol. 27. L. 12.; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

The Orders of the Twenty-firſt of *February* laſt were read, for the Serjeant at Arms taking into his Cuſtody Strangers which he ſhall ſee, or be informed to be, in the Houſe; and againſt Members bringing Strangers into the Houſe while the Houſe is ſitting; and for clearing the Speaker's Chamber, and locking up the Back-doors:

And the Serjeant cleared the Houſe, and the Speaker's Chamber, of Strangers, and locked the Chamber-doors, according to the ſaid Orders.

Then the Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt, was read.

Ordered, That the Account of the publick Debts at the Exchequer, as they now ſtand; diſtinguiſhing what the Funds are; when granted; how long ſince granted; what Term remains; how much the original principal Money was; how much has ſince been paid off, and how much remains; and what the annual Sums are that are paid, or payable, for the principal Sums advanced; with the Rate of Intereſt, excluſive of the Deficiencies of Parliamentary Grants; be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 20° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was committed:

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee to the ſaid Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for transferring to the Regiſter to be kept by this Act the Principal and Intereſt deficient on the Regiſter for the Malt Act, which ended at *Midſummer* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

A Petition of the Rector, Churchwardens, and other Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *St. Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, and Dioceſe of *Wincheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Pariſh-Church was become ſo very ruinous, that the Inhabitants could not aſſemble to Divine Service, without Danger of their Lives; and was ſo ſmall, as not to contain the Fourth-part of the Inhabitants: The Petitioners did, in vain, ſollicit for Relief out of the Fund appointed for building Fifty new Churches; and were therefore forced, upon the Stock raiſed from her late Majeſty's Brief for this Purpoſe, with the Help of private Contributions, to undertake the rebuilding and inlarging the ſaid Church; the Money ariſing from theſe Branches not anſwering the Ends they had in View, were forced to make uſe of their Credit to finiſh this Work; and are not able to diſcharge the great Debts they contracted to the ſeveral Workmen employed in the ſame: The Petitioners have agreed on an Expedient, of which a Scheme is annexed to the Petition: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate the ſeveral Sums expreſſed in the ſaid Scheme for the Payment of the ſeveral Creditors and Workmen employed in rebuilding the ſaid Pariſh-Church.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Banks*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Guidot*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Sir *Arthur Key*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Plumptre*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *Juſtin. Iſham*, Sir *Robert Furneſſe*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Clayton*, Lord *Wm. Pawlett*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Tuffnell*,

nell, Mr. *Broderick*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Kent*; and for the City of *London*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records; and to ſit *de die in diem*.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, for authorizing the Commiſſioners to be named in the Bill to call the Collectors of the Land-Taxes to account for ſuch Monies as they have detained in their Hands; to the end the ſame may be applied in Eaſe to ſuch Pariſhes, or Diviſions, where Deficiencies have been occaſioned thereby.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for tranſferring to the ſaid Act the Deficiency of the Loans, and Intereſt, upon the Fourth Two Shillings Aid.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 21° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants and Landlords of *Limehouſe*, in the County of *Middleſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a dreadful Fire happened in the Hamlet, which burnt and conſumed the principal Part of the Town; which Loſs will occaſion a Deficiency to make good their Quota for the Year 1717: The Collectors of the Land-Tax had received, before the Fire, the Firſt Half-year's Land-Tax for the Year 1716; notwithſtanding which, the Petitioners are aſſeſſed One Shilling in the Pound for the laſt Half-year, over and above the Four Shillings in the Pound; and, if not relieved by the Honourable Houſe, the Town will never be rebuilt: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Harry Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Diſton*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Earle*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Colonel *Grahm*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Randyll*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Richard Goſſe*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Traverſe*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Sam. Leonard*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *D'Bouverie*, Colonel *Delaun*, Mr. *Heath*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 22° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Wm. Johnſon*, Mr. *Cunningham*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpoole*, is committed.

An ingroſſed Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pulteney* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Micklethwait* reported from the Committee, to whoſe Conſideration was referred the Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of *Highgate*, *St. Mary Iſlington*, *St. James Clerkenwell*, *St. Gyles Cripplegate*, and *St. Pancraſs*, in the County of *Middleſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others; whereby it was prayed, That a Bill might be brought in for repairing and amending the Road from the Stones End, through the reſpective Pariſhes aforeſaid, to *Highgate*; That the ſaid Committee had examined the Allegations of the Petition; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Petitioners, in order to prove the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, called,

Sir *Samuel Garrard*, Sir *Peter Meyers*, Sir *Jeremy Sambrooke*, Mr. *Jennings*, and Mr. *Townſend*: Who ſaid, from their own Knowlege, and daily Experience, That the Roads leading through the Pariſhes in the Petition to *Highgate* are become very ruinous, and almoſt impaſſable; to the great Hazard and Danger of the Lives of thoſe that paſs through the ſame:

And, particularly, Sir *Peter Meyers* ſaid, He was lately coming home through Part of the aforeſaid Road; which was

was ſo bad, that his Coachman was thrown out of his Coach-box, and broke his Leg; to the Hazard of the ſaid Sir *Peter*'s Life.

And Mr. *George Sayer*, who lives at *Canbury-houſe*, near *Iſlington*, ſaid, That, in going home from *London*, he has frequently ſeen Carriages overturned by the Badneſs of the ſaid Roads.

Mr. *John Fuller* ſaid, That it was out of the Power of the ſaid Pariſhes to repair, and keep up, the ſaid Roads, without the Aid of Parliament; for that he, as a Juſtice of the Peace, had narrowly examined the Account of the Money ariſing by the ſeveral Rates for repairing the Highways, and found the ſame had been juſtly applied; but fell far ſhort of what was neceſſary to repair the ſaid Roads, which are near Fourteen Miles.

Mr. *Edwards* ſaid, That he knows the Gravel, and other Materials, within the ſaid Pariſhes, for repairing the ſaid Roads, are exhauſted; and he, as Surveyor of the Highways, was obliged laſt Year to fetch 2,000 Load of Gravel for that Purpoſe as far as *Newington*; for which was paid 2 *s. per* Load, and 3 *s.* for Carriage.

That, upon Conſideration of the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations of their ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the ſaid Roads, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End to *Highgate*, in the County of *Middleſex:* And that Mr. *Micklethwait*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Bertie*, and Mr. *Herne*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 23° die Martii;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1716.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Morice* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants and Landlords of *Limehouſe*, in the County of *Middleſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Petitioners, in order to prove the Allegations of their Petition, produced a Liſt of Houſes burnt in the principal Part of the ſaid Town, amounting to 132 Houſes; the Rents whereof amounted .. 938 *l.* 10 *s.* 0 *d.*; which Liſt was ſigned by the Aſſeſſors and Collectors then preſent:

That the Petitioners alſo laid before the Committee a Book of Aſſeſſment for the Year 1716, ſigned by the Commiſſioners of the Land-Tax; whereby it appeared, that the Collectors had received, before the Fire, the Firſt Half-year's Tax; as alſo a Book of Re-aſſeſſment, ſigned by the Commiſſioners, of One Shilling in the Pound, over and above the Four Shillings; which Re-aſſeſſment amounted to 236 *l.* 7 *s.* 9 *d.* to make good the Quota of 1,072 *l.*; which Deficiency was occaſioned by the ſaid Fire:

And, from that Calamity, the Petitioners are apprehenſive, that, if not relieved by this Honourable Houſe, the ſaid Town will not be rebuilt; the Poors Rate being thereby become ſo very burdenſome and chargeable, has already made many of the beſt Inhabitants quit the ſame; which was proved by Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Dau*, and Mr. *Cook*, ancient Inhabitants of the Place: Who further ſaid, That there are about 1,100 Families in the Town, whereof not above 300 pay to the Poor.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Relief of the Owners and Tenants of the Houſes at *Limehouſe*, lately deſtroyed by Fire, with reſpect to the Land-Tax for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Reſolutions in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all the publick Funds, redeemable by Law, that do now exceed Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, be redeemed according to the reſpective Proviſoes, or Clauſes of Redemption, contained in the Acts of Parliament for that Purpoſe; or, with Conſent of the Proprietors, be converted into an Intereſt or Annuity, not exceeding Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That his Majeſty be enabled to borrow of any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be requiſite to redeem the ſaid redeemable Funds at any Rate, not exceeding Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and to ſecure the ſame upon the Funds ſo to be redeemed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Annuity of 106,501 *l.* 13 *s.* 5 *d. per Annum* payable to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* out of Houſe-money, by virtue of ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that behalf, for the principal Sum of 1,775,027 *l.* 17 *s.* 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* by them advanced, be redeemed; or, by Conſent of the ſaid Governor and Company, converted into an Intereſt or Annuity, not to exceed Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum* redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the Fund, commonly called the Aggregate Fund, ſettled by an Act of Parliament in the Firſt Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, as is applicable to the Intereſt, Circulation, Exchanging, or Cancelling, the preſent Exchequer-Bills, be alſo redeemed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That his Majeſty be enabled to authorize the High Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, to treat and agree with any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, for circulating ſuch a Number of Exchequer-Bills, at a Rate not exceeding Four Pounds Ten Shillings *per Cent. per Annum*, for Intereſt, Exchanging, and Circulation, as may be charged and ſecured upon that Part of the ſaid Aggregate Fund ſo to be redeemed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Annuities of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l. per Annum*, payable to the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas*, be alſo redeemed.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Annuities payable by an Act of Parliament, of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *William*, of glorious Memory, to certain Patentees therein named, their Heirs and Aſſigns, out of the weekly Sum of 3,700 *l.* charged on the Exciſe, be alſo redeemed.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Terms of Years remaining in the Duties appropriated by the Two Lottery Acts made and paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, of bleſſed Memory, and by Two Lottery Acts made and paſſed in the Tenth Year of her ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, be made perpetual.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Duties, comprehended in the ſaid Four Lottery Acts, be made One general Fund for the future.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Proprietors of the Orders grounded on the ſaid Lottery Acts do, within a limited Time, make their Elections, either to accept Annuities after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*, *per Ann.* redeemable by Parliament out of ſuch general Fund; or be paid ſo much as remains due to them on their Orders reſpectively.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, in all Caſes where the Proprietors ſhall chooſe to have their Principal, the Five *per Cent. per Annum*, ſaved thereby, be made another Fund, towards anſwering ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be advanced, towards diſcharging the ſaid Principal, by Loans, or other Securities, as ſhall be thought proper.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That his Majeſty be enabled to give Power for receiving voluntary Subſcriptions from any Perſon or Perſons intitled to any of the Annuities iſſuing out of the publick Funds, for the Reſidue of the reſpective Terms of Ninety-nine Years, Ninety-ſix Years, Eighty-nine Years, or Thirty-two Years, formerly purchaſed therein, not being ſubject to Redemption, who ſhall be willing to accept, in lieu thereof, perpetual Annuities, redeemable by Parliament; and to allow, for the remaining Terms in the ſaid Annuities, which were purchaſed for Ninety-nine Years, Ninety-ſix Years, or Eighty-nine Years, at the Election of the reſpective Subſcribers, either ſo much as the ſame Annuities ſhall amount to at Nineteen Years Purchaſe, to be made good by new Annuities of Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament, or Seventeen Years Purchaſe and an Half, to be made good by new Annuities of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be redeemable in like manner; and to allow, for the remaining Terms in the ſaid Annuities, which were purchaſed for Thirty-two Years, at the Election of the reſpective Subſcribers, either ſo much as the ſame Annuities ſhall amount to at Fourteen Years Purchaſe and an Half, to be made good by new Annuities of Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament, or Thirteen Years Purchaſe and an Half, to be made good by Annuities of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable in like manner; and that the ſaid new Annuities ſhall be ſettled and ſecured accordingly.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all Savings, that ſhall ariſe upon any of the preſent Funds by the propoſed Redemptions, or Reductions, be reſerved, and applied, after all Deficiencies, that may happen upon any of the ſaid Funds, are made good, towards diſcharging and reducing the National Debt.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all the ſaid Duties now in being, or to be continued, ſhall immediately ceaſe and determine after the ſaid National Debt, and all Intereſt due thereupon, is diſcharged, and paid off.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Horatio Walpole*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Bladen* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen-Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to transfer to the Regiſter, appointed to be kept by the ſaid Act, all the Loans which have been made upon the Reſolution of the Houſe of the Fifth of this inſtant *March*, to be repaid, with Intereſt, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That *John Elwill* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Honiton*, in the County of *Devon*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 25° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Merrill*, from the Secretary at War's Office, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of ſeveral Services relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces, incurred, and to be incurred, for the Years One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, and One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, not provided for: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of the Half-Pay for the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces and Marines, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Account and Eſtimate were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account and Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account and Eſtimate are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of divers of his Majeſty's Commiſſioners of the Land-Tax for the Borough of *St. Albans*, in the County of *Hertford*, on behalf of themſelves, and other the Commiſſioners and Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, purſuant to a Clauſe in the Malt Act, ſum-

moned before them the reſpective Collectors within the ſaid Borough from the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eight to the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen; which ſaid Collectors have paid to the Commiſſioners Order all ſuch Monies as remained in their Hands unaccounted for upon their ſeveral Duplicates; except *John Wintour*, and *William Hunt* junior, who were joint Collectors for the whole Borough from the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Ten to the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Thirteen; whoſe Duplicates for thoſe Four Years, being produced, and examined, amounted to 2,755 *l.* 5 *s.* 6 *d.*; out of which they produced Receipts from the Receiver-General for 2,220 *l.* 11 *s.* 5 *d.*; and, ſince the paſſing the ſaid Clauſe, they have paid into the Exchequer 390 *l.* 8 *s.* 9 ¼ *d.*; ſo that there now remains unaccounted for 144 *l.* 5 *s.* 3 ¾ *d.*; beſides upwards of Five Pounds they have received of former Collectors: The ſaid *Wintour* and *Hunt* refuſe to give any Account for the ſaid 144 *l.* 5 *s.* 3 ¾ *d.* pretending, that they have diſcharged the Debt due to the Crown from the ſaid Borough; and that the Petitioners had no Authority to call them to an Account: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Grimſton*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Wm. Thompſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Wylde*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Harvey*, Sir *Geo. Beamont*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Sheppard*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Edward Williams*; and all that ſerve for the County of *Hertford:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Hiccocks:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the Bill, intituled, An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

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Martis, 26° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

SIR *Thomas Johnſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpole*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and that they had, according to the Order of the Houſe, examined the Matter of the Petition on which the ſaid Bill was ordered to be brought in; and had directed him to report the ſame, as it appeared to them, to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards reported the Bill, with the Amendments; and delivered the ſaid Reports in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read:

And the Report, upon the Examination of the Matter of the ſaid Petition, is as followeth; *viz.*

That Mr. *Ralph Peters*, Town-Clerk of *Liverpole*, produced to the Committee an Account, ſigned by him, of what Money had been laid out in and about the ſaid Dock; and what the Duties, ariſing by the ſaid Act of the Eighth of Queen *Anne*, to the 25th of *December* 1716, amounted to; whereby it appeared, that the Charges, including the Intereſt of Six thouſand Pound borrowed upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, and Two thouſand Pound more advanced and borrowed upon the Petitioners own Credit, amounts to — — 12,700 9 6

That the Duties, ariſing by the ſaid Act, amounts to — — 4,436 14 2¼

So that the Debt now due is — — 8,263 15 3¼

And, by an Eſtimate of Mr. *Steers*, Engineer of the Dock and Works, there will be wanting, to complete the ſame, the Sum of — — 3,087 0 0

So that the whole Debt, and to finiſh the Work, will amount to — 11,350 15 3¼

Mr. *Pool* Merchant, and *John Lyon* Mariner, alſo ſaid, That the Dock is capable of receiving Veſſels that draw Eighteen Foot Water at Spring-tides, and Thirteen Foot Water at Neap-tides: That they have ſeen Sixty Sail at a time in the ſaid Dock; and the ſame is not finiſhed, which, they humbly conceive, is very neceſſary to be done, not only for the Safety of Merchant-Ships, but alſo for his Majeſty's Men of War, who may have occaſion to harbour there.

Then the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Right Honourable *Chriſtopher* Lord Viſcount *Caſtlecomer*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, being choſen a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Rippon*, in the County of *York*; and alſo a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Morpeth*, in the County of *Northumberland*; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Rippon*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Morpeth*, in the room of the ſaid Lord *Caſtlecomer*, who hath made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Rippon*.

A Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations was read a Second time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for ſecuring to *Great Britain* the Liberty of importing their Linen Manufactures into *Ireland* Duty-free.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That *Iriſh* Linen, imported into *Great Britain*, may be again exported Duty-free.

A Petition of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, *Francis* Viſcount *Montague*, *Henry* Lord *Arundell*, *Hugh* Lord *Clifford*, *Charles* Lord *Dormer*, *James* Lord *Waldgrave*, *Walter* Lord *Aſton*, Sir *William Goring*, Sir *William Gage*, Baronets, *William Plowden*, *William Stafford*, *Henry Charles Howard*, *Edward Blount*, and *Joſeph Edward Gage*, Eſquires, for and on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by the late Act, which obliges Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates, the Petitioners are, upon Default of taking the Oaths before the Twentieth of *January*, bound to regiſter their Names within Six Months after: That the Time being ſo very ſhort, and ſeveral having ſmall Eſtates very remote, and in different Counties, cannot be furniſhed with ſuch exact Particulars thereof as are neceſſary; nor can they command their Deeds, or Settlements, out of the Truſtees or Mortgagees Hands, in order to ſet forth their Eſtates and Intereſts, which the ſaid Act requires: That ſeveral of the Petitioners Eſtates conſiſt of many Farms, and ſmall Tenements, and thoſe again divided, and ſubdivided, in the Hands of Undertenants, and their Aſſigns; whereby the Poſſeſſors cannot be ſo ſoon aſcertained as the Act requires; ſo that the Want of Time will render the Regiſtry not only imperfect, but impracticable: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for explaining the ſaid Act; and inlarging the Time for Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates.

And the ſaid Act was read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for explaining the ſaid Act; and for inlarging the Time for Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates: And that Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Guidott*, and Sir *Joſeph Jekyll*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Treaties made with the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and the Duke of *Saxa-Gotha*, for putting Six Battalions of their Troops into his Majeſty's Pay, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 27° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was committed, the Amendments they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as the Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for putting the Act in Execution for the Univerſity and Town of *Cambridge:*

And the ſaid Amendments were, with ſeveral Amendments to ſome of them, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for the Univerſity and Town of *Cambridge* was read a Second time:

And ſeveral were propoſed to be added thereto:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Francis Wichcot* Eſquire be a Commiſſioner for putting in Execution the ſaid Act for the Town of *Cambridge*;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Coventry:* } 113.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Lewis:* } 58.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Gerrard Herring* be a Commiſſioner for the ſaid Town;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr *Grimſton:* } 95.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Thomas Read*, Mr. *Lade:* } 54.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Other Liſts of Commiſſioners Names, as far as the Liſt for the Borough of *St. Albans*, were, with Addition of ſome Names to ſeveral of them, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for *St. Albans* being read;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Name of *John Gape* Eſquire be added as a Commiſſioner for the ſaid Borough;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Drake:* } 19.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Shepheard:* } 52.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the other Liſts of Commiſſioners Names to and for the County of *Norfolk* were read; and, with Addition of ſome Names to ſeveral of them, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That Colonel *Churchill*, Mr. *Weſt*, and Lord *Harvey*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis,

Jovis, 28° die Martii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, and the reſt of the Common-Council, of the Town and County of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor People inhabiting in and about the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Town is a very ancient Corporation, principally ſupported by Navigation; and is the chief Nurſery for Seamen employed in his Majeſty's Service; and that, over and above all other common Duties laid upon Coals, Salt, and other Merchandizes, there is a Duty of Twelve Pence *per* Chalder, payable for ever to the Crown for every Chalder of Coals exported out of the River *Tyne* to the City of *London*, or Coaſtwiſe; which is not payable for any Coals exported out of the Port at *Sunderland*; and the Petitioners perceiving there is a Bill brought in for Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, they humbly conceive, that, if the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs into an Act, it will not only be very prejudicial to his Majeſty's Revenue, and the publick Good, but alſo to the ſaid ancient Corporation, and will ruin many Hundreds of poor Families: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, before the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Petition of *John Stone*, *Thomas Merchant* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and *James Ede*, on behalf of *John Ede* his Son, an Infant, Son of *Mary Ede* (the ſaid *Elizabeth*, and *Mary*, and *Catharine Stone*, ſince deceaſed, being Siſters and Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger, deceaſed), was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner *John Stone*, and *John* his Son, by Conveyance, dated 30 *May* 1707, and a Recovery ſuffered in purſuance thereof, ſettled ſome of their Meſſuages and Lands in *Ruſper* and *Horſham*, in the County of *Suſſex*, to the Uſe of the Petitioner *John*, for his Life, without Impeachment of Waſte; and, after his Deceaſe, to the Uſe of his ſaid Son *John*, and his Heirs; and other Part thereof to the Uſe of the ſaid Petitioner *John*, and his Heirs; who afterwards ſettled the ſame upon the ſaid *John* his Son, and his Heirs; the Petitioner *John*, and his Son, borrowed the Sum of 1,500 *l.* and mortgaged Part of the ſaid Premiſes, for a Thouſand Years, for ſecuring the ſaid Repayment, and Intereſt; and alſo a further Sum of Two hundred Pounds; after which *John* the Son died, leaving the Petitioners *Elizabeth*, and the ſaid *Mary*, late Wife of the Petitioner *James Ede*, and Mother of the Petitioner *John Ede* the Infant, and the ſaid *Catharine Stone* Spinſter, his Three Siſters, and Co-heirs; and the Petitioners borrowed the Sum of Four hundred Pounds, and made a further Mortgage for the Term of a Thouſand Years: That the Petitioner *John Stone* is willing to relinquiſh his Power of committing Waſte; and he and his Wife, for the Benefit of his ſaid Daughter *Elizabeth*, and Grandchild *Ede*, to join in a Sale of the ſaid Premiſes, in order to pay off the ſaid Incumbrances: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for veſting the Eſtate and Intereſt of the ſaid *John Ede* the Infant in Truſtees; to the end the ſame may be ſold, for diſcharging the ſaid Mortgages; and for ſettling the ſaid Infant's Share of the Surplus-money to be raiſed thereby.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Ingram* and Mr. *Butler* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Broderick* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Rector, Churchwardens, and other Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *St. Mary Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surrey*, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That it appeared to the Committee, by the Accounts delivered in, and Witneſſes who proved the ſame, That the Building of the Pariſh-Church of *St. Mary Rotherhith* aforeſaid amounts to the Sum of 3,792 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 *d.*; and that there has been received, by her late Majeſty's Brief, the Sum of 920 *l.* 19 *s.* 8 *d.*; alſo received from the ſeveral Inhabitants, and others, by voluntary Contributions, the Sum of 1,829 *l.* 14 *s.* 6 *d.*; both which Sums were duly applied towards rebuilding the ſaid Church; and there ſtill remains due to the ſeveral Workmen the Sum of 1,041 *l.* 19 *s.* 11 *d.*

That it alſo appeared to the Committee, That the Scheme annexed to the Petition was unanimouſly agreed to in a full Veſtry, legally ſummoned, on the Twentieth Day of *January* laſt, and met the Twenty-fourth following.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *St. Mary Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surrey*, to make Rates, and levy Money, within the ſaid Pariſh, for finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church: And that Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Lowther*, and Mr. *Onſlow*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, in the room of Sir *William Wyndham* Baronet, and Sir *John Trevelyan* Baronet; whoſe Election was declared void.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for continuing the Commiſſioners for taking, examining, and ſtating, the Debts of the Army, That Power be given to the Commiſſioners to make out Certificates for the Debts of the Army, in order to the making out Debentures for the ſame.

The Order of the Day, for the Call of the Houſe, being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Fortnight.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was committed:

And the Reſidue of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, as far as the Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for the Borough of *Dunwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for the ſaid Borough of *Dunwich* was read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed unto by the Houſe:

And another Liſt of Commiſſioners Names for the ſaid Borough was offered to the Houſe; and read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the reſt of the Amendments, as far as Clauſe E, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe E being read a Second time, That the Commiſſioners for the County of *Middleſex*, or any Three of them, upon Complaint to them made by the Inhabitants of the Hamlet of *Limehouſe*, That they are chargeable with more than Three Shillings in the Pound, in reſpect of perſonal

ſonal and real Eſtates being decreaſed by the late Fire there, might certify the ſame to the Barons of the Exchequer; who are to be impowered to relieve the Sufferers of the ſaid Fire;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, declaring how, and in what Proportions, the Three thouſand Pound, appropriated by an Act, 12° *Annæ Reginæ*, for the Uſe of the Chaplains of the Fleet in the late War, ſhould be diſtributed among thoſe Chaplains:

The ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, the Treaties with the Biſhop .. *Munſter*, and the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*, for Six Battalions of their Troops taken into his Majeſty's Pay; with Tranſlations of them:

And the Titles of the Tranſlations of the ſaid Treaties were read:

And the Tranſlations are as followeth; *viz.*

FRANCIS Arnold, by the Grace of God, Biſhop of *Munſter* and *Paderborn*, Burggraff of *Stromberg*, Prince of the Holy *Roman* Empire, Count of *Pyrmont*, Lord of *Borkelob* and *Werth:* We hereby declare, and make known, That whereas a Treaty between the moſt Serene and moſt Potent Prince *George Lewis* King of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* Duke of *Brunſwick-Lunenburg*, Arch-Treaſurer and Elector of the Holy *Roman* Empire, and ourſelves, relating to our Furniſhing of Four Battalions of Foot, has been concluded by the Miniſters authorized for that Purpoſe on each Side, dated at *Munſter* the 23d of *December* laſt, Word for Word, as follows:

The Treaty.

Whereas his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain*, out of the particular Confidence he has in his Highneſs the Biſhop of *Paderborn* and *Munſter*, has cauſed Overtures to be made to him for furniſhing ſome of his Infantry to replace thoſe Troops, which, during the preſent Troubles in *Great Britain*, may be drawn out of the Gariſons of the States of the *United Provinces*, to be ſent thither; and whereas his Highneſs has readily taken this Opportunity of ſhewing his particular Regard for his Majeſty, and how willing he is to ſerve him; the following Agreement has been made, and concluded, in order to its being ratified:

I.

His Highneſs engages himſelf to furniſh Four Battalions of Foot, of 525 Men each, excluſive of the Staff Officers, conſiſting of Seven Companies, of 73 Men each, with prime Plan, according to the annexed Liſt, marked *Lit.* A; and his Highneſs agrees to ſend with theſe Four Battalions no Officers of a higher Rank than ſuch as receive Colonels Pay.

II.

And whereas the ſaid Four Battalions are to be employed in the *Dutch* Gariſons, in the room of thoſe which the States-General may yet ſend to his Royal Majeſty, into *Great Britain*; it is agreed, That, during the time of their Service there, they are to take an Oath of Fidelity to the States-General.

III.

The Troops are to be received in this Country by the King's Commiſſary; and are to enjoy their full Pay and Subſiſtence, according to the *Dutch* Eſtabliſhment, *Lit.* B; by which the Regiments have been paid during the laſt War: They ſhall be provided with Carriages, and other Neceſſaries, in their March to the *Netherlands*, as well as their Return; and his Majeſty, or his Electoral Regency at *Hanover*, ſhall ſend requiſitorial Letters for that Purpoſe.

IV.

The ſaid Pay and Subſiſtence is to begin the 15th of *January*, N. S. 1716; and to be continued as long as his Royal Majeſty ſhall make uſe of the Troops to the abovementioned Purpoſe: When his Majeſty ſhall ſtand in no further Need of them, or in caſe there ſhould be no Need of them at all, Three Months Notice ſhall be given of it to his Highneſs the Biſhop of *Paderborn* and *Munſter*; after which Term the Pay and Subſiſtence of theſe Troops ſhall ceaſe: But it having been repreſented, That his Highneſs would be at no ſmall Expence by the completeing the ſaid Battalions, and the cloathing and furniſhing them with all Neceſſaries for their March, his Royal Majeſty, upon this Conſideration, purſuant to the annexed Eſtabliſhment, *Lit.* B, conſents to pay One long *Dutch* Month, of Six Weeks, more, after the Three Months that Notice has been given are expired; and this in any Caſe, whether the Troops ſerve a long, or a ſhort, time, or if they ſhould not ſerve at all.

V.

As to the ordinary Recruits, each Company ſhall be allowed the ſame Douceurs the States of the *United Provinces* allow their own Troops: But if the Troops ſhall happen to diminiſh very ſenſibly by any contagious Diſtemper, or other Accident; in that Caſe due and ſufficient Satisfaction ſhall be given, according to what the States have obſerved hitherto in the like Caſes, and what other Troops have enjoyed.

VI.

His Highneſs expects the Payment of the monthly Subſiſtence from his Majeſty only, without being obliged to ſollicit, or to put himſelf to any other Expence, for it; and his Royal Majeſty does accordingly engage for the punctual and prompt Payment of the ſame.

VII.

The Troops may either furniſh themſelves with Proviſions in the Gariſons; or, if they chooſe to have it out of the Magazines, they are to pay for it out of their own Pay, as the *Dutch* Troops themſelves do; and, as to what relates to Phyſick, and Hoſpital Expences, they ſhall be allowed what the Troops of the States enjoy, and what the Troops of *Paderborn* and *Munſter* have formerly enjoyed in the States Service.

VIII.

If, in the ſaid Battalions, any ſhould be found that have been formerly in the Service of his Royal Majeſty, or the States-General, or any other Prince, and have deſerted, they ſhall be pardoned, and not be delivered up.

IX.

The Naming and Appointing of all the Officers, as likewiſe the Military Juriſdiction over the ſaid Four Battalions, are reſerved to his Highneſs.

X.

As theſe ſeveral Articles have been agreed upon, in order to their being ratified; and as the Ratification of his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain* has been promiſed to be exchanged here, with all poſſible Speed, for that of his Highneſs the Biſhop of *Paderborn* and *Munſter*; ſo the Electoral Regency at *Hanover* engages, in the mean time, for the procuring the ſame. In Witneſs whereof, Two Inſtruments, of the ſame Tenor, have been drawn of this Treaty, ſigned and ſealed by his Royal Majeſty, and his Royal Highneſs's Miniſters, authorized for this Purpoſe; One of which has been delivered to each Party.

Given at *Munſter* the 23d of *December* 1715.

(L. S.) Marquis of *Nomis*. (L. S.) B. B. of *Mengorſen*.

Liſt A, and B.

The Monthly Pay of Four Battalions of Foot, each of 518 Men, calculated upon the Foot of the Troops of the States.

	The Staff.	Fl.	Stiv.			
	Colonel	300	—	—		
	Lieutenant-Colonel	100	11	—		
	Major	80	—	—		
1	Quarter-maſter	38	7	6		
1	Adjutant	34	15	0		
1	Auditor	34	15	0		
1	Chaplain	32	11	0		
1	Surgeon-Major	18	2	8		
1	Drum-major	14	9	2		
6	Hautbois	53	3	9		
1	Provoſt	14	9	8		
1	Servant to the Provoſt	9	8	3		
14:	For an ordinary Month	730	2	0		
	For a long Month, of 42 Days				1,008	2 9
	For One Company of Foot for 42 Days.	Fl.	Stiv.			
1	Captain	150	0	0		
1	Lieutenant	45	0	0		
1	Enſign	40	0	0		
1	Serjeant	24	0	0		
2	Inferior Officers, at 22 Fl.	44	0	0		
3	Corporals, at 20 Fl.	60	0	0		
8	Exempts, at 14 Fl.	112	0	0		
1	Sollicitor	12	0	0		
2	Drummers	24	0	0		
20	.	511	0	0		
52	Common Soldiers, at 12 Fl. 5 Stiv.	637	0	0		
72:	Total of One Company	1,148	0	0		
432	Six other Companies	6,888	0	0		
	Additional Allowance for the Captain-Lieutenant in the Colonel's Company	25	0	0	8,152	0 0
	Allowance for Phyſick, at 13 Fl. *per* Company, comes to, for Seven Companies	91	0	0		
518	Total of One Battalion				9,160	2 9
1,554	Three ſuch Battalions more				27,480	8 3
2,072	Total of Four Battalions for a long Month, of 42 Days				36,640	11 0
	For Eight long Months, comes to				293,124	8 4
	For a ſhort Month, of 30 Days, comes to				26,171	16 4
	Total of the Pay of Four Battalions for One Year				319,296	4 4

We therefore hereby promiſe to execute this Treaty, concluded by our Order, according to the full Tenor of it; as likewiſe his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain* promiſes the Execution of the ſame, together with the Exchange of his Ratification. In Witneſs whereof, we have ſubſcribed it with our own Hand, and cauſed our Seal to be affixed to it. *Neuhaus*, the 14th of *January* 1716.

Francis Arnold (L. S.).

FREDERICK, by the Grace of God, Duke of *Saxony*, *Juliers*, *Cleve*, and *Berg*, alſo of *Engria* and *Weſtphalia*, Landgrave in *Thuringia*, Margrave of *Miſnia*, Prince and Count of *Henneberg*, Count of the *Marck* and *Ravensberg*, Lord of *Ravenſtein* and *Sonna:* We hereby make known, and declare, That whereas we have cauſed a Negotiation to be carried on with his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain* for Two Battalions, which we are to furniſh his Majeſty with: And whereas a Treaty has been ſigned by the Plenipotentiaries on each Side, Word for Word, of the following Tenor:

Whereas his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain*, out of the particular Confidence he has in his Serene Highneſs the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*, has cauſed Overtures to be made to him for furniſhing ſome of his Infantry, to replace thoſe Troops, which, during the preſent Troubles in *England*, may be drawn out of the Gariſons of the States of the *United Provinces*, to be ſent thither; and whereas his Serene Highneſs has readily taken this Opportunity of ſhewing his particular Regard for his Majeſty, and how willing he is to ſerve him; the following Agreement has been made, and concluded, in order to its being ratified:

I.

His Serene Highneſs engages himſelf to furniſh unto his Majeſty Two Battalions of Foot, conſiſting of 500 Men only at preſent; but his Highneſs will augment them, by the 15th of *January* 1716, to the Number of 640 Men each, excluſive of the Staff, that they may conſiſt of Eight Companies each, with the prime Plan of 80 Men, according to the annexed Liſt, *Lit.* A; and no Officers of higher Rank ſhall be ſent with theſe Battalions than Colonels.

II.

And whereas the ſaid Two Battalions are to be employed in the *Dutch* Gariſons, in the room of thoſe which the States-General may yet ſend to his Royal Majeſty into *Great Britain*, they are, for the Time of their Service there, to take an Oath of Fidelity to the States-General.

III.

The Troops are to be received in this Country by the King's Commiſſary; and are to enjoy their full Pay and Subſiſtence, according to the *Dutch* Eſtabliſhment, *Lit.* B; by which, during the laſt War, the Regiments of *Saxe-Gotha* have been paid: They ſhall be provided with Carriages, and other Neceſſaries, in their March, as well as

their Return; and his Majeſty, or his Electoral Regency at *Hanover*, ſhall ſend requiſitorial Letters for that Purpoſe.

IV.

The ſaid Pay and Subſiſtence is to begin the 15th of *January* 1716, N. S. and to be continued as long as his Royal Majeſty ſhall make uſe of theſe Troops to the above-mentioned Purpoſe: When his Majeſty ſhall ſtand in no further Need of them, or in caſe there ſhould be no Need of them at all, Three Months Notice ſhall be given of it to his Serene Highneſs the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*; after which Term, the Payment and Subſiſtence of the ſaid Troops ſhall ceaſe: But it having been repreſented, That his Serene Highneſs would be at no ſmall Expence by increaſing the ſaid Battalions to the Number ſpecified, Art. I. and by the cloathing and furniſhing them with all Neceſſaries for their March; and that the ſaid Troops, upon their Return out of the *Dutch* Gariſons to the Territories of his Highneſs the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*, muſt needs be obliged to a long, uneaſy, and expenſive, March; his Royal Majeſty, upon Conſideration of this, purſuant to the annexed Eſtabliſhment, *Lit.* B. conſents to pay Two ſhort marching Months more, after the Three Months that Notice has been given are expired; and this in any caſe, whether the Troops are kept in Service a long, or a ſhort, time, or if they ſhould not ſerve at all.

V.

As to the ordinary Recruits, each Company ſhall be allowed the ſame Money which the States of the *United Provinces* allow their own Troops: But if, by any contagious Diſtemper, or other Accident, the Troops ſhould happen to diminiſh very ſenſibly; in that Caſe, due and ſufficient Satisfaction ſhall be given, according to what the States have obſerved hitherto in the like Caſes, and what other Troops have enjoyed.

VI.

His Serene Highneſs expects the Payment of the monthly Subſiſtence from his Majeſty only, without being obliged to ſollicit, or to put himſelf to any other Expence, for it; and his Royal Majeſty accordingly anſwers for the prompt Payment of the ſame.

VII.

The Troops in the Gariſons may either furniſh themſelves with Proviſions; or, if they chooſe to have it out of the Magazines, they are to pay for it out of their own Pay, as *Dutch* Troops themſelves do; and, as to what relates to Phyſick, and Hoſpital Expences, they ſhall enjoy what other Troops are allowed by the States, and what the Troops of *Saxe-Gotha* have formerly enjoyed in that Service.

VIII.

If, in the ſaid Battalions, any ſhould be found that have been formerly in the Service of his Royal Majeſty, or the States-General, or any other Prince, and have deſerted, they ſhall be pardoned, and not delivered up.

IX.

The appointing the ſeveral Officers, as likewiſe the Military Juriſdiction over the Two Battalions, are reſerved to his Serene Highneſs, in the ſame manner as has been obſerved of late by the Regiments of *Saxe-Gotha* in *Engliſh* or *Dutch* Pay.

X.

And whereas his Royal Majeſty has likewiſe deſired the Liberty of tranſporting the ſaid Troops into *England*, in caſe he ſhould find it neceſſary to employ them there; his Serene Highneſs, out of his particular Affection to his Majeſty, and ſeveral other Conſiderations, willingly conſents to it: And, in this Caſe, the ſaid Battalions ſhall take an Oath of Fidelity to his Majeſty during that time: They are then to receive *Engliſh* Pay from the Day of their being embarked to the Day of their landing again on this Side; from which time, and till they reach the Territories of *Saxe-Gotha*, they are to be paid upon the *Dutch* Foot again: His Serene Highneſs, in the mean time, expects, that in caſe, as aforeſaid, his Royal Majeſty intends to employ theſe Battalions in *Great Britain*, Copies of the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment ſhall be delivered to him, that he may know what Allowances are to be made for extraordinary Recruits, and Loſſes either in the Field, or by contagious Diſtempers, or in any other Caſe, that ſo his Serene Highneſs may agree with his Royal Majeſty about theſe Articles: His Highneſs, however, promiſes not to ſtop the March of the Troops out of his Dominions upon this Account.

XI.

In caſe his Majeſty ſhould further want any more Troops, his Serene Highneſs, to ſhew his particular Affection, promiſes to ſerve his Majeſty in it as much as poſſible; being perſuaded, that his Royal Majeſty, on his Side, will continue the good Correſpondence which has always been between their moſt Serene Predeceſſors.

XII.

As theſe ſeveral Articles have been agreed upon, in order to their being ratified; and as the Ratification of his Royal Majeſty of *Great Britain* is to be exchanged, with all poſſible Speed, here at *Gotha*, for that of his Serene Highneſs; ſo the Electoral Regency of *Brunſwick-Lunenburg* engages, in the mean while, for the procuring the ſame. In Witneſs whereof, Two Inſtruments, of the ſame Tenor, have been drawn of this Treaty, ſigned and ſealed by the Miniſters authorized for that Purpoſe; One of which has been delivered to each Party.

Friendenſtein, the 31ſt of *December* 1715.

(L. S.) *Otto Chriſtopher Schultze.* (L. S.) *Johan Frederic* Baron *de Bachof.*

Lit. A.

A Regiment of Foot.

The Staff.

Colonel:
Lieutenant-Colonel:
Major:
Quarter-maſter:
Auditor:
Chaplain:
Adjutant:
Surgeon-Major, and Four Servants:
Drum-major:
4 Hautbois:
Provoſt, and his Servant.

19

A Company.

2 Captains, and a Servant:
2 Lieutenants, and a Servant:
2 Enſigns, and a Servant:
2 Serjeants:
3 Inferior Officers:
3 Corporals:
2 Drummers:
8 Exempts:
55 Common Soldiers:
1 Clerk.

80

8 Companies make 640 Men:
With the Staff, 659.

Lit. B.

The Pay for One Regiment of Foot.

For the Staff.

		Fl.	Stiv.
	Colonel — — —	393	15
	Lieutenant-Colonel — —	131	5
	Major — — —	105	—
	Quarter-maſter — —	85	—
	Auditor — — —	50	—
	Chaplain — — —	80	—
	Adjutant — — —	56	—
	Surgeon-Major — —	50	—
4	Servants, at 17 ½ Fl. — —	70	—
	Drummer — — —	21	—
4	Hautbois, at 12 Fl. 5 Stiv. —	49	—

Provoſt,

		Fl.	Stiv.
	Provoſt, and his Servant ——	39	—
—			
19		1,130 Fl.	
—			
	For One Company.	Fl.	Stiv.
2	Captains, and a Servant ——	158	—
2	Lieutenants, and a Servant ——	53	—
2	Enſigns, and a Servant ——	48	—
2	Serjeants, at 24 Fl. —— ——	48	—
3	Inferior Officers, at 20 Fl. at 17 ½, at 16 —— ——	53	10
3	Corporals, at 14 Fl. —— ——	42	—
2	Drummers, at 12 Fl. 5 Stiv. ——	24	10
8	Exempts, at 13 Fl. —— ——	104	—
55	Common Soldiers, at 12 Fl. 5 Stiv.	673	15
1	Clerk —— —— ——	12	5
—			
80		1,217 Fl.	
—			
8	Companies —— ——	8	
—			
640	Men —— —— ——	9,736	
19	The Staff —— —— ——	1,130	
—			
659	And ſo *per* Month —— ——	10,866 Fl.	

We therefore hereby approve of, and ratify, the preſent Treaty, and all the ſeveral Articles of it; and promiſe, by the Word of a Prince, to execute whatever we are engaged to by the ſame. Given in our Reſidence at *Friendenſtein*, the $\frac{1}{12}$ of *January* 1716.

Fredric (L. S.).

Ordered, That the ſaid Treaties, and Tranſlations, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The original Treaties are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 29° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Lawſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Newſham*, *James Philips*, *John Turner*, and others, on behalf of themſelves, and other Receivers, and late Receivers, of the publick Taxes, and their Sureties, and of the Executors and Adminiſtrators of others, was referred, That they had conſidered the ſaid Petition; and had directed him to report to the Houſe the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee, having examined the ſeveral Allegations mentioned in the Petition of the Receivers-General of the Taxes, relating to their Allowances, do find, That they have made good the Allegations in their ſaid Petition; and the Matters of Fact do appear as ſtated by the Petitioners, from ſeveral Reports of the Agents for Taxes, and by other Papers laid before the Committee: Upon Conſideration whereof, the Committee have thought proper to ſtate the Caſe of the Receivers under the following Heads:

1ſt, They find, That all the Receivers-General, except Seven, hereafter particularly mentioned, have cleared their Accounts to the End of the Year 1714; and though they then owed nothing to the Government, yet have Allowances reported by the Commiſſioners for Affairs of Taxes to be due to them, amounting to a conſiderable Sum; which remains unſatisfied, by reaſon all the Money in the Exchequer is appropriated.

2d, It appears, That although Mr. *Howell*, late Receiver of *South-Wales*, hath not paſſed his Accounts, yet, when the Allowances reported due are made good to him, his Balance will be over-paid; and that Mr. *Brougham*, the Receiver for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Weſtmorland*, and Mr. *Parran*, formerly Receiver for the County of *Oxford*, have not paſſed their Accounts; but their Allowances already reported, and the further Claims they have to make, will very near balance the ſame.

3d, That the Three Receivers hereafter mentioned; *viz.* Mr. *Thomas Lloyd*, late Receiver for *Cheſter* and *North-Wales*, Mr. *Bradgate* for *Leiceſterſhire*, and Mr. *Brown* for Part of *Norfolk*; appear to be indebted to the Government, over and above the Allowances reported to be due to them; and that Mr. *Dixon*, Receiver for *Somerſetſhire*, who has abſconded for ſome Years, is indebted a great Sum, which the Government is in Danger of loſing, through the Inſolvency of him, and his Securities.

The Committee do further repreſent, That there are ſeveral of the Petitioners, and others, Receivers-General, who have not petitioned, or had any Reports for Allowances for ſeveral Years in which they have been employed; ſo the Committee could not examine their Claims: But, upon Inquiry, do find, they have cleared their Accounts to the End of the Year 1714, except as before excepted; and many of them ought, in Juſtice, to have proper Allowances, when they ſhall make Application for the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Relief of the Receivers-General of the publick Taxes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace, of the County of *Middleſex*, and other Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the ſaid County, living in or near the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes lying in the Highways leading from the Town of *Kenſington*, in the ſaid County, towards *Colnebrook* and *Staines*; and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Highways; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Highways contain the greateſt Part of the Road which leads to his Majeſty's ſeveral Royal Palaces; and, being the great Weſtern Road to and from *London*, they are, by reaſon of many heavy Carriages, become very ruinous, and in many Parts thereof ſo bad, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, the ſame are dangerous to his Majeſty, and the Royal Family, and ſuch who are obliged to attend them, and alſo to all others who have Occaſion to travel through the ſaid Highways; and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Towns and Pariſhes, in which the ſame lie, have, from time to time, been at great Expences in repairing the ſaid Highways; yet they are ſo very bad, they cannot, by the Laws now in Force, be kept in good Repair: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the ſaid Highways.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Colonel *Grahme*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*,

freys, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Nico. Morice*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *John Hynde Cotton*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Wm. Johnſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Wylde*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Thomas Read*, Sir *John Jennings*, Colonel *Long*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Longueville*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Hertford*, and *Surrey*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Micklethwait* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles's*, *Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *Saint John's-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint James*, *Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's-inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew's*, *Holborn*; and from the Stones End at *Saint Gyles's* Pound, in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancraſs*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpoole*, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That, for the better Guidance of Ships and Veſſels trading into, and out of, the Port of *Liverpoole*, the Truſtees appointed, and their Succeſſors, ſhould place Buoys and Land-marks, and keep up the ſame:

And the ſaid Rider was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the ſame was read a Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port at *Liverpoole*.

Ordered, That Sir *Thomas Johnſon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Receivers of the ſeveral Turnpikes erected in purſuance of ſeveral Acts of Parliament for repairing and amending the Highways between *Royſton*, in the County of *Hertford*, and *Wandesford* Bridge, in the County of *Huntington*, do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Monies they have received; and how the ſame has been applied.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That the Inſtructions given to his Majeſty's Miniſters, who tranſacted the Treaties for taking Four Battalions of the Biſhop of *Munſter*'s Troops, and Two Battalions of the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*'s Troops, into his Majeſty's Pay, to ſupply the Place of ſuch as, during the late Rebellion, ſhould be drawn from the Gariſons of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, to aſſiſt his Majeſty, may be laid before this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Bramſton*:	38.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Hor. Walpole*, Mr. *Bladen*:	165.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of Half-pay for the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces and Marines for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of ſeveral Services relating to his Majeſty's Land-Forces incurred, and to be incurred, for the Years One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, and One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, not provided for, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Treaties with the Biſhop of *Munſter* for Four Battalions of his Troops, and with the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha* for Two Battalions of his Troops, to be taken into his Majeſty's Pay; and the Tranſlation of the ſaid Treaties; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 30° *die Martii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Woodſtock*, in the County of *Oxon*, in the room of Sir *Thomas Wheat* Baronet; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Chief Keeper of the Ordnance, Munition, and Stores, belonging to the Office of Ordnance.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations;

It was moved, That ſeveral Sections in the Act, paſſed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Wool out of the Kingdoms of *Ireland* and *England* into foreign Parts; and for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures in the Kingdom of *England*; might be read:

And the ſame were read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wool, or Woollen Manufactures, from *Ireland*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 1° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the Earl of *Hertford* be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace, of the County of *Middleſex*, and other Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the ſaid County, living in or near the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes lying in the Highways leading from the Town of *Kenſington*,

ton, in the ſaid County, towards *Colnebrook* and *Staines*; and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higglers, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Highways; is referred.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, That they do conſider of that Part of the Act 12 *Car.* II. for Tonage and Poundage, and Merchandizes exported, which relates to the laying the Duty of Six Pence *per* Piece of Forty Ells on *Britiſh* Linen exported; and alſo of the Act of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, by which the ſaid Duty is further continued.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Produce of Six Pence *per* Piece upon all *Britiſh* Linen exported from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account what the Duties, *ad valorem*, of *Iriſh* Linen exported, have produced for the ſame time.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of what *Hamborough* Linens have been re-exported for the ſame time.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 2° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being moved, That ſome Clauſes in the Act, of the Tenth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act to prevent the diſturbing thoſe of the Epiſcopal Communion in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, in the Exerciſe of their religious Worſhip, and in the Uſe of the Liturgy of the Church of *England*; and for repealing the Act, paſſed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, Act againſt irregular Baptiſms and Marriages; and alſo in the Act, of the ſame Year, intituled, An Act to reſtore the Patrons to their ancient Rights of preſenting Miniſters to the Churches vacant in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; might be read;

The ſame were read accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further explaining and amending ſeveral Matters relating to the Church Judicatures and Patronages in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland:* And that Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *James Cunningham*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Bailey*, and Mr. *Pringle*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Richard Gorges* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *Henry Gorges*, of *Eye*, in the County of *Hereford*, Eſquire, and *George Caſwall*, of the City of *London*, Banker, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the ſaid County of *Hereford*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Conningsby*, who has been created a Peer of *Great Britain:* That the ſaid *George Caſwall* did, by himſelf, and others, who acted as his Agents, both before and after the *Teſte* of the Writ, openly and notoriouſly treat, and bribe, great Numbers of the Electors; by means whereof, and of other indirect and corrupt Practices, .. procured himſelf to be returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough; in Prejudice of your Petitioner; and the ſaid *George Caſwall*'s Qualification being objected to, although he refuſed to declare in what particular Pariſhes his Eſtate lay, by which he ſhould have made out his Qualification; yet the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough admitted him to poll: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 3° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That *Richard Fleming* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Granado Pigott* Eſquire have Leave to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Cambridge*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles, Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *Saint John's-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint James's, Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's-inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew's, Holborn*;

born; and from the Stones End at *Saint Gyles*'s Pound, in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancraſs*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Freman*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Ward*, Lord *Carbury*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Sir *Nico. Morice*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Wyld*, Lord *Pagett*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Colemore*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Wm. Humfryes*, Mr. *Bigg*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Hertford*, *Northampton*, *York*, and *Durham*; and the City of *London:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to provide, by the ſaid Bill, for the repairing the Highway from *Iſlington* to *Kingſland*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they .... Power to provide, by the ſaid Bill, for the repairing the Highway from the Halfway-houſe, mentioned in the Bill, to the Town's End of *Hampſtead*.

Mr. *Ward* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Houſe being moved, That a Clauſe in the Act, of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland*, relating to the erecting Schools, for Education of Youth, in proper Places there, might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty, purſuant to the ſaid Act, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the ſeveral Funds applicable to the ſinking the Principal, or Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debt; diſtinguiſhing each of the ſaid Funds, and the annual Exceeding or Deficiency of them, reſpectively, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred and Ten to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen; and alſo an Account how much of the ſaid Deficiencies have been made good by Parliament.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

1ſt, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Eighty-five thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, upon Account, for Half-pay, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, to the Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines, diſbanded, being his Majeſty's natural-born Subjects, or naturalized.

2d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty-ſix thouſand Eight hundred Ninety-four Pounds Eight Shillings Four Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of Twenty-eight Companies of Invalids, from the Twenty-fifth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen to the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

3d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Thirteen thouſand Five hundred Fifty-one Pounds Nine Shillings Five Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for Proviſions for the Garriſon of *Gibraltar* for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

4th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty-four thouſand One hundred Eighty-eight Pounds Three Shillings Ten Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, to complete the Pay of Six Battalions of Foot hired from the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*, to ſupply the Place of ſuch Troops as, during the late Rebellion, ſhould be drawn from the Garriſons of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, to aſſiſt his Majeſty, purſuant to the Treaties in that behalf made with the ſaid Princes.

5th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four thouſand One hundred Thirty-one Pounds Three Shillings Nine Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, to make up the full Pay of the General Officers, with their Aids-de-Camp, and Majors of Brigade, during the time they ſerved in *North Britain*.

6th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Ten thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, on Account, for extraordinary Forage, Proviſions, Carriages, and ſeveral extraordinary Expences of the Forces in their March from *Sterling*, and Purſuit of the Rebels, into the Highlands, and the neighbouring Iſlands.

7th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Ten thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, to replace the like Sum iſſued out of the appropriated Revenues of *North Britain* to his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, General and Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Forces there, by his Majeſty's Warrant, dated the Eighth of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen.

8th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One thouſand One hundred Seventy-five Pounds Twelve Shillings Six Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of the Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, from the Twenty-fifth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen to the Thirty-firſt of *March* following, with the Bounty-money upon their Diſbanding.

9th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One thouſand Two hundred Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Pay of One Lieutenant, One Enſign, Five Non-commiſſioned Officers, and Forty private Men, taken to reinforce the Caſtle of *Edinburgh*, from the Twenty-fifth of *July* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen to the Fifteenth of *March* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, with the Bounty-money upon their Diſbanding.

10th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Three thouſand Seven hundred and Seventy-five Pounds Nine Shillings Ten Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Subſiſtence of

the Rebel Priſoners taken at *Preſton*, to the Thirty-firſt of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, over and above the Sum of Three thouſand Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings Eight Pence given for that Service.

11th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One thouſand Five hundred Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, on account of the Rebel Priſoners, for their Subſiſtence, and contingent Expences, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

12th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Seven hundred Thirty-ſix Pounds Eight Shillings Five Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Subſiſtence of Three hundred Fifty-three Rebel Priſoners, ſubſiſted by the Magiſtrates of *Glaſcow* to the Twenty-fifth of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, when they were ſet at Liberty.

The Firſt, Second, and Third, Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Fourth Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty-four thouſand One hundred Eighty-eight Pounds Three Shillings Ten Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, to complete the Pay of Six Battalions of Foot, hired from the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and the Duke of *Saxe-Gotha*, to ſupply the Place of ſuch Troops as, during the late Rebellion, ſhould be drawn from the Gariſons of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, to aſſiſt his Majeſty, purſuant to the Treaties in that behalf made with the ſaid Princes;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Micklethwaite:*	184.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Thomas Conyers:*	71.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The reſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage to this Houſe, ſigned by his Majeſty:

And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe; and it was read by Mr. Speaker; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty, being deſirous, above all things, not only to ſecure his Kingdoms againſt the preſent Danger with which they are threatened from *Sweden*, but likewiſe to prevent, as far as is poſſible, the like Apprehenſions for the future, thinks it neceſſary, that ſuch Meaſures ſhould be early concerted with other Princes and States, as may conduce moſt effectually to this End:

And, as this may require ſome Expence, his Majeſty hopes, that his Commons will, by their Aſſiſtance at this Juncture, enable him to make good ſuch Engagements, as may eaſe his People of all future Charge, and Apprehenſions, upon this Account.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, take his Majeſty's ſaid gracious Meſſage into Conſideration.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 4° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Cambridge*, in the room of *John Jenyns* Eſquire, deceaſed.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-York* and *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, their Agents, Factors, and other Perſons reſiding in *New-York* and *New-England*, did furniſh the Government with ſeveral Sums of Money for the Expedition to *Canada*; and received Bills of Exchange for the ſame, drawn by Colonel *Hunter* and Colonel *Dudley*, Governors of *New-York* and *New-England*, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions to them for that Purpoſe; yet the Petitioners have not been able to get more..... of ſome of the ſaid Bills, and of others no Part at all, after long and tedious Sollicitation to the late Lord Treaſurer, and ſeveral References to the Auditors of the Impreſt, and other Offices, without Effect: And praying, That, purſuant to her late Majeſty's Inſtructions, they may be repaid, with Intereſt, for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Morrice*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Plumtree*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Juſtin. Iſham*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Liddell*, Mr. *Wallop*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Norris:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations;

And the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's gracious Meſſage Yeſterday:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And a Motion being made, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Treaty made between his late Majeſty King *William*, of glorious Memory, with the preſent King of *Sweden*, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris,

Veneris, 5° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Mr. *Ingram* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Coheirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to *Hamburgh*, *Bremen*, and other Parts of *Germany*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, paſſed in the Third and Fourth Years of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, it was enacted, for the Support of the Proteſtant Intereſt in *Ireland*, and for the Encouragement of the Linen Manufacture of that Kingdom, That it ſhould be lawful to export from *Ireland*, directly to the *Britiſh* Plantations, all Sorts of brown and white Linen Cloths, being the proper Manufacture of the ſaid Kingdom; and, by an Act of the Firſt of his preſent Majeſty, the ſaid Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen was continued to them: That, unleſs ſome Proviſion be made, that the Merchants of *Great Britain* be put upon an equal Foot with the Traders of *Ireland*, it is much feared a great Part of the Trade will centre in that Kingdom, by the many Advantages they have already gained: And praying, That the *Engliſh* Merchants may be put upon the ſame Foot with the Inhabitants of *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed.

A Petition of ſeveral Linen-drapers of the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill now depending before the Houſe, for continuing the like Advantage to *Ireland* as they had by former Laws: Unleſs ſome Proviſion be made for the Linen-drapers, and other Dealers in Linen, ſo that they may ſend their Goods to the Plantations Duty-free as well as the *Iriſh*, the Trade of the City of *London* will, in a great meaſure, be tranſplanted to *Ireland*: That the Petitioners have been conſiderable Traders, and laboured under many Difficulties in a declining State of their Trade: And praying, That the Bill to give Leave to the Inhabitants of *Ireland* to export their Linen Duty-free to the *Britiſh* Plantations may not paſs into a Law; but that the Trade of the Plantations may be carried on as much for the Advantage of *Great Britain* as *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for indemnifying ſuch Perſons as have incurred Penalties, by not taking the Oaths in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; and for further explaining the Oath of Abjuration; and for inlarging the Time for taking the Oaths; and making the Penalties effectual: And that Mr. *Baillie*, Mr. *Cockburne*, Mr. *Haldane*, and Sir *William Gordon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *South Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 6° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants and Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, who have a Right of voting for electing Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Borough is a Borough by Preſcription; and the Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot, being about Three hundred, have ſent Members to Parliament Time out of Mind; but that *George Caſwall*, being a Banker in *London*, came down to the ſaid Borough; and, on the Election of a Bailiff and Magiſtrates, did intereſt himſelf ſo much in the ſaid Election, that he procured one *Tomkins* to be choſen Bailiff; *John Caſwall*, Brother of the ſaid *George*, and one *Whittington*, Two Juſtices of the Peace; for the ſaid Borough: That there has been a Vacancy in the ſaid Borough, by the Right Honourable the Lord *Coningsby* being created a Peer of *Great Britain*; the ſaid *George Caſwall*, and many his Agents, being Electors, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, by Bribery, Corruption, and other indirect Practices and Proceedings, procured the ſaid *George Caſwall* to be returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and the Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee did appoint a Time to hear the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, and the reſt of the Common-Council, of the Town and County of *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, upon their Petition on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor People inhabiting in and about the ſaid Town; but that neither the Petitioners, nor their Counſel, did attend to be heard thereupon at the Time appointed by the Committee; and then he delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout:

And the Firſt Amendment being read a Second time;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be re-committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the ſaid Amendment was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The reſt of the ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, with Amendments to ſome of them, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; except One of them, which was diſagreed with.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That in caſe the Captain, or Maſter, of a Ship or Veſſel, or Perſons offending, ſhall withdraw out of the County, the Commiſſioners, at their publick Meetings, may com-

mence and proſecute an Action at Law in any Court of Record, in the Name of the Chairman, againſt ſuch Captain, Maſter, or Perſons offending, for the Recovery of Forfeitures:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Fortnight.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common-Council, of *Newcaſtle*, be heard at the Bar of the Houſe, by their Counſel, on their Petition againſt the ſaid Bill, if they think fit, upon the Third Reading of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of the Third Inſtant had been preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty, purſuant to an Act, of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland*; and alſo an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the ſeveral Funds applicable to the ſinking the Principal, or Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debt; diſtinguiſhing each of the ſaid Funds, and the annual Exceeding or Deficiency of them reſpectively, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred Ten to *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen; and alſo an Account how much of the ſaid Deficiencies have been made good by Parliament; might be laid before the Houſe; and that his Majeſty had given Directions for the ſaid Report and Accounts to be laid before this Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That, purſuant to their Addreſs of the Fourth Inſtant, his Majeſty had commanded him to lay before the Houſe a Copy of the Treaty with *Sweden*, of the $\frac{6}{16}^{th}$ of *January* $\frac{1699}{1700}$: And he preſented the ſame accordingly:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copy of the Treaty with *Sweden* do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Copy is as followeth; *viz.*

QUandoquidem ſereniſſimus et potentiſſimus Princeps et Dominus, Dominus Carolus duodecimus, Suecorum, Gothorum, Vandalorumque, Rex; magnus Princeps Finlandiæ; Dux Scaniæ, Eſthoniæ, Livoniæ, Careliæ, Bremæ, Verdæ, Stettini, Pomeraniæ, Caſſubiæ, et Vandaliæ; Princeps Rugiæ; Dominus Ingriæ et Wiſmariæ; necnon Comes Palatinus Rheni; Bavariæ, Juliaci, Cliviæ, et Montium, Dux; necnon ſereniſſimus et potentiſſimus Princeps et Dominus, Dominus Gulielmus tertius, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Rex, fidei defenſor; pro intimioris mutuæ amicitiæ, et ſinceræ neceſſitudinis adſertione, et majori confirmatione, atque pro adaugenda et promovenda alte memoratorum Regum, eorumque regnorum et ſubditorum, ſalute et ſecuritate, conſultum fore exiſtimârunt, ut anteriora inter inclyta Sueciæ et Magnæ Britanniæ regna, adeoque altememoratorum Regum prædeceſſores Reges, inita fœdera readſumerentur, renovarentur, et emendarentur; Sacra Regia Majeſtas Sueciæ itaque perficiendo huic ſalutari operi legitime conſtituere, atque ſufficienti mandato inſtruere voluit illuſtriſſimum et excellentiſſimum dominum, dominum Nicolaum liberum baronem de Lillieroot, ejuſdem Regiæ Majeſtatis legatum extraordinarium et plenipotentiarium apud celſos et præpotentes dominos ordines generales Fœderati Belgii; Sacra Regia Majeſtas Magnæ Britanniæ autem illuſtriſſimum et excellentiſſimum dominum, dominum Joſephum Williamſon equitem auratum, prædictæ Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtati a conſiliis intimis, ejuſdemque legatum extraordinarium et plenipotentiarium; qui congreſſi hic Hagæ Comitum, exhibitis utrinque et commutatis mandatorum formulis, variiſque ea de cauſa inſtitutis colloquiis, poſt accuratam, pro negotii gravitate, rerum cognitionem et diſquiſitionem, convenerunt et conſenſerunt pro baſi et fundamento recipere fœdus Holmiæ, anno 1665, die prima Martii, concluſum; ita tamen ut de iis, quæ utriuſque regnorum et ſubditorum commercia concernunt, atque præfati fœderis de anno 1665 partem conficiunt, quamprimum, et abſque ullo temporis diſpendio, Holmiæ ab utriuſque partis commiſſariis negotiatio inſtitui debeat: Quod autem concernit mutuam amicitiam, bonam correſpondentiam, et ſecuritatem, prædictum fœdus anni 1665 hoc præſenti fœdere omnino confirmatur et corroboratur, adhibitis additionibus vel immutationibus quibuſdam, prout ſequentibus articulis fuſius cautum et ſtatutum eſt.

I.

Sit inter Sacram Regiam Majeſtatem Sueciæ, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, ab una, et Sacram Regiam Majeſtatem Magnæ Britanniæ, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, ab altera parte, atque univerſa et ſingula utriuſque regna, ditiones, provincias, inſulas, terras, colonias, urbes, oppida, populos, cives, et incolas, atque adeo omnes omnino ſubditos et vaſallos, tam qui nunc ſunt, quam qui in poſterum erunt, tam in Europa, quam extra eam, ubivis locorum, tam terra, quam mari, et aquis dulcibus, ſincera et conſtans in perpetuum amicitia, fœdus, et bona correſpondentia; ita ut neque ipſi ſibi invicem, vel alter alterius regnis, provinciis, coloniis, ubicunque ſitis, et ſubditis, ullum incommodum inferant, neque hoc ab aliis fieri permittant et conſentiant; ſed ſe invicem ſincero affectu, omni benevolentia, et amore, complectantur.

II.

Tenebitur proinde uterque confœderatorum, eorumque hæredes et ſucceſſores, mutuum commodum et honorem omni ſtudio curare et promovere; imminentia in alterum confœderatorum pericula, conſpirationes, et machinationes hoſtiles, mature, quamprimum, ſcilicet, innotuerint, indicare et detegere; iiſque, quantum in illis fuerit, obſtare; ac illas conſiliis ac viribus avertere et impedire: Ac propterea alicui confœderatorum non licebit, vel per ſe, vel per alios quoſcunque, agere, tractare, aut conari, quicquam alterius incommodo vel damno, terrarum aut dominiorum alterius qualiumcunque, ubivis loci, ſive mari, ſive terra; hoſtes ejus, ſive rebelles, et inimicos, in confœderati damnum, nullatenus fovebit; neque rebellium et proditorum quemquam in ditiones ſuas recipiet aut admittet; multo minus conſilium, auxilium, et favorem, illis præſtabit, vel tale quid per ſubditos, populum, aut incolas ſuos, præſtari ſinet aut promittet.

III.

Ac quo majori cum fructu prædicta amicitia, et bona correſpondentia, in utriuſque altiſſime memoratorum regum, eorumque regnorum et ſubditorum utilitatem indies melius excoli, ac eorundem ſecuritati magis proſpici ac caveri poſſit; utrinque convenit, ut ſereniſſimi ac potentiſſimi Reges, regnaque Sueciæ, et Magnæ Britanniæ, ſpeciali fœdere defenſivo quam arctiſſime necterentur; quemadmodum hiſce præſentibus arctiſſimo fœdere conſtringuntur, ac invicem obligantur, ad mutuam defenſionem præſtandam, tum ſuorum regnorum, ditionum, provinciarum, ſtatuum (*a*) [ſubditorum] poſſeſſionum, tum jurium et libertatis navigationis et commerciorum, tam in mari Baltico, freto Oreſundico, ſinu Codano, quam mari Septentrionali, Deucaledonico, Occidentali, Britannico, freto vulgo Canali dicto, tum etiam privilegiorum et prærogativarum alterutri confœderatorum, tam ex pactis et receptis conſuetudinibus, quam gentium, et hæreditario jure, competentium, contra quoſcunque invaſores, aggreſſores, et terra, vel mari, turbatores in Europa; prout inferius hoc ſpecialius declaratum eſt.

IV.

Si itaque contingat Sacram Regiam Majeſtatem, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, regnumque Sueciæ, ab aliquo Rege, Principe, Statu, Republica, rebelle uno, vel pluribus, (*a*) [aut quibuſvis perſonis malevolis, uno vel

(*a*) Supplied from the Copy of the Treaty preſented to the Houſe.

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pluribus], in Europa, invadi, infeſtari, et turbari, in regnis, ditionibus, provinciis, inſulis, et dominiis, tam intra quam extra regna, ut et in Germania, ad Reges regnaque Sueciæ ſpectantibus, necnon in poſſeſſionibus et prærogativis, privilegiis, et juribus ſuis inde pendentibus, vel alio quocunque modo, in libertate navigationis et commerciorum in prædictis maribus et fretis impediri, et moleſtia affici, tenebitur Sacra Regia Majeſtas Magnæ Britanniæ, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, prævia legitima requiſitione, ſereniſſimo Regi, ejuſque hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus Regibus, regniſque Sueciæ, contra ejuſmodi aggreſſores, turbatores, et rebelles, exercitu ſex mille peditibus conſtante auxilio eſſe, ea conditione et modo, ut infra ſpecialius determinabitur.

V.

Similiter, ſi contingat Sacram Regiam Majeſtatem, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, regnaque Magnæ Britanniæ, ab aliquo Rege, Principe, Statu, Republica, rebelle uno vel pluribus, aut quibuſvis perſonis malevolis, uno vel pluribus, in Europa, invadi, infeſtari, et turbari, in regnis, ditionibus, provinciis, inſulis, et dominiis, ad Reges regnaque Magnæ Britanniæ pertinentibus, ut et juribus inde dependentibus, vel alio quocunque modo, in libertate navigationis et commerciorum in prædictis maribus et fretis impediri, et moleſtia affici, tenebitur Sacra Reg' Majeſtas, ejuſque hæredes et ſucceſſores Reges, regnaque Sueciæ, contra tales aggreſſores, turbatores, et rebelles, ſereniſſimo Regi Magnæ Britanniæ, ejuſque hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus Regibus, poſt legitimam requiſitionem et denunciationem, auxilio eſſe exercitu ſex mille peditibus conſtante, ea conditione et modo, ut infra determinabitur.

VI.

Cum autem articulo 2do mentio facta ſit rebellis vel rebellium, viſum eſt e re utriuſque confœderati futurum, terminum iſtum pluribus his explicare; videlicet, Quod quicunque per literas alterutrius confœderatorum confœderato ſuo miſſas pro rebelle et perduelle declarabitur, mox confœderatorum ille, cui literæ miſſæ erunt, declaratum rebellem pro tali reputabit; omniaque, quæ per hoc fœdus contra alterius rebelles ſancita ſunt, effectum ſortiantur.

VII.

Antequam tamen auxiliares copiæ mittantur, vim et injuriam paſſus cum altero fœderatorum communicabit; et tunc quidem uterque confœderatorum operam impendet, ut invaſor, ſeu turbator, amicabili ratione inducatur a vi et injuria abſtinere, ne ad arma venire neceſſum ſit: Quod ſi vero ea lædentem occupaverit pertinacia, ut nullis amicabilibus rationibus ad æqua præſtanda deſcendere velit, atque ita injuriatus ac læſus confœderatus violationem ſibi illatam vi et armis propulſare, ac ulteriorem turbationem impedire, coactus fuerit; tunc demum copiæ præfatæ ſine procraſtinatione mittantur; nec prius deſiſtatur quam parti læſæ per omnia ſatisfactum fuerit; quia etiam in tali caſu injuriis extorquens juſtam defenſionem pro aggreſſore habendus venit.

VIII.

Mittentur autem iſtæ copiæ auxiliares poſt menſem quartum a die primo notificationis inſinuatæ, ſeu factæ requiſitionis, numerandum; vel citius etiam, ſi fieri poſſit, et requirens id deſideraverit, non obſtantibus officiis confœderati requiſiti ad amicabilem compoſitionem, vigore fœderis, præſtandis; in locum portu commodum, et acceſſu facilem, quem auxilium requirens denominabit; et alentur ibi, et ſuſtentabuntur, ſumptibus mittentis, donec pax obtenta fuerit, vel quouſque eæ neceſſariæ requirenti videbuntur; ita tamen, ut requirens interim in ſuis ditionibus provideat, ut auxiliares copiæ, non ſecus ac propriæ, juſto pretio commeatum, et cætera ad victum et amictum neceſſaria, habere poſſint.

IX.

Utrique tamen fœderatorum, et imprimis auxilium requirenti, liberum ſit eligere, utrum ſupra nominatum exercitum, vel totum, vel partem tantummodo, ejuſdem, in militibus, vel apparatu bellico, munitione, commeatu, navibus, et illis rebus, quæ ad earum inſtructionem requiruntur, habere velit; ea tamen æſtimatione inita, ut pro ſingulis mille peditibus quolibet menſe uſque ad finem belli quatuor millia imperialium thalerorum computentur; de qua æſtimatione utriuſque partis commiſſarii, ſine cunctatione, bona fide convenient.

X.

Quod ſi periculum aliquod obſtiterit, quominus copiæ auxiliares abſque impedimento ad illum locum, in quo requirenti neceſſariæ fuerint, perveniant; operam ſuam confœderati ſimul impendere tenebuntur, ut tranſitus illis et tutior et facilior fiat; necnon requiſito licitum ſit, proprium aliquem ducem copiis ſuis præficere; eædemque, quatenus ratio belli tulerit, in uno eodemque agmine junctæ permaneant: Quod ita intelligendum, ne ad loca procul inter ſe remota diſtrahantur: deſignatus autem auxiliarium copiarum dux, vel generalis, requirentis imperio militari, aut ejus præfecto generali, in operationibus bellicis ſubſit; omniaque ea, quæ ductum militiæ, modum agendi, et alios quoſcunque eventus, concernunt, ita conſtituantur, quemadmodum in bello, et auxiliorum præſtatione, plerumque uſu venire ſolet: Quod etiam in illo caſu locum habebit, ſi forte naves loco et vice militiæ terreſtris ſubminiſtrari contigerit, quæ, tanquam auxiliares, vexilla requirentis gerere tenebuntur.

XI.

Si vero acciderit, ut pro magnitudine periculi copiæ determinatæ non ſuffecerint; utpote ſi aggreſſor forte alterius cujuſdam ſui confœderati auxiliis adjutus fuerit; tunc uterque quidem confœderatorum, prævia requiſitione debita, majoribus viribus, quas tuto et commode, qua terra, qua mari, contrahere poſſit, parti læſæ ſubvenire tenebitur; ita tamen, ut, exiſtente illo caſu, de modo peculiariter ſecundum naturam et exigentiam rei inter confœderatos quantocius tranſigatur.

XII.

Licitum quoque erit utrique confœderatorum, eorumque ſubditis, naves ſuas bellicas in alterutrius portus ſubducere, ibique hibernare, morari, illorumque immunitatibus et privilegiis frui et gaudere; modo in ipſis portubus, vel eorum ingreſſu, illi, qui communes hoſtes non ſunt, non infeſtentur; ac per hoc cum iis omnis commerciorum uſus ad dictos portus interturbetur et tollatur: Cumque Reges fœderati mutuo conſenſerint de navigatione et commerciis Holmiæ peculiarem negotiationem inſtituere, negotiatio iſta ibi quamprimum, et ſine ulla mora, pertractabitur et perficietur: Interea temporis, et uſquedum illa effectum ſuum ſortiatur, illi articuli fœderis Londini anno 1661 concluſi, qui navigationem et commercia ſpectant, in integro vigore ſuo permaneant, non ſecus ac ſi de verbo ad verbum hic inſerti eſſent.

XIII.

Quæ autem initio præcedentis articuli recenſentur, alterutrius hoſtibus nullatenus indulgebuntur; quemadmodum nec permittetur, ut ſubditi alterutrius confœderatorum hoſtibus alterius, in confœderati incommodum et detrimentum, operam ſuam addicant, illiſque quoquo modo, qua terra, qua mari, ut milites, vel nautæ, inſerviant; ideoque id iis ſeveriſſime interdicetur.

XIV.

Præſens fœdus, inter ſereniſſimos Sueciæ et Magnæ Britanniæ Reges initum, neutri fœderatorum in ſuis regalibus juribus, et dominio marium (nempe Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtati Sueciæ in maris Baltici, et Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtati Magnæ Britanniæ in marium, quæ vulgo Britannica dicuntur, dominio), quicquam derogabit; ſed uterque Regum fœderatorum ſupradicta omnia, cum omnibus, quæ inde dependent, ſicut nunc, ita in poſterum, retinebit; iiſque libere, et ſine ulla contradictione, fruetur; quæ quidem ſupradictorum omnium fruitio utrinque intelligi debet, ſalvo præſenti hoc fœdere.

XV.

Poſtquam dicto modo requiſitus auxilia miſerit, vel ex fœderis lege obligationi ſuæ ſatisfecerit, neceſſe eſt, ut eidem, ejuſque ſecuritati, viciſſim proſpiciatur; ac proinde utrinque convenit, ut ſiquidem confœderato, ſuppetias auſpicio requiſiti militaturas ferenti, in terminis auxiliatoris permanſiſſe detur, nec ob præſtitum auxilium bello ipſe-

ipſemet involutus fuerit, ſine incluſione et ſecuritate ejuſdem nullus tractatus pacis, vel induciarum, iniri, imo ne ſuſpenſio quidem armorum diuturna, et alteri fœderatorum noxia, fieri poſſit: Quod ſi vero ob latas ſuppetias cum aggreſſore, vel alio quocunque, aperto bello implicetur, tunc neuter, ſine alterius conſenſu et conſilio, neque ad præliminares, neque ad principales, cum hoſte vel hoſtibus tractatus deſcendat; ſed omnia mutua opera, communicatione, et conſilio, agantur et tractentur, donec utrique confœderato de ſufficiente ſecuritate, et ſatisfactione debita, ex communi conſenſu pleniſſime cautum ſit; præprimis ei confœderatorum, qui prius bello immixtus fuit, neutiquam licebit bellum pace mutare, antequam alter confœderatorum, qui vi fœderis confœderato ſuo auxilium tulit, per omnia ab hoſte indemnis præſtetur; ac, ad minimum, priſtino ſuo ſtatui, quo ante bellum inchoatum gaviſus eſt, aut jure gaudere debuit, modo ſtatus et conditio ejus per hoſtem, et inde per inſecutum bellum, diminutionem aliquam acceperit, pleniſſime reſtituatur.

XVI.

Supradictis de auxilio ad requiſitionem confœderati ferendo hæc conditio per expreſſum appoſita eſt; ut ſi contingat alterutrum confœderatorum Regum, requiſitum, vel ipſummet bello contra communem hoſtem implicari, vel ab alio vicino Rege, Principe, vel Statu, in propriis regnis ac provinciis infeſtari, ita ut requiſitus illam infeſtationem pro vero bello habeat; cui avertendo requirens ipſe alias, vigore hujus fœderis, ad auxilia ferenda obligaretur; tunc alter confœderatorum taliter infeſtatus, non tantum durante illa invaſione, qua premitur, promiſſa auxilia præſtare non tenebitur; verum etiam, ſiquæ copiæ auxiliares ad requiſitionem alterius confœderati ante invaſionem miſſæ ſunt, prævia trium menſium ſignificatione, eaſdem ad propriam ſui, regnorumque ſuorum, defenſionem revocare poterit.

XVII.

Et quamvis fœderati auxilia ſibi invicem mittere modo ſuperius dicto teneantur; iſta obligatio tamen neutiquam eo extendi debet, ut propterea omnis protinus amicitia, et mutuus commerciorum uſus, cum alterius fœderati hoſtibus, eorumque ſubditis, omnino tollendus et interdicendus veniat; nam, exiſtente tali caſu, quod unus confœderatorum, etiamſi auxilia requiſitus tulerit, bello immixtus ipſe non fuerit, ejus ſubditis ac incolis cum hoſtibus illius fœderati, qui in bello verſatur, commercia et navigationes liberæ erunt; et iiſdem quaſcunque merces, non expreſſe vetitas, et contrabande dictas, etiam immediate ad hoſtes tuto advehere licebit; prout in ſpeciali tractatu commerciorum fuſius hac de re ſtatuetur.

XVIII.

Quandoquidem ad conſervandam navigationis commerciique libertatem in mari Baltico utile videtur, ut firma exactaque amicitia et concordia inter ſereniſſimos et potentiſſimos Reges Sueciæ et Daniæ exiſtat; et ſumme memorati Sueciæ et Daniæ Reges, glorioſiſſimæ memoriæ, tunc temporis regnantes, non tantum per ipſa publica pacta pacificatoria in caſtris ad Hafniam die 27° Maii 1660 erecta, et per commutatas utrinque pactorum ratificationes, ſe invicem obligârunt ad omnium et ſingulorum in dictis pactis comprehenſorum articulorum, et clauſularum, ſacroſanctam et inviolabilem obſervationem; ſed etiam paulo ante concluſus fœdus Sueco-Anglicum anni 1665 erga ſereniſſimum et potentiſſimum Principem Carolum ſecundum Magnæ Britanniæ Regem, glorioſiſſimæ memoriæ, tunc temporis regnantem, pariter declarârunt ſe ſæpe dictæ pacificationis legibus et articulis omnibus et ſingulis ſincere, et bona fide, velle ſtare, nec ab pactorum tenore vel latum unguem recedere; unde accidit, ut altememoratus Magnæ Britanniæ Rex Carolus ſecundus utriuſque altememorati Regis Sueciæ et Daniæ voluntate et conſenſu ſupradicta, et die 27 Maii anno 1660 in caſtris ad Hafniam inita pacta, quoad omnes et ſingulos eorundem pactorum articulos, partes, et clauſulas, peculiari guarantiæ diplomate paulo poſt concluſum die 1° Martii 1665 fœdus Sueco-Anglicum, nimirum, die 9° Octobris anni ejuſdem, complecteretur; et eo ipſo eorundem pactorum, et ſingulorum in iis comprehenſorum articulorum, fideijuſſorem et vindicem ſe profiteri vellet; quibus omnibus cum poſtmodum acceſſerit inſtrumentum pacis inter ſereniſſimos et potentiſſimos Sueciæ et Daniæ Reges noviſſimum Londini in Scania anno 1679 concluſum; quod expreſſam tranſactionum Roſchildenſis, Hafnienſis, et Weſtphaliæ, repetitionem et confirmationem continet; ideo ſereniſſimus et potentiſſimus Magnæ Britanniæ Rex, vigore hujus fœderis, ſe obſtringit, et verbo regio promittit, ut ſi, præter ſpem, alteruter Regum, in præjudicium ſive univerſorum pactorum, ſive unius vel plurium in iis comprehenſorum articulorum; atque adeo ſi Regum alteruter in præjudicium perſonarum, provinciarum, territoriorum, inſularum, bonorum, dominiorum, et jurium (quæ vigore pactorum tam ſæpe dictorum, et in caſtris ad Hafniam die 27° Maii, anno 1660, quam poſtea Stockholmiæ, die 3° Julii ejuſdem anni, de inſulæ Bornholmenſis permutatione, ut et ſubſequutæ præfatæ pacis Londinenſis in Scania de anno 1679, initorum, cuique intereſſatorum, dictis pactis comprehenſorum, attributa ſunt); aliquid ſive per ſe, ſive per alios, præſumat vel clanculum machinari et moliri, vel palam moleſtiis, injuriave aliqua, vel vi, et armata manu, attentare; tum ſereniſſimus et potentiſſimus Magnæ Britanniæ Rex, pro mutua et conſtanti amborum Regum Sueciæ et Daniæ, ſeu principalium paciſcentium, amicitia porro conſervanda, primum interventu ſuo omnia amice et fœderati Regis officia, quæ ad ſæpiſſime nominatorum pactorum, et ſingulorum in iis comprehenſorum articulorum, integritatem, atque adeo ad pacis inter ambos Reges tuitionem, facere poterunt, ſeſe præſtiturum; deinde, ſi Regum is, qui præjudiciorum talium, vel moleſtiæ injuriæque alicujus contra ſæpiſſime memorata pacta, et contra aliquem in iis comprehenſum articulum, factæ author eſt, a moliminibus præjudicioſis, et pactorum læſione, monitus deſiſtere nolit; tum ſereniſſimus et potentiſſimus Magnæ Britanniæ Rex, ſeu pacificatoriorum pactorum, et omnium et ſingulorum in iis comprehenſorum articulorum, fideijuſſor et vindex, vigore hujus fœderis et promiſſi, læſo, et injuriis laceſſito, ecuſque, et eo modo, ſuppetias feret, quatenus præſentibus pactis inter Reges Sueciæ et Magnæ Britanniæ in tali caſu definitum et conventum eſt.

XIX.

Sit præterea inter ſumme memoratos Sueciæ et Magnæ Britanniæ Reges, in poſterum adhuc ſtrictior confœderatio et unio pro defenſione et conſervatione Religionis Proteſtantium Evangelicæ et Reformatæ, quam ſub Divina Providentia ſe aſſerturos, et protecturos, et conſervaturos, ut et omnia, quæ ad eam ſpectant, promittunt, et præſentibus ſe ad id obligant.

XX.

Quemadmodum ambo ſumme memorati Reges hoc ipſo profitentur ſe equidem quibuſdam pactis et fœderibus, quæ antehac cum aliis inita ſunt, adhuc obſtringi, eaque etiam ex præſcripto eorundem pactorum velle debito modo ſervare; ſed tamen nullus omnino pactis, et inibi comprehenſis clauſulis, hoc tempore teneri, quæ hoc fœdus ullo modo infirmare et impedire valeant aut debeant; ita, quo magis reciproca fœderatorum fides et perſeverantia in hac ſocietate appareat, animique ſubditorum et amicorum confirmentur, utrique ſumme memorati Reges ſe invicem obligant, et declarant ſe omnibus et ſingulis hujus fœderis articulis ſincere, et bona fide, ſtaturos; neque de genuino et communi prædictorum articulorum ſenſu, ſub ullo commodi, amicitiæ, prioris fœderis, pacti, et promiſſi, prætextu, vel alio quovis colore, vel latum unguem diſceſſuros; ſed omnia, quæ in hoc fœdere promiſerunt, prout res et negotia poſtulabunt, per ſe, vel per miniſtros et ſubditos ſuos, executioni promptiſſime et pleniſſime, adeoque cum effectu, mandaturos; idque ſine ulla limitatione, exceptione, vel excuſatione; exceptis iis, quæ in præcedentibus hujus fœderis articulis exprimuntur.

XXI.

Duret hoc fœdus defenſivum in octodecim annos; ante quorum lapſum confœderati Reges de ejus plenaria continuatione denuo tractare poterunt, ſi eorum utrique ita viſum fuerit.

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Quemadmodum hæc pacta, vi acceptæ poteſtatis et mandatorum utrinque, concluſa ſunt; ita eadem ab utraque Sacra Regia Majeſtate Sueciæ, et Magnæ Britanniæ, in debita et ſolenni forma approbari, et rata haberi, eorumque ratificationis inſtrumenta, Anglicum, nimirum, Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtatis Sueciæ miniſtro Londini, Suedicum vero Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtatis Magnæ Britanniæ miniſtro Holmiæ, intra duorum vel trium menſium ſpatium a tempore hujus ſubſcriptionis numerandorum, vel citius, ſi ita fieri poterit, exhiberi debent.

In majorem omnium ſupradictorum certitudinem, et robur hujus tractatus, bina exemplaria confecta ſunt; quorum unum ſupradictus Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtatis Sueciæ legatus extraordinarius Hagæ Comitum ſubſcripſit, ac ſigilli ſui impreſſione munivit; alterum vero ſupradictus Sacræ Regiæ Majeſtatis Magnæ Britanniæ legatus extraordinarius Londini ſubſcripſit, et ſigillo ſuo firmavit; idque uno eodemque die; nimirum $\frac{\text{ſexta}}{\text{decima ſexta}}$ Januarii, anno 1700.

(L. S.) *N. Lillieroot.*

(L. S.)

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of *Henry Gorges* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, with *Richard Gorges* Eſquire, and *George Caſwall* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates for and at the laſt Election for a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*: That the Petitioner had a Majority of good and legal Votes above the ſaid *Richard Georges* and *George Caſwall*; the Votes of ſuch Perſons being ſet aſide, who had received Monies for their ſaid Votes; and that, by very great Bribery and Corruption of the .... *Richard Gorges* and *George Caſwall*, and their Agents, and by Expences, Threats, Menaces, by ſeveral Perſons, and other indirect Practices, the ſaid *Richard Gorges* and *George Caſwall* had the Majority above the Petitioner, ſo gained and procured as aforeſaid; and the ſaid *George Caſwall* was returned; in Prejudice to the Petitioner: And praying the Relief and Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe of and in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 8° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs which frequently happen by throwing at Cocks, and kicking Foot-balls, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Bills of Mortality: And that Mr. *Godfrey* and Mr. *London* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Timothy Geers* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, on the Death of the late Lord *Scudamore*, a Writ iſſued for the Election of a Citizen for the ſaid City; the Petitioner, and *Herbert Rudhall Weſtfaling* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner had as many legal Votes for the ſaid City, as amounted to above the Number of Four hundred; but the ſaid Mr. *Weſtfaling*, by Bribery, Corruption, and other undue Practices, prevailed upon a Majority of the Electors to vote for him; ſo that the ſaid Mr. *Weſtfaling* has got himſelf unduly elected and returned a Member for the ſaid City: Whereas, if the Votes of thoſe Electors, who were influenced by Bribery, had not been received, the Petitioner had had a very great Majority: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Elizabeth* Counteſs Dowager of *Kildare*, *Thomas* Lord *Conningsby*, in behalf of his Two Infant Daughters by the Lady *Frances* his late Wife, and the Lady *Catharine Jones*; which ſaid *Elizabeth* Counteſs of *Kildare*, the late Lady *Frances Conningsby*, and the Lady *Catharine Jones*, were the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Richard* late Earl of *Ranelagh*, deceaſed; and alſo *John Barnes*, *Abraham Harriſon*, and *Robert Petre*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Creditors of the ſaid late Lord *Ranelagh*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid *Richard* late Earl of *Ranelagh*, in his Life-time, did, for ſeveral Years in the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, and her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, execute the Office of Paymaſter-General of the Forces of this Kingdom; but died, before his final Accounts of that Office were paſſed, conſiderably indebted to the Petitioners, and ſeveral other Perſons, his Creditors, in ſeveral Sums of Money: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Sale of the ſaid late Earl's Two Houſes at *Chelſea* and *Cranbourn*, together with the Lands and Goods thereunto belonging; and that the Money, ariſing by ſuch Sale or Sales, may be placed out on ſome of the publick Funds, to abide and anſwer the Event of the ſaid late Earl's publick Accounts; and the Produce and Improvement of the Monies, ariſing by ſuch Sale, may be, in the Firſt place, applied in Payment of all ſuch Sums of Money as already have been, or hereafter ſhall be, expended in proſecuting the ſaid Bill, and the ſaid Accounts, to a final Determination; and the Surplus of the Intereſt that ſhall be made of the Purchaſe-money, beyond ſuch Diſburſements, from the time of ſuch Sale to the diſcharging the Debt that ſhall be due to the Crown, may be laid out, and improved, at Intereſt, in Augmentation of the Fund that ſhall be raiſed by the ſaid Sale, .. be applied, together with the ſaid Fund, in Payment of the Crown Debt; and, after Payment thereof, then to be applied to the ſeveral Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Smith*, and the Lord *Moleſworth*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *St. Gyles's*, *Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *St. John's-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *St. James's*, *Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's-inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew's*, *Holborn*; and from the Stones End at *St. Gyles's* Pound, in the Pariſh of *St. Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Truſtees appointed in the Act, of the Tenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway between *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the County of *Middleſex*, and *Barnet* Blockhouſe, in the County of *Hertford*, to elect a Truſtee or Truſtees, for the better putting the ſaid Act in Execution, in the room of any ſuch of the ſaid Truſtees as ſhall happen to die, or remove.

The Orders of the Day being read;

A Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their

their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the City of *Wells*, in the County of *Somerſet*; and for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*; be received To-morrow Morning.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion, on *Thurſday* laſt, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future;

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Meſſage, of *Wedneſday* laſt, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To morrow Morning.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 9° die Aprilis;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Martyn*, Inſpector-General of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe the Return of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to an Order of the Firſt Inſtant; with an Account ſhewing the Produce of the Six Pence *per* Piece upon all *Britiſh* Linens exported from *England* between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; alſo what the Duties, *ad valorem*, of *Iriſh* Linen exported, have produced; and what *Hamborough* Linens have been re-exported, for the ſame time:

And then he withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Return and Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to encourage the Linen Manufactures of the Iſle of *Man*.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Produce of the Duties upon Linens imported into *Great Britain*, from the Iſle of *Man*, between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

A Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Butler*, Lord *Sonds*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Thomas Hales*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Nico. Carew*, Mr. *Nevil*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Offley*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Colonel *Morgan*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Colemore*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Smelt*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Broadrick*, Mr. *Booth*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Kent* and *Suſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Freemen of the City of *Hereford*, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral other unbribed Freemen of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, on the Death of the late Lord *Scudmore*, a Writ iſſued for the Election of a Citizen for the ſaid City; whereupon *Timothy Geers* and *Herbert Rudhal Weſtfaling* Eſquires ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioners, and ſo many more of the legal Voters, voted for the ſaid Mr. *Geers*; but the ſaid Mr. *Weſtfaling*, by Bribery, Corruption, and other undue Practices, procured himſelf to be returned for the ſaid City: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Hampden:* } 153.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Finch*, Sir *Robert Furneſe:* } 149.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's gracious Meſſage, of the Third of *April* inſtant, be referred to the Committee

of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Elections for the Borough of *South Yarmouth*, City of *Wells*, and Borough of *Steyning*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That General *Pepper*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Offley*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles's*, *Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *Saint John's-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint James Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's-inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew's*, *Holborn*; and from the Stones End at *Saint Gyles's* Pound, in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County; is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 10° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Mr. *Walpole* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Fellowes*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, without any Amendment: And alſo,

To a Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpole*, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of ſeveral Adventurers, and Creditors of the united Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* tradeing to the *Eaſt-Indies*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by a Clauſe in the Act of Parliament, of the Ninth and Tenth of King *William*, for eſtabliſhing the *Eaſt-India* Trade, it is enacted, That every Society, Company, or Corporation, whatſoever, which ſhall be erected or eſtabliſhed in purſuance of the ſaid Act, and their Succeſſors, reſpectively, ſhall take care, that the Sum total of all the Debts which ſuch Society, Company, or Corporation, reſpectively ſhall owe at any one time to any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, do not exceed the Value of the Principal or Capital Stock or Stocks, which, at any ſuch time, ſhall be and remain to ſuch Society, Company, or Corporation, undivided: And that in caſe any ſuch Society, Company, or Corporation, by any Dividend or Dividends whatſoever to be made amongſt themſelves, or in their private or perſonal Capacities, ſhall reduce or leſſen their Joint-Stock, Principal, or Capital, without limiting, paying off, or proportionably reducing, the total Sum of the ſaid Debts, which they ſhall owe to others, as aforeſaid, ſo that the Value of their Joint-Stock, Principal, or Capital, undivided, ſhall not be ſufficient to anſwer their juſt Debts then remaining unpaid; in every ſuch Caſe, the particular Members, and every of them reſpectively, who, in their private or perſonal Capacities, ſhall receive any Share of ſuch Dividend, ſhall be ſeverally liable, and they are hereby made liable, ſo far as the reſpective Shares ſo by them reſpectively received upon ſuch Dividend or Dividends ſhall extend, to pay and ſatisfy the Debts which ſhall remain due and unpaid by ſuch Society, Company, or Corporation, reſpectively, to any other Perſons, or Bodies Politick or Corporate, as aforeſaid; who, by virtue of the ſaid Act, ſhall and may ſue for, and recover, the ſame, beſides Coſt of Suit, by Action of Debt, or of the Caſe, as is before-mentioned; any thing in the ſaid Act, or any other Act, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding: That this Clauſe may be of very fatal Conſequence, not only to the preſent, but former, Adventurers of the Company; and the Adventurers, and their Heirs, being ever liable to a Proſecution for Dividends they have received: That, during the time the Company was limited to a ſhort Term of Years, the Dangers from this Clauſe were not great; but now the Fears are moſt juſtly grounded, ſince the Company is made perpetual by the Act of Parliament of the Tenth of Queen *Anne*: And praying, That the Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and ſo explain and qualify the Clauſe aforeſaid, that the private Adventurers, and their Heirs, may not be expoſed to chargeable and vexatious Law-ſuits.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers, to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to Two publick Bills, and to One private Bill; *viz.*

An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen:

An Act for inlarging the Time granted by an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making a convenient Dock, or Baſon, at *Liverpoole*, for Security of all Ships trading to and from the ſaid Port of *Liverpoole*:

An Act for naturalizing *Iſaac Kuyckvan Mierop*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Brittiffe*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *Cha. Wager*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Littleton*, Mr. *Barington Shute*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Thomas Scawen*, Mr. *Gould*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Bere*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-York* and *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, is referred.

And

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 11° *die Aprilis*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Deputies of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands, and of the Inhabitants of the Iſlands of *Sarke* and *Alderney*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſlands have always had the Privilege of importing into *England*, Cuſtom-free, any Goods of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, of thoſe Iſlands, upon Certificates from their reſpective Governors, and Oaths before their Magiſtrates, that the ſame were of the ſaid Growth, Produce, or Manufacture: The ſaid Inhabitants, being lately queſtioned for the Payment of Duties on their Goods imported into *Great Britain*, have been obliged to give Bonds, with Securities, for anſwering the ſaid Duties; which Duties ſhould they be obliged to pay, would be their utter Ruin, and oblige them to leave their native Country, and ſeek their Livelihoods elſewhere: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Relief of the Petitioners.

A Petition of ſeveral Citizens, Gentlemen, Innholders, and other Inhabitants, within *Smithfeild*, *London*, and other Parts adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others who uſe and frequent *Smithfeild* Market, and live in or near *London*, *Smithfeild*, and Places adjacent, and that paſs and repaſs the ſeveral Roads leading from the Stones End, adjoining to *Turnmill-ſtreet*, to *Highgate*, *Hampſtead*, *Hendon*, and *Waterford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, upon the Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of *Saint Mary Iſlington*, *St. James's Clerkenwell*, *Saint Gyles's Cripplegate*, and *Saint Pancras*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the ſaid Roads from the Stones End through the reſpective Pariſhes aforeſaid to *Highgate*, the ſaid Bill has been twice read, and now ſtands referred to a Committee: That there is omitted out of the ſaid Bill the ſaid Road adjoining to *Turnmill-ſtreet*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint James*, *Clerkenwell*, to *Pancras-lane*, near *Battle-bridge*; and the ſaid Committee cannot provide in the ſaid Bill for the ſame without a particular Inſtruction: And praying, That the ſaid Road may likewiſe be included in the ſaid intended Act.

And the ſaid Petition was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Totnes*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of *Arthur Champernown* Eſquire, deceaſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Call of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until *Thurſday* the Second Day of *May* next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do write circular Letters to the Sheriffs and Stewards of the ſeveral Counties of *Great Britain*, requiring the Attendance of the Members of the Houſe on the ſaid Second Day of *May*: And that this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Members, whoſe Excuſes ſhall not be allowed of, as ſhall not then attend the Service of the Houſe.

Ordered, That no Member do preſume to go out of Town, without Leave of the Houſe.

Ordered, That no Leave be aſked for any Member to go out of Town, but between the Hours of One and Two of the Clock.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Conyers*:	98.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Yonge*:	123.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of Sir *Theodore Janſſen* Knight, and *Antony Morgan* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Henry Holmes* Eſquire, and Sir *Robert Raymond* Knight, to ſerve for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*:

That the Committee have examined the Merits of this Election:

That it was agreed by the Counſel on both Sides, That *South Yarmouth* is a Borough by Preſcription; has, Time out of Mind, ſent Members to Parliament; and that the Right of Election is in the Mayor and Burgeſſes.

The Poll was,

For the Sitting Members,	*Henry Holmes* Eſquire — —	39:
	Sir *Robert Raymond* — —	38:
For the Petitioners,	*Antony Morgan* Eſquire — —	20:
	Sir *Theodore Janſſen* — —	18.

That the Petitioners Counſel objected to 27 of the Sitting Members Voters, as not qualified; Three of them, as chief Burgeſſes; the reſt, as free Burgeſſes: And they produced,

Teſte 18 *Sept.* 7 *Jac.* I. The Charter; which recites this to be an ancient Borough; and that the Mayor and Burgeſſes had, Time out of Mind, divers Privileges and Cuſtoms by Preſcription, and which had been confirmed to them by ſeveral former Kings:

This Charter incorporates them by the Name of Mayor and Burgeſſes; and appoints a Common-Council, which is to conſiſt of Twelve (*a*) [chief] Burgeſſes; and conſtitutes and requires, *Quod major, et undecim capitales burgenſes, burgi, pro tempore exiſtentes, vel major pars eorum*, whereof the Mayor to be One, ſhall have the Power of making By-laws: And,

The Mayor, *et undecim capitales burgenſes, burgi, pro tempore exiſtentes, vel major pars eorum*, whereof the Mayor to be One, are annually, upon Saint *Matthew*'s Day, to aſſemble in the *Guildhall*; and they, or the major Part of them, there then aſſembled, are to elect *unum de ſeipſis* to be Mayor, to continue in Office for One Year next enſuing, and until another is duly elected and ſworn Mayor:

Which Swearing of the Mayor is required to be, upon the *Monday* after Election, *coram ultimo majori prædeceſſori ſuo ad tunc pro tempore exiſtente*; *aut, in abſentia ejuſdem majoris, coram* the Burgeſſes who ſhall be then preſent, or the major Part of them, for the Time being:

(*a*) Supplied from the original Report.

And,

And, upon the Death, or Amoval, of any of the chief Burgeſſes, the Mayor, and the reſt of the chief Burgeſſes, *qui adtunc ſupervixerint, vel remanſerint*, or the major Part of them, are to elect other chief Burgeſſes *de burgenſibus burgi*, in convenient time after ſuch Death or Amoval; and the chief Burgeſſes, ſo elected, are to be ſworn *coram majori burgi prædicti pro tempore exiſtente, et majori parti capitalium burgenſium burgi.*

It was inſiſted on by the Petitioners Counſel, That the Election of free Burgeſſes, or Burgeſſes at large, was intirely governed by the By-laws made purſuant to the Charter; the Charter being ſilent as to ſuch free Burgeſſes: And,

The Petitioners Counſel, in order to diſqualify upon their Objections, produced,

Dat. 21 *September* 1680, a By-law, ſigned by the Mayor, and Eight chief Burgeſſes, aſſembled in Common-Council, That no chief or free Burgeſs ſhould be elected, or ſworn, without the Mayor, and major Part, were then preſent, of the chief Burgeſſes; that is to ſay, Six chief Burgeſſes, beſides the Mayor; under a Penalty of Ten Pounds upon the Mayor: And,

Dat. 21 *September* 1698, another By-law, ſigned by the Mayor, and Ten chief Burgeſſes, aſſembled in Common-Council, That no chief or free Burgeſs ſhall be choſen, without the Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes, be preſent, and conſenting; and, if any be choſen by a leſs Number, ſuch Election to be *ipſo facto* void; and the Mayor to forfeit Fifty Pounds for every ſuch Offence:

Which By-laws were vacated, and declared void, at a Common Council holden the Fifth Day of *November* 1706, by the Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes preſent: But,

The Petitioners Counſel inſiſted, That, until they were ſo repealed, theſe By-laws governed the Elections of the Burgeſſes:

And, on this Head, they objected to Colonel *Henry Holmes*, and *William Bowreman* Eſquire, That, during the time theſe By-laws were in Force, they were elected chief Burgeſſes by a leſs Number than ſuch By-laws made requiſite.

It appeared by the Town-book, that Colonel *Holmes* and Mr. *Bowreman* were elected chief Burgeſſes as follows; *viz.*

17 *May* 1687, Colonel *Holmes* elected, and ſworn, in the place of Sir *Robert Dillington*, deceaſed, by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes: And,

30 *Mar.* 1697. Mr. *Bowreman* ſworn by a Mayor, and Four chief Burgeſſes, whereof Colonel *Holmes*, before objected to, was One, in the room of Captain *William Cotton*, then amoved by them. And,

Colonel *William Stephens*, another chief Burgeſs, was alſo objected to, for want of a ſufficient Number at his Election.

It appeared by the Town-book, That, 6 *October* 1711, he was elected, and ſworn, a chief Burgeſs, in the room of Captain *William Urry*, deceaſed, by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* and Mr. *Bowreman*, before objected againſt, were Two.

It was alſo objected by the Petitioners Counſel, That Twenty-three others were unduly elected free Burgeſſes, for want of a ſufficient Number of chief Burgeſſes at their Elections: And,

Dat. 21 *September* 1670, another By-law was produced, made by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, aſſembled in Common-Council, That, for the time to come, no chief Burgeſs, or Burgeſs at large, otherwiſe called free Burgeſs, ſhould be made, unleſs the Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, be preſent, and give their Conſent, at the Election; upon Pain of Forfeiture of Ten Pound for every Burgeſs that ſhall be made contrary to this Law.

The Sitting Members Counſel inſiſted, That, according to the Clauſe in the Charter before ſtated, it is requiſite, that, in all Events, there ſhould be preſent at the making any By-law a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes, being the Majority of the conſtituent Number of the Common-Council; and that, Six chief Burgeſſes not being preſent, this By-law was void:

To which the Petitioners Counſel replied, That only a Mayor, and Majority of the chief Burgeſſes in being, were neceſſary to the Making of By-laws: That one of the chief Burgeſſes having ſurrendered his Office, and another being dead, at this time, this By-law, made by the Mayor and major Part of the chief Burgeſſes then in being, was well warranted by the Power in the Charter.

The Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the By-law, made the Twenty-firſt of *September* 1670, by the Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, being the major Part of the chief Burgeſſes then exiſting, for electing free Burgeſſes by the Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, was a good By-law.

The Twenty-three free Burgeſſes, objected to by the Petitioners Counſel, for want of a ſufficient Number of chief Burgeſſes at their Elections, appear, by the Town-books, to have been elected, and ſworn, free Burgeſſes by the Mayor, and chief Burgeſſes, at ſeveral Aſſemblies, as follows; *viz.*

1 *Feb.* $167\frac{8}{9}$, *Benjamin Williams*, by a Mayor, and Four chief Burgeſſes:

21 *Oct.* 1684, *Timothy Heath*, by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes:

19 *September* 1694, Sir *Robert Smith*, by a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes*, before objected to, was One:

30 *Mar.* 1697, *Thomas Urry* junior, by a Mayor, and Four chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* was One:

25 *September* 1710, Captain *John Wood*, *Robert Shickler*, *Rori Morriſon*, *Benjamin Miller*, *John Beere*, *Robert Martell*, *John Birket*, and *Jonathan Warr*, by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* and Mr. *Bowreman*, before objected againſt, were Two.

9 *October* 1710, *David Urry*, of *Afton*, and *James Goodman*, by a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* and Mr. *Bowreman* were Two:

6 *October* 1711, *John Crosby*, by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* and Mr. *Bowreman* were Two.

27 *September* 1714, *John Scott* Clerk, *Nicolas Clegg*, *Edward Kebblewhite*, *David Worſeley*, *Milburn Bloom*, *Stephen Sheckler*, *William Coleman*, and *Henry Woodford*, by a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes*, Colonel *Bowreman*, and Colonel *William Stephens*, before objected againſt, were Three.

Nicolas D'Pine was objected to, as receiving publick Charity; but it was admitted by the Petitioners Counſel, That One of their Voters was in the ſame Caſe: And they arther alleged,

That Colonel *Thomas Urry* for the Petitioners, and Colonel *David Urry* for the Sitting Members, were equally bad Votes; both their Elections being void.

All the Twenty-ſix Perſons before objected to voted for the Sitting Members; except *Benjamin Williams*, who gave one Vote for Colonel *Holmes*, and the other for Colonel *Morgan*.

That, in Anſwer to what had been offered, the Sitting Members Counſel inſiſted,

That the Objections made to the chief Burgeſſes and free Burgeſſes before-named were not ſufficient to make void either the Offices of ſuch chief Burgeſſes, or their Votes, or the Votes of the free Burgeſſes elected under them:

And they argued, That the Common-Council could not, as they had done by the By-laws of 1670, 1680, and 1698, appoint the Power of Election of chief Burgeſſes to be executed by a greater Number than the Charter required, which is a Mayor, and the reſt of the ſurviving chief Burgeſſes, or the major Part of them:

That Colonel *Holmes* was elected a chief Burgeſs, when Sir *Robert Dillington* and Captain *Roche*, Two of the chief Burgeſſes, were dead; and that he, being elected by a Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, was elected according to the Charter:

That Colonel *Holmes*, and the other Two chief Burgeſſes objected to, had many Years continued in Office; and all along acted and voted without Interruption or Objection: That Colonel *Bowreman*, another of the Three, was, in 1698, unanimouſly elected Mayor by a Mayor, and Ten chief Burgeſſes, the whole Number then in being; who, by this Choice, took him to be a good chief Burgeſs, by chooſing him Mayor, as the Charter requires him to be *unum de ſeipſis*: That Colonel *Holmes* had been alſo Mayor; and both acted in their ſeveral Mayoralties without any Objection; which Facts were admitted by the Petitioners Counſel:

That if the Offices of the Three chief Burgeſſes objected to ſhould be avoided; yet, as free Burgeſſes, they had a Right of voting:

That, ſuppoſing they were not originally well elected chief Burgeſſes, yet, having ſo many Years acted as ſuch without Interruption, they were at leaſt to be looked upon as chief Burgeſſes *de facto*; and, as ſuch, their Acts would be good till their Offices ſhould be avoided; conſequently, that the free Burgeſſes, who were elected by the Mayor, and chief Burgeſſes, when theſe chief Burgeſſes made the *Quorum*, were well elected: And farther, as to the free Burgeſſes, that the By-laws of 1670, and 1680, did not declare the Elections of free Burgeſſes, made contrary thereto, to be void; but only laid a Penalty upon the Mayor in Caſes of ſuch Elections.

The Sitting Members Counſel alſo inſiſted, and it was admitted by the Petitioners Counſel, That, anciently, before the making any of theſe By-laws, the Elections of free Burgeſſes were by a leſs Number than any of thoſe By-laws make requiſite; and that ſeveral of the chief Burgeſſes, who voted for the Petitioners, joined, in 1706, in the Repeal of the By-laws of 1680, and 1698. And,

The Sitting Members Counſel produced Inſtances, in the Years 1672, 1673, and 1674, of Elections both of chief Burgeſſes and free Burgeſſes, contrary to the By-laws then in being: One Inſtance, by a Mayor and Two chief Burgeſſes; another, by a Mayor, and One chief Burgeſs; and another, by a Mayor, and Four chief Burgeſſes: From whence they inferred, That the By-laws did not, in the Opinion of the Burgeſſes, vitiate any Election; and that the ancient Uſage in the Borough, to which theſe Inſtances were agreeable, juſtified the Elections of the Burgeſſes objected to:

They alſo ſhewed, by the Town-books, That Five of the Petitioners Voters were elected, when Colonel *Holmes*, who was objected to, made up the *Quorum* of chief Burgeſſes; and that, in 1671, a Deputy-Mayor, with only Four chief Burgeſſes, elected the ſucceeding Mayor; whereas there is no Power in the Charter to appoint a Deputy-Mayor: Which Facts were admitted by the Counſel for the Petitioners, and were offered by the Sitting Members Counſel, not to avoid ſuch Elections of Burgeſſes, but to ſhew, that, if the Petitioners Objections prevailed, all the Acts done in this Corporation, for many Years paſt, would be void; and the Corporation might be found to be diſſolved, for want of a due Succeſſion of Mayors and Burgeſſes: And,

They ſhewed, by the Town-book, That Eight of the free Burgeſſes, before objected to by the Petitioners Counſel; *viz.* Captain *John Wood*, and the Seven others elected with him the 25th of *September* 1710; were confirmed and allowed the 9th of *October* following, at a Common-Council holden by a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes*, before objected to, was One:

And that *Thomas Sanders* and *Jonathan Combes*, Two of the Petitioners Voters, were, on the 16th of *October* 1693, elected chief Burgeſſes by a Mayor, and Six chief Burgeſſes; whereof Colonel *Holmes* was One; and if he was not good, as was urged for the Petitioners, there was not a *Quorum*, according to the By law of 1680; which was then in being, and required Six chief Burgeſſes, beſides the Mayor, to be preſent.

The Petitioners Counſel urged what they had before inſiſted on, againſt the Qualifications of the Sitting Members Voters, as elected contrary to the Charter, and By-laws; and added, by way of Reply, That although the Corporation could not inlarge the Power given them by Charter, relating to their Election of Burgeſſes; yet they might abridge ſuch Power, and reſtrain it to a leſs Number than the Charter had appointed; and therefore the By-laws, relating to the Elections of ſuch Burgeſſes, were well grounded:

And, as to their being Officers *de facto*, that, notwithſtanding their long Poſſeſſion, their Titles to ſuch Offices were yet queſtionable, and could not be ſupported by Poſſeſſion, if void in the Original, as in this Caſe; and that, although ſome Corporate Acts done by Common-Council-men *de facto*, ſuch as making Leaſes or Sales for valuable Conſiderations, would be always good; yet, if the Elections of ſuch Common-Councilmen were void, all Elections depending thereon were ſo too.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Henry Holmes* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Robert Raymond* Knight is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Yarmouth*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Antony Morgan* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Yarmouth*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *Theodore Janſſen* Knight is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Yarmouth*.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the By-law, made the Twenty-firſt of *September* 1670, by the Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, being the major Part of the chief Burgeſſes then exiſting, for electing free Burgeſſes by the Mayor, and Five chief Burgeſſes, was a good By-law;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Cater*: } 139.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Bland*, Mr. *Hill*: } 100.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That *Henry Holmes* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Henry Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Carter*: } 135.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*: } 93.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The reſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, by raſing out the Names of *Henry Holmes* Eſquire, and Sir *Robert Raymond* Knight, and inſerting the Names of *Antony Morgan* Eſquire, and Sir *Theodore Janſſen* Knight.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the City of *Wells*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon;

which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *John Dodd* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Thomas Horner* Eſquire to ſerve for the City of *Wells*:

That the Committee have examined the Merits of this Election.

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the Mayor, Maſters, and Burgeſſes.

That the Sitting Member's Counſel inſiſted, It was neceſſary they ſhould be ſworn Burgeſſes; which was denied by the Petitioner's Counſel; who inſiſted, That *Wells* is a Corporation by Preſcription; and that all Perſons intitled to Burgeſſhip, and duly claiming the ſame, have a Right to vote.

The Poll was,

For the Sitting Member, 221:
For the Petitioner, 95.

The Petitioner's Counſel objected to 189 of the Sitting Member's Voters; *viz.* 187 as not qualified, and Two for receiving Alms: And they called,

Robert Thomas and *James York:* Who ſaid, They had ſearched the Town-books, wherein the Burgeſſes Names are entered: That 182 of the Perſons objected to are not entered in thoſe Books; and that Two others live in an Alms-houſe, and pay no Rent:

Richard Thomas named Five others, who, he ſaid, are only honorary Burgeſſes; had no Title to Burgeſſhip antecedent to their Admiſſion; and are not reſident; though they had ſerved in Parliament for this City, and had before voted in Elections; but were always objected to.

That the Sitting Member's Counſel alleged, They ſhould make good their Majority againſt the Petitioner; but produced no Evidence to this Point.

They objected Bribery to the Petitioner; and called,

John Ganfeild: Who ſaid, He had Two Crowns for his Vote for the Petitioner; and was promiſed more, but never had it; and that, upon the Election-day, *Humphry Cordwent*, who aſked Votes for the Petitioner, and is One of his Voters, told the Witneſs in the Hall, That he had more Money (and named Ten or Eleven Guineas) to diſpoſe of to get Votes for the Petitioner.

Thomas Bartlet ſaid, *Timothy Oxley* gave him Three Guineas to vote for the Petitioner:

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, He had never denied to *Robert Thomas*, *John Read*, or *James Harvey*, his having received any Money for his Vote for the Petitioner: But,

Robert Thomas, *John Read*, and *James Harvey*, being called on the Petitioner's Part, they averred, That this *Bartlett* was aſked by *Thomas* and *Read*, what he had for his Vote for the Petitioner; and that he ſolemnly denied he ever had any thing; and ſwore to it; but owned, he had borrowed Three Guineas of *Oxley*, and had given his Note for it; and *Harvey* added, That *Ganfeild* had averred to him ſolemnly, That, as he hoped for Salvation, he never received a Farthing of any body for his Vote.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Thomas Horner* Eſquire is not duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Wells*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Dodd* Eſquire is duly elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid City of *Wells*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the City of *Wells*, by raſing out the Name of *Thomas Horner* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *John Dodd* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *William Wallis* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Robert Leeves* Eſquire to ſerve for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*:

That the Committee have examined the Merits of this Election.

The Poll was,

For the Sitting Member, 62:
For the Petitioner, 39.

It was proved, That Thirty-four of the Sitting Member's Voters received Bribes for their Votes from the Sitting Member a few Days before the Election; ſome had Five Pounds, and others Four Guineas, apiece; and that ſeveral Hogs, and ſome Corn, were diſtributed to them by the Sitting Member's Order.

Robert Hanſon ſaid, That the Sitting Member threatened to make him run his Country, if he came up to give Evidence againſt him.

That nobody appeared to defend the Sitting Member's Election: And thereupon the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Robert Leeves* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *William Wallis* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Steyning*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*, by raſing out the Name of *Robert Leeves* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *William Wallis* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 12° *die Aprilis*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended, and amended the Returns for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*; and for the City of *Wells*; and for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*.

A Bill to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Lowther*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Tuffnel*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Banks*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *John Ward*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Powlet*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Bradyll*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Rudge*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*,

land, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Monroe*, Sir *Robert Furneſs*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Edward Prideaux*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Sir *Richard Gough*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Berks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of ſundry Proprietors, and Agents for Sufferers, in behalf of themſelves, and others, to whom Debentures have been made out for Loſſes ſuſtained by the *French* Invaſion on the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners were provided for by an Act paſſed *Anno* 1712; whereby they were enabled to ſubſcribe their Debentures to the *South-Sea* Company; but the Directors, who were Commiſſioners for taking Subſcriptions to the ſaid Company, upon the Pretence that the Debentures were not particularly mentioned in the Computation of Debts provided for by the ſaid Act, did refuſe to admit the Petitioners to ſubſcribe the ſame; whereupon the Petitioners applied to her late Majeſty, who was pleaſed to iſſue out her Commiſſion, under the Great Seal, directing and authorizing the ſaid Commiſſioners to admit the ſaid Debentures to be ſubſcribed into the Capital Stock of the ſaid Company; but, to the Petitioners great Detriment, no Proviſion hath been made either for paying the Principal, or Intereſt, due to the Petitioners: And praying Relief for the Payment of this their Parliamentary Debt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the eſtimated Value of the Land in the Iſland of *Saint Chriſtopher's*, yielded by *France* to *Britain* by the Treaty of *Utrecht*; together with the Survey of the ſame; and all Repreſentations, Memorials, and Papers, made ſince the ſaid Treaty, relating to that Iſland.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move the Houſe, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 13° *die Aprilis*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Micklethwait* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles's*, *Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *Saint John's-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint James*, *Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *St. Andrew's*, *Holborn*; and from the Stones End at *Saint Gyles's* Pound, in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancraſs*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That, upon the Death or Removal of any of the Truſtees for putting in Execution an Act, 10° *Annæ Reginæ*, for repairing the Highways between *Kilburn* Bridge, in the County of *Middleſex*, and *Sparrows Hern*, in the County of *Hertford*, ſince the Commencement of that Act, the ſurviving Truſtees may elect new ones, reſiding in *Middleſex* or *Hertford*, to ſupply the room of ſuch as are dead, or removed:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled..

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Morice* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace, of the County of *Middleſex*, and other Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the ſaid County, living in or near the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes lying in the Highways leading from the Town of *Kenſington*, in the ſaid County, towards *Colnebrooke* and *Staines*; and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Highways; was referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them, upon the ſaid Petition; and had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the Twenty-ninth of *March* laſt, have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find, upon Examination of ſeveral Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and Surveyors of the Highways, of the ſeveral Pariſhes in which the Roads aforeſaid lie; and ſeveral other Perſons; *viz.* Juſtice *Box*, Mr. *Moor*, Mr. *Hinton*, Mr. *Kent*, of *Hammerſmith*; Mr. *Tickner*, of *Chiſwick*; Juſtice *Venner*, Mr. *Mun*, Mr. *Munday*, of *Ealing*, and *Old* and *New Brentford*; Juſtice *Gumley*, Mr. *Hawley*, Captain *Gardner*, of *Iſleworth*; Mr. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Dean*, of *Heſton*; That the ſaid Roads are, as far as the Extents of *Heſton* Pariſh, in the ſaid County, ſo extremely bad, that many Parts thereof have ſeveral Holes therein, and are very dangerous to Paſſengers:

That many Waggons and Coaches have been ſtuck, and ſeveral overturned, in the ſaid Roads; and ſeveral Paſſengers on Horſeback thrown off their Horſes, by the Badneſs of the Roads; by which great Miſchiefs have been done:

That, by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, for amending the *Uxbridge*

Uxbridge Road, ſeveral of the Pariſhes, wherein this Road lies, are obliged to perform Half their Statute-work in the Road leading to *Uxbridge*; and that, ſince the Erecting of a Turnpike on that Road, many Cattle, and Waggons, and other Carriages, heavy loaden, have come into this Road, to avoid paying the Toll at the Turnpike on *Uxbridge* Road; which has made the Road about *Hammerſmith* much worſe than formerly:

That ſeveral Drains, that ſhould carry off the Water, have been a long time ſtopped, and loſt, by Houſes being built thereon; and the ſame cannot be opened, without a very great Expence:

That the Inhabitants of ſome of the Pariſhes are obliged to ſend Four Miles for Stones and Gravel, to amend the Highways: That the ſeveral Pariſhes in which this Road lies, have conſtantly done their Statute-work; notwithſtanding which, by reaſon of the Greatneſs of the Road, many heavy Carriages that paſs and repaſs the ſaid Roads, the ſame are ſo bad, and ſo ruinous, that the ſame cannot, by the Laws now in Force, be effectually amended by the ſeveral Pariſhes, without the Aſſiſtance of an Act of Parliament:

That the Juſtices of Peace, living in or near the ſaid Road, acquainted the Committee, That, in regard the Roads were ſo very ruinous, they had looked into the Accounts of the ſeveral Surveyors of the Highways; and, having examined the ſame very narrowly, found, that they had done their Duty, according to the Laws relating to the Highways; and that the Rates had been equally laid, and duly collected, except from ſome poor People; who, by reaſon of their Poverty, were not able to pay their Rates:

That the Accounts of the ſeveral Surveyors of all the ſaid Pariſhes, except that for the Pariſh of *Thiſtleworth*, were laid before the Committee; and the ſame appeared to be allowed by the Veſtries of the ſeveral Pariſhes; and alſo to be paſſed upon Oath, before the Juſtices of Peace, at their Seſſions; and they had ſigned the ſame, as their Approbation thereof.

That, upon the Examination of the whole Matter, it fully appeared to the Committee, That the Highways between *Counter-bridge*, in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, and the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines* and *Crandford-bridge*, in the Pariſh of *Heſton*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, are in ſo ruinous a Condition, that the ſame are dangerous to all Travellers paſſing through the ſaid Roads; and that the ſame cannot be put into good Repair, and ſo kept, without ſome Law for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repairing the Highways from *Counters-bridge*, in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Cranford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke:* And that Mr. *Morice*, Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *William Pole*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Bertie*, and Mr. *Smithſon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Lord *James Cavendiſh* have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

A Petition of *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is the eldeſt Daughter of Sir *Triſtram Berisford*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Baronet, deceaſed, of an ancient Proteſtant Family: The Petitioner's Mother, and Guardian, Dame *Nichola Sophia Berisford* married the Petitioner, then but Fourteen Years old, to *Richard Hyacinthus Nugent*, Son and Heir apparent of the Honourable *Thomas Nugent* Eſquire; who, being at that time a Proteſtant, and his Father a Papiſt, was intitled, by the Laws of *Ireland*, to a preſent Maintenance out of his Father's Eſtate, and to the Eſtate itſelf, in Remainder, after his Father's Death: That, not long after the Petitioner's ſaid Marriage, her ſaid Huſband, being ſeduced by his Father, and other Popiſh Relations, returned back to Popery, and went into the *French* King's Service; and it is diſcovered, that the ſaid *Hyacinthus Nugent* was outlawed in *Ireland*, when he was but Thirteen Years old, for Rebellion againſt their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary:* The ſaid *Thomas Nugent* is dead; and hath ſo ſettled his Eſtate, that the Petitioner neither has got, nor can get, any Maintenance out of it, by reaſon of her Coverture, and the ſaid Attainder of her Huſband; is diſabled to ſue for, or recover, her ſaid Portion: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for her to ſue for, and recover, her Portion left her by her Father, notwithſtanding her Coverture, or the Attainder of her Huſband.

Whereupon, Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That the Petitioner's Caſe had been humbly repreſented to his Majeſty; and, as to any Intereſt he may have in the ſaid Portion, by the Attainder of the ſaid *Hyacinthus Nugent*, his Majeſty is willing the Petitioner may be relieved in what ſhe deſires.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *Moleſworth*, and Mr. *Jeſſop*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Jeſſop* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

It being taken Notice of, that ſeveral Strangers were in the Houſe; the Orders of the Houſe were read againſt Strangers coming, or being brought, into the Houſe; and for the Serjeant at Arms taking them into Cuſtody:

And the Houſe was thereupon cleared of all Strangers.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred fifty thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, to enable his Majeſty to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into the Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And the Serjeant went accordingly.

And, being returned;

The ſaid Reſolution was read a Second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred fifty thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, ... to concert ſuch Meaſures with foreign Princes and States, as may prevent any Charge, or Apprehenſions from the Deſigns of *Sweden*, for the future;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Gibbons:* } 153.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Drake:* } 132.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt

laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 15° *die Aprilis*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Onſlow* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, to make Rates, and levy Money, within the ſaid Pariſh, for finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Antony Morgan Eſquire, being choſen a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Yarmouth*, in the Iſle of *Wight*; and alſo for the Borough of *Newport*, in the ſame Iſle; made his Election to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Yarmouth*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Newport*, in the room of the ſaid Mr. *Morgan*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Tregony*, in the County of *Cornwal*, in the room of *James Craggs* junior, Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of his Majeſty's Secretary at War.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts: And that Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Gregory*, and Mr. *Banks*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the proper Officers do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Charges of ſuing out the Patents of the ſeveral Sheriffs of *England* and *Wales*.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Hampden*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Morton*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *White*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Banks*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Wallis*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Broderick*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of the Twelfth Inſtant, That the Account, Survey, and Repreſentation, relating to the Iſland of *Saint Chriſtopher's*, might be laid before this Houſe, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That they be laid before this Houſe accordingly.

Mr. Secretary *Stanhope* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed, purſuant to their Addreſs of the Third Inſtant, to direct him to lay before the Houſe the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty, purſuant to the Act, of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Peace of the Highlands in *Scotland*:

And he preſented the ſame, with the ſeveral Papers thereto belonging, to the Houſe, accordingly:

And the Titles of the ſaid Report and Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Report and Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Carmarthen*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Charles Powlet* Eſquire, commonly called Lord Marquis of *Wincheſter*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

Ordered, That *John Weaver* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *John Barlow* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Ward* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ward* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon To-morrow Fortnight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 16° *die Aprilis*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*, in the room of *William Coventry* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Clerks Comptrollers of his Majeſty's Houſhold.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Arundel*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of *Thomas Micklethwait* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Commiſſioner to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Shire of *Berwick*, in the room of *George Baillie* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Shire, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Martin*, Inſpector-General of the Cuſtoms, attended;

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He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, their Return to the Order of this Houſe, of the Ninth Inſtant; with an Account ſhewing the Quantities and Duties of Linen imported from the Iſle of *Man* to *England*; what has been drawn back at Exportation, and the Produce remaining; between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen, and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in the room of the Right Honourable *James Stanhope* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Offices of Firſt Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer, and of Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Southampton*, in the room of *John Wallop* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, who have a Right of voting for, and electing, Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *George Caſwall* Eſquire to ſerve for the ſaid Borough, at the ſame time they hear the Matter of the Petition of *Richard Gorges* Eſquire, complaining of the ſaid Election and Return.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Petition of *Henry Gorges* Eſquire, complaining of the ſaid Election, at the ſame time.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and the Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, be read the Third time on the Seventh Day of *May* next: And that the Petitioners againſt the ſaid Bill be then heard, by their Counſel, at the Bar of this Houſe, if they think fit; and that Counſel be then alſo allowed to be heard for the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Morice* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Lord *Meleſworth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion, of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate, notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Sir *Nicolas Morice* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe, which was appointed to be upon *Thurſday* the Second Day of *May* next, be adjourned until *Wedneſday* the Eighth Day of *May* next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Com-baron to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Port of *Dover*, in the room of *Matthew Aylmer* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Port, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Stafford*, in the County of *Stafford*, in the room of *William Chetwynd* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Malmsbury*, in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *Joſeph Addiſon* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Commiſſioner to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Shire of *Haddington*, in the room of *John Cockburne*, of *Ormiſtouns*, Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Shire, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That it being his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned until *Monday* the Sixth Day of *May* next, his Majeſty deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Monday* the Sixth Day of *May* next.

And then the Houſe, accordingly, adjourned till *Monday* the Sixth Day of *May* next, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 6° die Maii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

SEveral Members, returned upon new Writs, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing

electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Saint Edmonds Bury*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of *Aubrie Porter* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth into the *Britiſh* Plantations.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Corporation of *Wigan*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Privileges granted to the *Iriſh* in the Linen-trade, by a free Exportation to the Plantations, the ſeveral Makers and Manufacturers of Linens of this Corporation, and Parts adjoining, have found great Diſcouragements in their Manufactures, to the great Decay of many Hundred Families, being forced to uſe great Quantities of *Iriſh* Linen Yarn, which pays a Duty upon its Importation into *Great Britain*; and, when manufactured here, has no Drawback allowed upon its being exported: That, unleſs ſome Proviſion be made, whereby the Trade of *Ireland* may be kept on an equal Foot with the Manufactures of *Great Britain*, they, in time, will gain the whole Plantation-trade: And praying, That the *Iriſh* Linen-trade may be upon the ſame Foundation as formerly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth into the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed.

A Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge* which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Guidot*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Edgcombe*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Norris*, Sir *Wm. Johnſton*, Lord *Pagett*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Farrer*; and all that ſerve for the City of *London*; and for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Wilts*, *Berks*, *Bucks*, *Surrey*, *Southampton*, *Somerſet*, *Dorſet*, *Devon*, *Cornwall*, and *Glouceſter*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Shepheard*, Mr. *Harnage*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Gage*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Wallis*, Lord *Shanon*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Fowler*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Guidot*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Sloper*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon To-morrow Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to impower the ſaid Commiſſioners to hear, and determine, all Accounts relating to the Army between Officer and Officer, and Officers and Agents and Soldiers; and that the Determination of the Commiſſioners be final; and to diſcharge any Court of Juſtice from hearing or determining ſuch Accounts.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That all Committees be revived:

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty, in the Houſe of Peers: Where his Majeſty was pleaſed to declare, That he had directed the Lord Chancellor to acquaint both Houſes of Parliament with the Reaſons of his meeting his Parliament at this time, as they were contained in a Speech, which his Majeſty was pleaſed to deliver, from the Throne, into the Lord Chancellor's Hands; who read the ſame to both Houſes; and of which, to prevent any Miſtake, Mr. Speaker ſaid, he had obtained a Copy; which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth; *viz.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction, that, after this ſhort Receſs, I can acquaint you with the certain Advice I have received, that my Fleet is ſafely arrived in the *Sound*; which, by the Bleſſing of Almighty God, will ſecure theſe Kingdoms againſt any immediate Danger of an Invaſion.

I have by this means an Opportunity, which is very acceptable to me, of making a conſiderable Reduction in our Land-Forces; having eſtabliſhed it as a Rule with myſelf, to conſult the Eaſe of my People in every thing, ſo far as is conſiſtent with their Safety: And, for my own Part, as I ſhall always place my Greatneſs in the Proſperity of my Subjects, ſo I ſhall always deſire, that my Power may be founded in their Affections.

It is upon theſe Conſiderations that I have given Orders for the immediate Reducing of Ten thouſand Men.

That

That nothing may be wanting in me to quiet the Minds of all my Subjects, I have likewiſe given Directions to prepare an Act of Grace; and, however it may be received by thoſe who are obſtinately bent on the Ruin of their Country, I promiſe myſelf, that it will raiſe a due Senſe of Gratitude in all ſuch as have been artfully miſled into treaſonable Practices againſt my Perſon and Government, and preſerve them from ſtanding in need of the like Mercy for the future, when ſuch an Inſtance of Clemency may not be ſo expedient for the publick Welfare, as it would be agreeable to my own Inclinations.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I thank you for your Readineſs to ſupport me in the preſent Juncture of Affairs; and for the Supplies which you have given; and do promiſe you, that they ſhall be employed for the Uſes for which you deſigned them.

I ſhall order ſuch faithful Accounts to be laid before you the next Seſſion, as will make it appear, there was no other View in aſking any particular Supply, than to prevent a much greater Expence, which the Nation muſt have unavoidably incurred without it.

I muſt recommend to you, as I did at the Beginning of the Seſſion, to take all proper Methods for reducing the publick Debts, with a juſt regard to Parliamentary Credit.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Year being ſo far advanced, I hope you'll go through the publick Buſineſs with all poſſible Diſpatch and Unanimity; it being my Intention to meet you early the next Winter, that the Sitting of Parliament may be brought into the more uſual and convenient Seaſon.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, returning the humble Thanks of this Houſe, in the moſt dutiful and affectionate manner, for his many gracious Declarations in his Speech from the Throne: That the Directions his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give for reducing ſuch a Body of Land-Forces is the moſt acceptable Pledge he could give his People of his Tenderneſs for them; and is ſuch an Inſtance of his Wiſdom and Goodneſs, as muſt for ever endear him to all his Subjects: That his gracious Intentions of Mercy give great Satisfaction to this Houſe, as being highly conducive to the Tranquillity of the Kingdom: That this Houſe has a grateful Senſe of his Majeſty's gracious Intentions to lay before them an Account of the Application of the Supplies granted by the Commons: That this Houſe will carry on the great and neceſſary Work of reducing the publick Debts, with a juſt regard to Parliamentary Credit; and are reſolved, by the Unanimity of their Proceedings, to convince the World, that they are inviolably engaged in Duty and Affection to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, on the Support of which the Welfare of theſe Kingdoms, under God, intirely depends.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Morice*, Colonel *Bladen*, Lord *Shannon*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, Mr. *Baillie*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Coventry*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Hor. Walpole*, Mr. *Shippen*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Cater*: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund; be read a Second time upon To-morrow Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 7° die Maii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of ſeveral Graſiers, Drovers, Farmers, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, and other Inhabitants, of the County of *Wilts*, frequenting the Highways leading from *Colnebrooke* to *Kenſington*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, againſt the Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-brige* which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes, within which the ſaid Highways do lie, and which do contribute to the Repairs thereof, have, for ſome Years laſt paſt, not repaired the ſaid Highways, according to the Laws now in Force; but ſuffered them to become ruinous; with a Deſign to exempt themſelves, and lay the Burden and Charge upon the Petitioners, and others, which travel the ſaid Roads: And praying, That they may have Liberty to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Order being read, for reading the ingroſſed Bill for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, the Third time; and for hearing Counſel againſt, and for, the ſaid Bill;

The Counſel were called in:

And the Bill was read the Third time:

And the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, and the reſt of the Common-Council, of the Town and County of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor People inhabiting in and about the ſaid Town, againſt the ſaid Bill, was again read:

After which the Counſel againſt, and for, the Bill, were heard; and ſome Witneſſes were examined on the Part of the Petitioners.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Lechmere* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the Reſolution of the Houſe Yeſterday, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Addreſs in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, crave Leave to approach your Sacred Perſon with Hearts

full of Gratitude to your Majeſty for the many gracious Declarations you have been pleaſed to make to us from the Throne.

Our Duty to your Majeſty, and our Concern for the Security of your Kingdoms, at a time when the Nation was threatened with a deſperate Invaſion, obliged us to make Proviſion for keeping up ſuch a Body of Land-Forces, as might ſhew, that we were in a Poſture of Defence; but your Majeſty having Grounds to hope, on the Arrival of your Fleet in the *Sound*, that, by the Bleſſing of God, a Check will be put to that Deſign, we muſt for ever acknowlege, that the early Directions you have been pleaſed to give for reducing ſuch a Body of thoſe Land-Forces is the moſt acceptable Pledge you could give your People of your Tenderneſs for them; and that your Majeſty has nothing ſo much at Heart as their preſent and future Welfare; and is ſuch an Inſtance of your great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, as muſt for ever endear your Majeſty to all your Subjects.

We are bound to expreſs our juſt Satisfaction in your gracious Intentions of Mercy, as being highly conducive to the Tranquillity of the Kingdom, and a convincing Proof of your Majeſty's Deſire to reign in the Affections of all your Subjects.

We have ſo often experienced the happy Effects of the Confidence we have repoſed in your Majeſty, that we can never entertain any Doubt of the due Application of any Supplies granted by us; and do receive, in the moſt dutiful and affectionate manner, your Majeſty's Promiſe to lay the Accounts of ſuch Application before us, as a great Inſtance of your Juſtice to the Nation.

We are truly ſenſible how much the Eaſe and Proſperity of your Subjects depend on the accompliſhing that great and neceſſary Work of reducing the publick Debts; and are reſolved to carry it on in the moſt effectual manner, with juſt regard to Parliamentary Credit.

We are likewiſe reſolved, by the Diſpatch and Unanimity of our Proceedings, to convince the World, that we are inviolably engaged in Duty and Affection to your moſt Sacred Perſon, and Government; on the Support of which the Welfare and Happineſs of theſe Kingdoms, under God, intirely depend.

The ſaid Addreſs being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by adding, at the End of the Second Paragraph, theſe Words; *viz.* "And your loyal Commons have no Doubt but "your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to make a fur-"ther Reduction of the Army, and to continue only ſuch "a Number of Forces as hath been uſually thought, in "a time of Peace, to be ſufficient for the Security of "this Kingdom:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be added to the ſaid Paragraph;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Eden*:	80.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Pulteney*:	188.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council do attend his Majeſty, humbly to know when his Majeſty will be attended by this Houſe.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 8° *die Maii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That Two of the Six Clerks in Chancery attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Charge taken and received in the Court of Chancery, on account of ſuing out the Patents of the ſeveral Sheriffs of *England* and *Wales* that are ſued out there.

And then they withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as followeth; *viz.*

THE Charge taken and received in the Court of Chancery, on account of ſuing out the Patents of the ſeveral Sheriffs of *England* and *Wales* that are ſued out there, for each: The Particulars are as followeth; *viz.*

To the King's Duty for Stamps ——	12	6	0
To the Serjeant Trumpeter — —	3	0	0
To the Maſter of the Rolls — —	0	8	8
Signing the Docquet — — —	0	4	0
Hanaper Fee — — — —	0	15	0
The Six Clerks Fee on the Patent, Writ of Aſſiſtance, Writ of Diſcharge, and *Dedimus poteſtatem* — — — —	1	7	0
For ingroſſing the Patent, Writ of Aſſiſtance, Writ of Diſcharge, *Dedimus poteſtatem*, the Three Oaths, the Docquet, Parchment, and attending the ſealing the Patent — — — —	1	14	4
The Recognizance and Duty on a *Welſh* Patent, more — — — —	0	3	6

B. Herne,
Wm. Heyſham.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from the Stones End at *Goſwell-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *St. Gyles, Cripplegate*; from the Stones End at *St. John-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *St. James, Clerkenwell*; from the Stones End at *Gray's-inn-lane*, in the Pariſh of *St. Andrew's, Holborn*; and from the Stones End at *Saint Gyles's* Pound, in the Pariſh of *St. Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*; to *Highgate* Gatehouſe, in the Pariſh of *Hornſey*, in the ſaid County; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill, Pr. * L. * by leaving out "Firſt," and to inſert "Four-"and-twentieth," inſtead thereof:

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways from ſeveral Places therein mentioned, leading towards *Highgate* Gatehouſe, and *Hampſtead*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and for electing Truſtees for keeping up a ſufficient Number for the repairing the Highways upon the Roads from *Highgate* Gatehouſe to *Barnet* Blockhouſe; and alſo the Highways between *Kilburn-bridge* and *Sparrowes-hern*, in the County of *Hertford*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Micklethwait* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That, he having waited upon his Majeſty, humbly to know his Pleaſure when he would be attended by this Houſe; his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint To-morrow, at Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *Saint James's*.

The Lord *Caſtlecomer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington*

rington Esquire, deceased, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had made an Amendment to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the same was twice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give Directions to the proper Officers, That an Account may be laid before this House of the Disposition of the Money given for the Payment of the Six thousand *Dutch* Troops taken into his Majesty's Service during the late Rebellion; with the Charge of the Transportation of the said Troops forwards and backwards; distinguishing each Particular under its respective Head.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give Directions to the proper Officers, That an Account may be laid before this House of the Distribution of the Extraordinaries and Contingencies issued out for Services performed in *North Britain* during the late Rebellion.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be presented to his Majesty by such Members of this House as are of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council.

The House being acquainted, That *George Caswall* Esquire, Sitting Member for the Borough of *Leominster*, in the County of *Hereford*, did, on the Thirteenth Day of *April* last, pursuant to the Resolution of this House of the Twenty-first of *February* last, leave with the Clerk of the House his Demand of the Qualification of *Henry Gorges* Esquire; who petitioned, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough; and that he had not delivered to the Clerk of this House any Paper of his Qualification;

The Demand of the said Qualification was read: And also the Resolution of the House of the Twenty-first Day of *February* last was read:

The Journal of the Third of *May* 1715, in the Case of *Honiton*, in the County of *Devon*, was also read:

And the Clerk, being called upon, acquainted the House, That he had not received any Particular of Mr. *Henry Gorges*'s Qualification.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be discharged from proceeding upon the Petition of the said *Henry Gorges* Esquire; he having neglected to deliver in his Qualification within Fifteen Days after the Demand thereof, pursuant to the said Resolution of this House.

The House being acquainted, That *George Caswall* Esquire, Sitting Member for the Borough of *Leominster*, in the County of *Hereford*, did, on the Thirteeth Day of *April* last, pursuant to the Resolution of this House of the Twenty-first Day of *February* last, leave with the Clerk of the House his Demand of the Qualification of *Richard Gorges* Esquire; who petitioned, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough; and that he had not delivered to the Clerk of this House any Paper of his Qualification;

The Demand of the said Qualification was read: And also the Resolution of the House of the Twenty-first Day of *February* last was read: And the Clerk, being called upon, acquainted the House, That he had not received any Particular of Mr. *Richard Gorges*' Qualification.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be discharged from proceeding upon the Petition of the said *Richard Gorges* Esquire; he having neglected to deliver in his Qualification within Fifteen Days after the Demand thereof, pursuant to the said Resolution of this House.

A Petition of *John Jones* and *George James*, Constables of the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerset*, and of the several Voters, whose Names are subscribed, in behalf of themselves, and other Voters of the said Borough, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Constables of the said Borough are the Presiding and Returning Officers in all Elections of Members for the said Borough: That, at the last Election, the Candidates were Sir *John Trevelyan* Baronet, *James Milner*, *Samuel Edwin*, and *Thomas Gage*, Esquires; and notwithstanding Bribery, Treating, and many other indirect Practices used by the said Mr. *Edwin* and Mr. *Gage*, and their Agents, to obtain Votes for them; yet the said Sir *John Trevelyan* and Mr. *Milner* had a vast Majority of legal Votes; and were, by the Petitioners the Constables, declared to be duly elected: And praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House upon this Day Fortnight, with the Return for the said Borough.

Ordered, That *Joseph Brown* Esquire, High Sheriff of the said County of *Somerset*, do then attend this House.

Ordered, That the said *John Jones* and *George James*, Constables of the said Borough of *Minehead*, do then attend this House, with the Sheriff's Precept, and the Returns tendered to the Sheriff, on their behalf.

Ordered, That the Under-Sheriff of the County of *Somerset* do then attend this House.

Ordered, That the said High Sheriff of the County of *Somerset* do bring with him the Receipt that was taken from the Constable of the said Borough for the Precept he caused to be delivered to the said Constable.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the House be adjourned until To-morrow Sevennight.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to his Majesty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon *Friday* Sevennight, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to his Majesty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 9° die Maii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of several Makers and Manufacturers of Fustians, checked Linens, all Sorts of Tickings, striped Hollands, Tapes, and Laces, within the Town of *Manchester*, and Places adjacent, within the County of *Lancaster*, in behalf of themselves, and many Thousands of poor Families employed in the said Manufactures, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That, since the *Irish* have had large Privileges granted them in the Linen-trade, by a free Exportation to the Plantations, and an easy Import into *Great Britain*, the Petitioners have found great Discouragements in their several Manufactures; they being forced to use great Quantities of *Irish* Linen Yarn, which . . . . a considerable Duty upon its Importation into *Great Britain*; and, if manufactured here, no Drawback can be allowed upon Exporting of any

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of their Commodities: That, unleſs ſome Proviſion be made, whereby the Trade of *Ireland* may be kept upon an equal Foot with the Manufactures of this Kingdom, they will, in time, gain the whole Plantation-trade: And praying, That the *Iriſh* Linen-trade may be upon the ſame Foundation as formerly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed.

A Petition of *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his preſent Majeſty hath been pleaſed, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, to grant unto the Petitioner the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of the City of *Dublin*, in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, during the Petitioner's natural Life: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to . . . or more of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to the Petitioner the Oaths for the due Execution of the ſaid Office or Offices.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Cholmley*, and the Lord *William Powlett*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, to make Rates, and levy Money, within the ſaid Pariſh, for finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Clarke*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Bland*, Mr. *Barrington Shute*, Mr. *Desbovery*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Orl. Bridgm.* Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Colonel *Chandler*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Bradyll*, Mr. *Hampden*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Baillie*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Erle*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Wm Wyndham*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Cox*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Sir *Robert Furneſſe*, Sir *Richard Hoare*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Heyſham*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surrey*, *Suſſex*, and *Kent*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That the Lord *Caſtlecomer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of Yeſterday, relating to the Account of the Payment of the *Dutch* Forces, and of the Diſtribution of the Extraordinaries and Contingencies for Services performed in *North Britain*, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay the ſaid Accounts before this Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of ſeveral Graſiers, Drovers, Farmers, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, and others, frequenting the Highways leading from *Staines* to *Kenſington*, inhabiting in the County of *Somerſet*, whoſe Names was thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes within which the ſaid Highways do lie, and which do contribute to the Repairs thereof, have, for ſome Years laſt paſt, not repaired the ſaid Highways, according to the Laws now in force; but ſuffered them to become ruinous; with a Deſign to exempt themſelves, and lay the Burden and Charge upon the Petitioners, and others, which travel the ſaid Roads: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Cranford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrook*, in the ſaid County, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Petition of ſeveral Graſiers, Drovers, Farmers, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, and others, frequenting the Highways leading from *Colnebrooke* to *Kenſington*, living in or near the *Devizes*, and *Trowbridge*, in the County of *Wilts*, and Places adjacent, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes within which the ſaid Highways do lie, and which do contribute to the Repairs thereof, have, for ſome Years laſt paſt, not repaired the ſaid Highways, according to the Laws now in force; but ſuffered them to become ruinous; with a Deſign to exempt themſelves, and lay the Burden and Charge upon the Petitioners, and others, which travel the ſaid Roads: And praying to be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard, before the Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 10° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor confined Debtors within the Priſon of *Ludgate*, and the Two *Compters*, in the City of *London*, as well on behalf of themſelves as of all other inſolvent Debtors within the ſeveral Priſons of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That within theſe Priſons are ſeveral Hundreds of Men and Women, who have contracted Debts, for which they are confined; and are reduced to ſuch extreme Want and Penury, as is ſcarcely preferable to Death itſelf; and being neceſſitated to ſubſiſt on the ſmall Relief, and poor Allow-

Allowances, of their reſpective Priſons, barely ſufficient to keep them from Starving: That the Petitioners are ready and willing to make their Creditors the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by delivering up their All to them: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of the annual Value of the *Britiſh* Woollen Manufactures exported to *Germany* from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Two to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Sir *John Ward* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-York* and *New-England*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was referred, That they had examined the Matter of Fact; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That General *Hill*, Sir *Hovenden Walker*, the Governors of *New-England* and *New-York*, and others, had Letters of Credit from her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, to furniſh themſelves, at *Boſton*, in *New-England*, with Stores of War, and Proviſions, for the ſaid Expedition; and, to enable them to procure the ſame, had Inſtructions to draw Bills of Exchange on the Treaſury, Paymaſter of the Forces, Navy-board, and other Offices; with Aſſureances, That the ſaid Bills ſo drawn ſhould meet with punctual Payment:

That, by virtue of theſe Inſtructions, and the Credit therein given, the Fleet was provided with all things neceſſary for the Service by the Merchants in *Boſton* and *New-York*; who received Bills of Exchange on the reſpective Offices, as follows; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Sixteen Bills of Exchange drawn by Colonel *Arnot* on the Paymaſter of the Army, amounting to 23,447 *l.* 11 *s.* 11 *d.* Sterling; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds being paid, there reſts due thereon — — —	7,815	17	$3\frac{3}{4}$
One other Bill drawn by Colonel *Arnot* for 500 *l.*; whereof no Part is paid —	500	0	0
One other drawn by Colonel *Hunter* and Colonel *Nicholſon* on the ſaid Paymaſter for (*a*) [130 *l.* 10 *s.*]; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds being paid, there remains — —	43	10	0
One other drawn by Sir *Hovenden Walker* on the Commiſſioners of the Ordnance for 2,260 *l.* 19 *s.* 11 *d.*; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds paid, there remains due — —	753	13	4
Four other Bills drawn by *Wm. Hawes* on the Commiſſioners of Ordnance, amounting to 1,028 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.*; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds being paid, there reſts — —	342	15	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Two Bills drawn by Colonel *Dudley* and Colonel *Nicholſon* on the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, amounting to 469 *l.* 8 *s.* 3 *d.*; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds being paid, there reſts —	156	9	5
Eight Bills drawn by Colonel *Dudley* on the Treaſury; whereof no Part is paid —	4,499	17	5
Twenty-four Bills drawn by Sir *Hovendon Walker*, *Daniel Mahon*, and *John Horton*, on the Commiſſioners of Victualing, amounting to 13,520 *l.* 18 *s.* 10 *d.*; the Exchange of which Bills being altered from 40 to 45 *per Cent.* reduces that Sum to 13,054 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*; $\frac{2}{3}$ds of which being paid, there remains — — —	4,351	11	6
One hundred and Sixteen Bills drawn by Colonel *Hunter* from *New-York* on the Treaſury, amounting to 17,049 *l.* 12 *s.* $1\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*; whereof $\frac{2}{3}$ds being paid in *South-Sea* Stock, amounts to 10,554 *l.* and, altered from 30 to 40 *per Cent.* reduces that Sum to — — —	5,277	4	$1\frac{3}{4}$
Six Bills drawn by Colonel *Hunter* on the Treaſury for 490 *l.* Sterling, of which no Part is paid; which, if altered to an Exchange of 40 *per Cent.* makes —	454	19	10
Total due on theſe Bills of Exchange	24,195	18	2

That it appeared to the Committee, that, when $\frac{2}{3}$ds of theſe Bills were ordered to be paid, there was a Minute made in the Treaſury, That the remaining Third-part ſhould be paid as ſoon as it ſhould appear who were to be charged with the Monies taken up for the Service, that it might regularly be accounted for; and that an Account of this Reſolution was ſent to the Governor of *New-England*, for the Encouragement of the Merchants there, by the Lord *Dartmouth*, then One of her . . . . . Principal Secretaries of State:

That the Petitioners have applied for the Payment of this Debt, for Five Years laſt paſt, with the utmoſt Diligence; but without Effect.

And that, upon the Matter, it appeared to the Committee, That the Petitioners have fully made good the ſeveral Allegations contained in their Petition.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned until *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to conſider of the Laws now in being to prevent clandeſtine Marriages; and how thoſe Laws may be made more effectual:

And it is referred to Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Guernſey*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Nevill*, Colonel *Stanhope*, Mr. *Diſton*, General *Roſs*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Juſt. Iſham*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Nico. Carew*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Drew*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did attend his Majeſty Yeſterday, and preſented to him their Addreſs; and that his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer;

Gentlemen,

IT is with great Pleaſure that I find the Directions I have given to make a Reduction in the Army, and my Intentions to grant an Act of Grace, are ſo much to the Satisfaction of my faithful Commons.

I thank you for the hearty Aſſurances you give me of your Affections to my Perſon and Government; and ſhall always make ſuch an Uſe of the Confidence you repoſe on me, as may be moſt for the Advantage of my People.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of . . . Clock.

(*a*) Supplied from the original Report.

Sabbati, 11° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral Makers and Manufacturers of Fuſtians, checked Linens, all Sorts of Tickings, ſtriped Hollands, Tapes, and Laces, living in *Mancheſter*, *Wigan*, *Warrington*, and other Parts of *Lancaſhire*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor Families employed in the ſaid Manufactures, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the *Iriſh* have had large Privileges granted them in the Linen Trade, by a free Exportation to the Plantations, and an eaſy Import into *Great Britain*, the Petitioners have found great Diſcouragements in their ſeveral Manufactures; they being forced to uſe ſo great Quantities of *Iriſh* Linen Yarn, which pays a Duty upon its Importation into *Great Britain*; and, if manufactured here, no Drawback can be allowed upon exporting any of their Commodities: That, unleſs ſome Proviſion be made, whereby the Trade of *Ireland* may be kept on an equal Foot with the Manufactures of this Kingdom, they will, in time, gain the whole Plantation Trade: And praying, That the *Iriſh* Linen Trade may be upon the ſame Foundation as formerly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations is committed.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Amount of the Duties upon Lint-ſeed imported into *Great Britain* from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

The Lord *William Powlett* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do not proceed, during this Seſſion of Parliament, on any more of the Petitions now before them, complaining of undue Elections, after the Merits of the Elections for the Boroughs of *Great Marlow*, *Shaftsbury*, and *Leominſter*, and for the County of *Northumberland*, are heard.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 13° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Ingram* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſent to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion thereupon ſeverally put, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Onſlow* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, to make Rates, and levy Money, within the ſaid Pariſh, for finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion thereupon ſeverally put, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Provoſt, Magiſtrates, and Council, of the City of *Edinburgh*, in behalf of themſelves, and the Community of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid City having been found, *Anno* 1693, to be indebted in a conſiderable Sum of Money; towards Diſcharging whereof there was no Fund; an Act of Parliament paſſed at that time, laying an Impoſition of Two Penies *Scots* Money upon every Pint of Ale and Beer brewed, brought in, vended, tapped, or ſold, in the ſaid City, Suburbs and Liberties thereof; to continue for Thirty Years: That the ſaid City will be found burdened with great Debts, *Anno* 1723, at the Expiring of the preſent Impoſition; is in a languiſhing State, both as to its Trade, and preſent Revenue; and is annually burdened with great Numbers of Poor: And praying, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the ſaid Impoſition; or for annexing One Peny *Scotts* on the Pint of Ale for ſo long a Term as ſhall be thought needful.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Mr. *Plumptree*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Sir *Barnham Ryder*, Mr. *Pelham*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Broderick*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Baillie*, Mr. *Moody*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *Philip Parker*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Sir *Fiſher Tench*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Reverend Dr. *Snape* be deſired to preach before this Houſe, at *Saint Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, upon the Twenty-

Twenty-ninth Day of *May* inſtant; which Day is appointed, by Act of Parliament, for a Day of Thankſgiving for the Reſtitution of the Royal Family, and Reſtoration of the Government;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Rolt:* } 141.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Thomas Clark*, Mr. *Lyddell:* } 131.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Sir *William Wyndham* and Mr. *Shippen* do acquaint him therewith.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Gabriel Roberts* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Sir *William Humphreys* Knight and Baronet, and *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire, to ſerve for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts:*

That the Petitioner's Counſel alleged, That *Marlborough* is a Borough, and a Corporation, by Preſcription:

That the Right of Election is in the Mayor and Burgeſſes only; and that it has been always ſo determined by this Houſe:

That Sir *William Humphreys* was admitted to be duly elected:

That it appeared by the Poll, That 21ty voted for Mr. *Roberts*, and none for Mr. *Ward:* And,

Mr. *Ward* not appearing, nor any Counſel for him, the Committee were not informed upon what Pretence .. was returned.

That the Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, is in the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough only.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Sir *William Humphreys* Knight and Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Marlborough*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Gabriel Roberts* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Marlborough*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, by raſing out the Name of *Joſhua Ward* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *Gabriel Roberts* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Hen. Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Bethell*, Mr. *Monrow*, Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Robarts*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Delavall*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill ..... of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 14° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Richard Weales* Maſter, *Thomas Paſcall*, *Henry Paſcall*, *Samuel Orbell*, *Thomas Thompſon*, and *Thomas Appleby*, Wardens of the Society and Fellowſhip of Pilots of the *Trinity-houſe* of *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, on behalf of themſelves, and the ſaid Fellowſhip, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, Time out of mind, the Petitioners, and Predeceſſors, have been a Society of Pilots for Conducting of Ships and Veſſels up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*; and to examine and ſwear all ſuch Perſons as ſhould offer themſelves for Pilots, for Conducting of Ships and Veſſels up the ſaid Rivers, in Conjunction with the Lord Warden, or his Deputy; and they have alſo conſtantly held Courts of Load-Manage at *Dover*; at which Courts the Petitioners, the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the Time being, do ſit to rectify all Miſdemeanors: That ſeveral Perſons, not Pilots, have taken the Charge of conducting Ships and Veſſels up the ſaid Rivers; to the great Prejudice of Merchants: And praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them effectually to prevent the ſame for the future.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants in the City of *London*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Fellowſhip of Pilots, long eſtabliſhed in the Cinque-Ports, is very uſeful to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom: That, by ignorant Perſons preſuming to conduct Ships to the Port of *London*, without having undergone any Examination into their Abilities for that Service, tend to the manifeſt Hazard and Danger of Ships, and their Cargoes: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for ſecuring the ſaid Fellowſhip, and remedying the ſaid Miſchiefs, by ſuch Methods as ſhall be thought fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitions: And that Admiral *Aylmer*, Sir *John Norris*, and Mr. *Heyſham*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Clerk of the Crown attended, and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Ordered, That Sir *Willo. Hickman*, and Mr. *Bertie*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in ... Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, is committed.

Ordered, That *William Blake* Eſquire do attend this Houſe upon To-morrow Sevennight, when the High Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet* are to attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Boys*, who carried the Return to the Sheriff, by which the Sitting Members are returned for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the ſaid County, do then alſo attend this Houſe.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due

to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of an Act, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; to certify into the Exchequer the Names of Perſons poſſeſſed of forfeited Eſtates, and of Perſons indebted to his Majeſty by virtue of the aforeſaid Act.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption, contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Papers relating to the Value of the Lands in the Iſland of *Saint Chriſtopher's*; and the Repreſentations, Memorials, and Papers, made ſince the Treaty, relating to that Iſland; together with a Liſt of them:

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Sloper*, from the Pay-Office, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Diſpoſition of the Money given for the Payment of the Six thouſand *Dutch* Troops taken into his Majeſty's Service, during the late Rebellion; with the Charge of the Tranſportation of the ſaid Troops forwards and backwards; diſtinguiſhing each Particular under its reſpective Head: And alſo,

An Account of the Diſtribution of the Extraordinaries and Contingencies iſſued out for Services performed in *North Britain*, during the late Rebellion:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

The ſaid Accounts are as follow; *viz.*

AN Account of the Diſpoſition of the Money given for the Payment of the 6,000 *Dutch* Troops taken into his Majeſty's Service, during the late Rebellion; with the Charge of the Tranſportation of the ſaid Troops forwards and backwards; diſtinguiſhing each Particular under its reſpective Head; *viz.*

Paid the ſeveral Regiments compoſing the ſaid Body of 6,000 Men, and their General and Staff Officers, for Pay, purſuant to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment and Warrants, as followeth; *viz.*			
For the Pay of a *Dutch* Regiment of diſmounted Dragoons, commanded by Colonel *S' Gravenmore*, from the 7th of *November* 1715, the Day of their Embarkation for *Great Britain*, to the 28th of *June* following, the Day of their Landing in *Holland*, upon their Return back			8,685 9 0¾
For the Pay of a Regiment of *Dutch* Foot, commanded by Colonel *Rantzau*, for the ſame time			6,454 18 2¾
For the Pay of Colonel *Cronſtrom*'s Regiment of *Dutch* Foot, for the ſame time			6,619 14 4¼
For the Pay of Colonel *Welderen*'s Regiment of *Dutch* Foot, from the ſaid 7th of *November* to the 3d of *July* following, the Day of their Landing in *Holland*			6,592 5 0
For the Pay of Colonel *Zoutland*'s Regiment of *Dutch* Foot, from the ſaid 7th of *November* to the 30th of *June* following, the Day of their Landing in *Holland*			6,509 16 11¼
For the Pay of Colonel *Pallandt*'s Regiment of *Dutch* Foot, from the 10th of *November* 1715, the Day of their Embarkation, to the 28th *June* following, the Day of their Landing in *Holland*			7,547 19 6
For the Pay of the following *Switz* Regiments of Foot, purſuant to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment, and Warrants; *viz.*			
For Colonel *Mey*'s Two Battalions, from the 10th *November* 1715, the Day of their Embarkation, to the 3d and 4th of *July* following, the Days they debarked in *Holland*			14,365 5 1½
For Colonel *Sturler*'s Regiment, from the ſeveral Days of their Embarkation, in *November* 1715, to the 27th of *June* following, the Day they debarked in *Holland*			7,067 5 0½
For Colonel *Chambrier*'s Regiment, from the 7th and 10th of *November* 1715, to the 28th of *June* following, the Day they debarked			7,876 14 7½
For Colonel *Schinitz*' Regiment, from the 10th of *November* 1715, to the 2d of *July* following, the Day they debarked			8,035 2 4
For the Pay of the Lieutenant-General, and other General and Staff Officers, belonging to the ſaid Body of 6,000 Men, purſuant to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment, and Warrant, from the 7th of *November* 1715, to the 4th of *July* following, the Day they debarked in *Holland*			4,615 3 [illegible]
Paid to the ſaid Forces, and General Officers, over and above their ſaid Pay, in Conſideration of their good and faithful Services, and their long and continued Marches in the moſt rigorous Seaſon of the Winter, purſuant to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*'s Warrant; *viz.*	*l.*	*s.* *d.*	
To the General and Staff Officers	2,842	4 0	
To the Regiments, 28 Days full Pay	9,870	16 10	
			12,713 0 1[illegible]
Paid for contingent Charges relating to the ſaid Forces, as well before their Embarkation on board the Tranſport-Ships, as for their Marches in *Great Britain*, and for extraordinary Charges not included in their eſtabliſhed Pay, the ſeveral Sums following; *viz.*			

For

For the full Charge of carrying 6,000 Men, by Water, from *Ghent* to *Oſtend*; and for Waggons and Horſes to carry the Baggage and Equipage of the General Officers, and other Officers, from their reſpective Quarters, as *Leige*, *Maſtrick*, and *Namur*, to *Ghent*; including the Charge of Firing and Straw for the Troops at *Oſtend*, before they could embark	2,106	12	8		
For the Charge of Bylanders, Boat-hire, and for Water-caſks for putting Water on board the Tranſports which lay out of the Harbour of *Oſtend*, that they might be the more ready to ſail	363	12	8		
For the Hire of Five Maſters of Tranſports, who, not being ready to ſail time enough, were diſcharged from the Service	85	9	10		
For the Charges of 1,511 Deals, 66 Spars, and 171 Water-caſks, for Six Tranſport-Ships	51	4	0		
For the Charge of Pilotage up the River *Thames*, *Trinity* Duty, and Light-money, Cuſtom-houſe Charges, *&c.* for the ſeveral Tranſports	217	19	8		
For 998 Tents, 1,000 Sacks, and other Neceſſaries, for the Troops, to enable them to take the Field as ſoon as they ſhould land	992	3	6		
For defraying the Charge of Two Commiſſaries appointed to take care of diſtributing, and ſeeing the Proviſions put on board the Tranſport-Ships; and for their Care and Trouble in paying the Money to the Troops, as well as receiving and paying all other Sums employed on this Service	174	3	7		
For ſatisfying ſeveral Officers and Soldiers of Lieutenant-General *Pallant*'s Regiment, for the Loſs they ſuffered by the Plunder of their Baggage at *Edinburgh*, on the 26th *March* 1716	377	1	0		
For Surgeons Cheſts and Medicines furniſhed the Troops	220	0	0		
For ſatisfying ſeveral Officers and Soldiers of Lieutenant-General *Pallant*'s Regiment, for the Loſs of the Baggage of themſelves, and Companies, in a Tranſport-Ship that was caſt away in *November* 1715	262	13	1		
For the Charges, and contingent Expences, of Four Regiments, in their Marches and Quarters	931	14	0		
For the Charges, and contingent Expences, of Colonel *Doppand*'s Regiment, in their Marches and Quarters	145	15	6		
For the Charges, and contingent Expences, of Colonel *Zoutland*'s Regiment, in their Marches and Quarters	302	0	0		
For the Charges, and contingent Expences, of the General Officers, and Six Regiments, in their Marches and Quarters	1,793	7	6½		
Paid for Levy-money for One Serjeant, and One Drummer, to each of the Five *Dutch* Regiments of Foot	260	0	0		
				8,283	17 0½
Paid for the Charge of Tranſport-Ships and Proviſions, in tranſporting the ſaid Troops into *Great Britain*; *viz.*					
To Mr. *Ray*, for the like Sum paid by him to ſeveral Maſters of Tranſport-Ships, as *per* Contract	2,045	14	6		
To Mr. *William Archdeacon*, for the like Sum paid by him to the Merchants, and Maſters, of ſeveral Tranſport-Ships, as *per* Contract	2,061	12	8		
To the Maſters of the Tranſport-Ships, who brought the Two laſt Regiments from *Oſtend*	962	8	6		
To the Maſters of Two Tranſports, for tranſporting the General Officers Horſes and Equipage	131	16	4		
Paid to the following Perſons, for the Charge of Three Weeks, and Three Days, Proviſions for the Troops; *viz.*					
To Mr. *Archdeacon*	2,598	14	6		
To Mr. *Caſtagno*	1,607	8	0		
To Mr. *Foulis*	1,223	14	2		
	5,429	16	8		
				10,631	8 8
Paid to *John Hill* Eſquire, Paymaſter for the Tranſport-Service, upon Account, for the Charges of tranſporting the ſaid Forces back to *Holland*				3,951	12 7
Total of Payments for, or upon Account of, the ſaid 6,000 *Dutch* Troops, out of the Sum of 126,033 *l.* 4 *s.* 9, voted by Parliament for them				119,949	12 4
So there remains a Saving under this Head				6,083	12 5
				126,033	4 9

Which Sum of 6,083 *l.* 12 5 has been deducted in the Eſtimate given in for the Pay of the Six Battalions of Foot hired from the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and the Duke of *Sax-Gotha*, towards ſatisfying that Charge.

Pay-Office,
May the 14th, 1717. *Lincoln.*

AN Account of the Diſtribution of the Extraordinaries and Contingencies iſſued out for Services performed in *North Britain* during the late Rebellion.

Paid for the ſeveral extraordinary and contingent Charges following, expended by *William Burroughs* Eſquire, Commiſſary-General for providing Forage and Bread for the Forces in *North Britain*; being for the extraordinary and contingent Charges thereupon, over and above what was deducted, or received, for Bread and Forage, from the Troops, according to the Account thereof delivered in by the ſaid Commiſſary; *viz.*

To the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Shires in *North Britain*, for the Hire of Horſes and Men employed in his Majeſty's Service on the March (*a*) [to and] from *Sterling* to *Perth*, *Aberdeen*, and afterwards through the Highlands —						2,585	9 6
For ſeveral contingent Expences; as Coals for the Army; building Ovens; Attendance on the Train of Artillery; ſhipping the ſame; Boats on *Lockneſs*; and ſeveral other Incidents; purſuant to ſeparate Warrants from his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, and Lord *Cadogan* — — —						1,022	0 2
For Shipping, and Veſſels employed in carrying Proviſions from Port to Port, and tranſporting the ſick *Dutch* and *Swiſs*, with the Baggage, from *Inverneſs* to *Leith*, and from *Leith* to *London* — — —						515	11 0
Paid for Hay and Oats delivered to the Army, as follows; *viz.*				*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	
For 160,000 Stone of Hay — — —				3,000	0	0	
For 10,000 Bolls of Oats — — —				5,833	6	8	
For Charges thereon, purſuant to Contract — —				511	15	1	
				9,345	1	9	
Received from the Troops, as their Proportion, and for Magazines ſold, which remained uniſſued — —				3,470	7	6	
Which being deducted, there remains, as extraordinary Charge — — — —							5,874 14 3
Memorandum: The Country Horſes, ſummoned into his Majeſty's Service, had Corn and Hay furniſhed them *gratis* out of this Magazine.							
Paid for 300,000 Weight of Biſcuit provided for the Army				2,145	12	6	
Paid for Water, Covers and Hochams for preſerving it				110	6	9	
				2,255	19	3	
Received from the Troops, as their Proportion — —				1,259	12	0½	
Which being deducted, there remains, as an extraordinary Charge — — — —							996 7 2½
Paid for the Corn provided for the Uſe of the Army, Freight for ſhipping the ſame, Sacking, and other Incidents relating thereto — — — —				2,342	17	7½	
Received from the Troops as their Proportion, and for the Remains of the Magazine ſold — — —				1,469	12	9	
Remains as an extraordinary Charge — —							873 4 10½
Paid for the Loſs ſuſtained in erecting a Magazine of Hay and Oats on the River *Thames*, for the Service of the Forces in *Scotland*, and for Demurrage of Veſſels, and other Incidents . . . . . thereto — —							482 13 2
Paid to the ſeveral Perſons employed by the Commiſſary-General, as Bakers, and other Tradeſmen and Workmen; and for Diſburſements in carrying Bread and Forage to the ſeveral Camps — — —							560 16 4½
Paid for Wages to the Under-Commiſſaries, and putting them in a Condition to ſerve — — — —							615 9 0
Paid for Office-rents, Clerks, and other contingent Charges relating to the Commiſſary-General's Office — — —							320 0 0
To the Commiſſary-General, upon Account of his own Allowance in performing this Service — — — —							1,000 0 0
Total paid by Mr. *Burroughs* — — —							14,846 5 6½
Towards which, there hath been impreſted to the ſaid Commiſſary, at ſeveral times, the Sums following, amounting to £. 13,000; *viz.*							
1715.							
December 23. Paid him, upon Account, for buying Proviſions for the ſaid Forces							1,500 0 0
Feb. 2. Paid him more, upon the ſame Account — —							5,000 0 0
22. Paid him more, upon the ſame Account — —							1,500 0 0
3. Paid him more, purſuant to the Duke of *Argyle*'s Warrant —							3,000 0 0
13. Paid him, towards the Charge of tranſporting Bread, by the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant — — — —							800 0 0
May 10. Paid him upon the like Account, by the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant							700 0 0
December 24. Paid him for defraying the Expences of Horſes employed in carrying Bread, Biſcuit, *&c.* and other incident Charges, purſuant to the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant — — — —							500 0 0
						l.	*s.* *d.*
						13,000	0 0

Paid for the following contingent and extraordinary Charges, out of the Sum of 10,000 *l.* iſſued to his Grace the Duke of *Argyle* by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in *Scotland*; *viz.*

(*a*) The Words "to and" are not in the Account which was preſented to the Houſe.

1715. *September* 15.	To his Grace the Duke of *Athol*, to be laid out for Intelligence, *&c. per* Obligation, to be accountable for the ſame	300	0	0
	To Sir *James Stewart*, his Majeſty's Sollicitor, for Charges of Proſecutions, and other Exigences of the Government, *per* Obligation, to be accountable	200	0	0
	To *James Baily*, Writer in *Edinburgh*, as the Value of 185 Firelocks, Bayonets, and Cartridge-boxes, bought, from time to time, for the publick Service, and diſpoſed of to the Militia in Arms for his Majeſty, as *per* Receipt	94	7	6
19.	The Charge of tranſporting the Train of Artillery from *Edinburgh* Caſtle to the Camp at *Stirling*, paid Major *Thomas Gordon*, as *per* Receipt	25	0	0
	The Charge of tranſporting the Train of Artillery to *Seaton-houſe*, paid Captain *Levingſtone*, as *per* Receipt	20	0	0
	Forage to Horſes of the Earl of *Penmure*'s, ſeized, from 26th *Auguſt* to 17 *September*, *per* Receipt	8	4	8
24.	To his Grace the Duke of *Athol*, a further Sum, to be laid out for procuring Intelligence, *&c.*	100	0	0
	To *Duneavis*, for Intelligence, *&c. per* Receipt	20	0	0
October 1.	For Bedding and Watch-cloaths to the Gariſon of *Edinburgh* Caſtle, *per* Receipt	121	7	10
6.	To *Robert Montroy*, Carpenter, for Six Waggons for carrying Bread to the Camp, *per* Receipt	30	0	0
	For ſubſiſting Fifty additional Men in the Gariſon of *Stirling* Caſtle, *per* Receipt	20	0	0
14.	For Coals and Candles extraordinary in the Gariſon of *Stirling* Caſtle, *per* Receipt	20	0	0
18.	To *John Forbes* Eſquire, to be laid out by him in the North, for ſecret Services, *per* Receipt	100	0	0
22.	For Subſiſting of additional Men in the Caſtle of *Stirling*, *per* Receipt	20	0	0
November 10.	For Bedſteads and Seats for the Hoſpital in *Stirling*, *per* the Joiner's Bill and Acquittance	13	2	0
17.	Gratuity paid to the Brigade-Majors of Horſe and Foot, for the Uſe of the private Men, who took the 13 Colours, and Three Standards, at the Battle of *Dumblain*	48	0	0
	To the Surgeons at the Hoſpital at *Stirling*, and of the ſeveral Regiments, to be laid out for Medicines for the Uſe of the Sick and Wounded, *per* their ſeveral Receipts	275	0	0
23.	To *Gawin Byfield* a Gratuity, for his Trouble in ſecuring the Earl of *Penmure*'s Horſes, and other Services, *per* Acquittance	10	15	0
26.	For Utenſils for the Uſe of the Hoſpital in *Stirling*, paid *Robert Watſon*, *per* Bill and Acquittance	22	19	9
28.	For Medicines for the Uſe of the Gariſon at *Stirling* Caſtle, *per* Bill and Receipt	21	15	8
December 7.	For Nurſes for attending the Sick and Wounded in the Hoſpital there, their Wages preceding this Day	8	16	0
	Bounty-money given to the Adjutants, for the Uſe of the private Men of the ſeveral *Britiſh* Regiments encamped at *Stirling*	188	9	6
9.	Paid the ſeveral Conſtables employed in ſummoning the Country to bring in Forage for the Uſe of the Army, *per* the Clerk to the Juſtices his Account and Acquittance	5	19	4
	To Coals, Candles, *&c.* to the General's Guards, preceding this Date	8	11	2
	A further Supply of Bedſteads, *&c.* to the Hoſpital at *Stirling*, *per* the Joiner's Bill and Acquittance	18	12	8
19.	To ſundry Evidences ſent from *Stirling* to *London*, for defraying their Charges	23	0	0
21.	For an Expreſs ſent by Lord *Lovat* from *Inverneſs*	5	0	0
	Paid for Proviſions laid into the Gariſons of *Edinburgh*, *Stirling*, *Drumakoln*, *Cardroſs*, *Garterton*, and *Donn* Caſtle, *per* Account and Vouchers	424	14	5
January 6.	To the Nurſes attending the Sick and Wounded at the Hoſpital at *Stirling*, their Wages from the 7th *December* to 7th Inſtant	8	3	0
15.	Repaid the Earl of *Iſlay* that his Lordſhip diſburſed for his Majeſty's Service at *Inverary*, during the Time of the late Rebellion, by Account and Vouchers	542	0	1
21.	Advanced at ſeveral times to Mr. *Gilbert Moore*, Commiſſary for Forage, to enable him to carry on the Forage of his Majeſty's Troops in *Scotland*, *per* Acquittances, for which he is accountable	1,829	18	0
	For ſubſiſting the Gariſons of the Caſtle of *Down* and *Campbell*, *per* Acquittance	131	5	4

January 25.	Subſiſtence to a Re-enforcement to the Gariſon of *Dunbarton* Caſtle, from 20 *September* to the 20th *December* 1715, *per* Warrant and Acquittance	108	15	0
26.	Paid for ſundry incident Charges for packing up, and tranſporting, Arms, Ammunition, *&c.* from *Edinburgh* to the Camp, *&c. per* Bill and Acquittance	235	13	9
	For Expreſſes, and to inferior People employed for Intelligence, *per* Bill and Acquittance	280	18	6
	To Nurſes employed in attending the Sick and Wounded in *Stirling* Hoſpital, their Wages from the 7th of *December* to the 27th Inſtant	5	5	0
	To Mr. *Patrick Crawford* Chirurgeon, for his Attendance on the Hoſpital at *Stirling*, from the 8th of *November* to this Day, both incluſive	16	0	0
	To Mr. *Peter Laponge*, for attending the Army and Hoſpital *per* Acquittance	100	0	0
27.	To the Secretary to the General, for Expreſſes, Intelligence, and other Contingencies	161	5	0
	Repaid the Quartermaſter-General Coach-hire of Three ſeveral Journeys he made betwixt *Edinburgh* and *Sterling*, about Matters relating to the Service	4	15	0
	To Mr. *Sutherland*, for attending the Hoſpital at *Sterling* from the 1ſt of *November* to this Day	10	0	0
	For the extraordinary Charge of Coals and Candles to the Gariſon at *Sterling* Caſtle	30	0	0
28.	To *Alexander Chalmers* and *John Sinclair*, Clerks, on Account of the Diſburſements of the Extraordinaries of the War, *per* their Acquittances	30	0	0
	Paid *Robert Grahame* a Gratuity for his good Service, in diſcovering a Deſign of the Rebels on the City of *Edinburgh*	40	0	0
	For repairing the Firelocks and Bayonets in the Magazine of *Edinburgh* Caſtle, as *per* Account certified by the Store-keeper, and the Artificers Acquittances	674	19	11½
Feb. 3.	To Mr. *Neil Campbell*, that he expended in procuring Intelligence while at *Weem*; and for defraying the Charges he has been at during his Impriſonment with the Rebels; *per* Acquittance	94	9	6
4.	To *Donevas*, a Gentleman employed to get Intelligence, and taken Priſoner by the Rebels	5	0	0
10.	To Lieutenant *M'Neil*, ſent Expreſs to the Earl of *Sutherland*, to defray his Charges	10	0	0
28.	To Mr. *John Forreſt*, Treaſurer of the Town of *Edinburgh*, for defraying the Expence of navigating, *&c.* Six Sloops employed in the Frith of *Forth* while the Rebels were in *Fife*, *per* Account and Acquittance	222	2	2
29.	For Cloth Mittens to the Soldiers when they marched from *Sterling*, paid Mr. *Gabriel Napier*, by Bill and Acquittance	69	17	2¾
	To Lieutenant *John Stirling*, for his Service in aſſiſting the Quartermaſter-General on the March	15	0	0
	To Mr. *Patrick Campbell*, for Loaves provided in *Edinburgh* for the Uſe of the Army; and for the Charges of Tranſporting thereof from thence to the Camp, as *per* Bill and Acquittance — — — — — 377 4 8¼			
	From thence to be deducted Stoppages made on Account thereof — — — — 220 10 0			
		156	14	8¼
28.	To Doctor *George Preſton*, Intendant of the Hoſpital erected for the *Dutch* at *Linlithgow*, for Medicines bought by him for the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital, as *per* Bill and Acquittance	89	4	6
	To Mr. *John Knox*, Chirurgeon to the Gariſon of *Edinburgh* Caſtle, on Account of Medicines furniſhed by him to the ſick Priſoners in the ſaid Caſtle, *per* Acquittance	15	0	0
Mar. 17.	For Medicines, Nurſes, Wages, Candles, *&c.* for the Uſe of the Hoſpital at *Sterling*, from the 28th of *January* to the 28th of *February*, paid Mr. *Andrew Vimielle* Maſter-Surgeon, as *per* Bill and Acquittance	17	0	4
	To the Commiſſary of the Train of Artillery, additional Pay, at the Rate of 5th a Day, from the 27 *Auguſt* incluſive, to the 1ſt of *March* excluſive; the Captain and Lieutenant of the Train being unable to ſerve in the Field through Age	46	15	0
	To the Carpenter, Smith, and Collarmaker, attending the Train, their Pay for themſelves and Servants, at the Rate of 9 *s.* each *per diem*, from 15th *September* to the 9th of *January*, both incluſive	157	19	0

Mar. 17.	To the Contractors for the Horſes kept in Readineſs for the Service of the Train, purſuant to Contract, *per* their Accounts and Acquittances	299	19	7¾	
1716. *Mar.* 31.	To Mr. *Robert Hepburn* his Account of Forage furniſhed to the Troops detached from the Camp to *Edinburgh*	20	0	0	
	For ſubſiſting the Rebel Priſoners in *Edinburgh* and *Sterling*, *per* Account	264	6	2	
Apr. 4.	For Utenſils furniſhed to the Hoſpital at *Sterling*, paid Mr. *Patrick Craufurd* Surgeon, as *per* Bill and Acquittance	8	15	5	
	To Mr. *John Dickins*, for Forage furniſhed to his Majeſty's Troops at *Edinburgh*, from the 12th to the 19th *October*, when the Rebels croſſed the *Forth*, *per* Bill and Acquittance	43	6	6	
	To *George Drummond*, for his Care and Trouble in paying out, and keeping an Account of, the ſeveral Particulars mentioned in this Account; and for other conſiderable Services during the Rebellion	500	0	0	
		8,398	4	3¼	8,398 4 3¼
	To the additional Men in *Edinburgh* Caſtle, and their Officers, for Subſiſtence from the 1ſt *Auguſt* 1715 to the 20th of *November* following	150	6	8	
	To ſeveral Half-pay Officers, on Account of their Half-pay, according to an Account returned to the Pay-Office	1,118	15	10	
	Total of Payments out of the ſaid Sum of £. 10,000	9,667	6	9¼	
	Memorandum: The Two laſt-mentioned Articles, being chargeable under other Heads, for which Monies hath been granted by Parliament, are not carried out amongſt the Payments of this Account.				
1715. *Mar.* 13.	Paid *William Burroughs* Eſquire, for the like Sum expended in gaining Intelligence, *&c.* purſuant to the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	1,200	0	0	
1716.	Paid Sir *Robert Montgomery*, upon Account of ſecret Service	43	0	0	
Apr. 6.	Paid Brigadier *Preſton*, for an extraordinary Charge of Coal and Candle for *Edinburgh* Caſtle, purſuant to the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	15	5	0	
11.	Paid *Gilbert Smith*, for building Two Ovens in *Edinburgh* Caſtle, purſuant to the Duke of *Argyle*'s Warrant	22	0	0	
May 12.	Paid General *Monteſſe*, for ſo much given by him to a Ship's Crew, for ſaving Two Companies of the *Dutch* Troops, *per* Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	6	9	0	
	Paid Monſieur *Lavernede*, for going Poſt from *Harwich* to *London*, and back again	5	3	0	
18.	Paid *Eliza. Lyll*, for Bedding, *&c.* furniſhed for *Blackneſs* Caſtle, *per* General *Cadogan*'s Warrant	39	16	3	
31.	Paid Sir *Robert Anſtruther*, for his Loſs in providing 50,000 Rations of Hay and Corn for the Army near *Perth*; which, by reaſon of the ſudden Abandoning of that Place by the Rebels, remained on his Hands; purſuant to the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	500	0	0	
	Paid *Wm. Burroughs* Eſquire, to make good his Loſs on the Surplus of Proviſions diſperſed, by Order, up and down the Country	200	0	0	
	Paid *Wm. Burroughs* Eſquire, for Straw provided for the Soldiers to lie on at the ſeveral Camps in the Highlands	70	0	0	
	Paid *Thomas Blackman*, for the Loſs he ſuſtained in providing, and driving, Oxen for the Forces from *Perth* through the Highlands	60	0	0	
	Paid *Wm. Burroughs* Eſquire Nine Days Subſiſtence to Serjeant *Baugh*, and 11 Men, at 3 *l.* 5 *s. per diem*, during their Attendance at *Edinburgh* to carry Priſoners to *London*, *per* Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	29	5	0	
	Paid *ditto*, for ſo much expended by him in procuring Intelligence, and for divers other ſecret Services, *per* the Lord *Cadogan*'s Warrant	1,800	0	0	
Feb. 23.	Paid Colonel *Alexander Campbell* 60 Days Subſiſtence of 500 Men, and Officers, employed on his Majeſty's Service from 1ſt of *January* 171$\frac{5}{6}$, purſuant to the Duke of *Argyle*'s Warrant	850	0	0	
	Paid Colonel *John Campbell* Two Months Subſiſtence for 30 Men, to re-enforce *Dunbarton* Gariſon	45	0	0	
May 16.	Paid the ſeveral Officers belonging to the Hoſpital at *Sterling* 33 Days Pay, from 28 *January* to 29th *February* 171$\frac{5}{6}$, purſuant to the Duke of *Argyle*'s Warrant	67	13	0	
	Paid ſeveral Officers belonging to *Linlithgow* Hoſpital, their Pay for the ſaid Time, purſuant to the Duke of *Argyle*'s Warrant	67	13	0	

December 24.	Paid *William Burroughs* Eſquire for his Trouble in taking Charge of the Country-Horſes attending the Army, and in ſtating their Accounts — — — — —	200	0	0	
May 11.	Paid General *Cadogan* upon Account of his Pay as General Officer in *Scotland* — — — — —	1,500	0	0	
	Paid Colonel *Lawrence* for particular Services done by him in *Scotland* — — — — —	300	0	0	
	Paid Sir *Robert Pollock*, Governor of Fort *William*, for ſo much diſburſed by him in ſeveral Neceſſaries for the ſaid Gariſon, and for the Regiment of Foot doing Duty there, purſuant to his Royal Highneſs's Warrant — — —	543	0	0	
	Paid General *Wightman* for his contingent Expences during the time he commanded in Chief in *North Britain* — —	888	11	6	
	Paid the Regiments of Dragoons of Major-General *Evans*, Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*, and Earl of *Stairs*, for Horſes loſt by them at the Battle of *Dunblain*, to enable them to recruit, purſuant to his Royal Highneſs's Warrant — —	1,344	0	0	
	Paid the Earl of *Portmore*'s Regiment of Dragoons, to make good the like Loſs at the ſaid Battle, purſuant to his Royal Highneſs's Warrant — — — — —	204	0	0	
	Paid Major-General *Sabine* for his contingent Expences during the time he commanded in Chief in *North Britain*, purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant — — — —	495	10	0	
	Paid Mr. *John Knox*, Surgeon to the Caſtle of *Edinburgh*, for his Attendance, and Medicines furniſhed by him to the Rebel Priſoners committed to the ſaid Caſtle — — —	55	15	0	
	Paid to the Regiments of Foot of *Shannon*, *Wills*, *Montagu*, *Maccartny*, *Grant*, *Morryſon*, *Wightman*, *Clayton*, and *Egerton*, for their extraordinary Expences for Baggage, and Forage-money, during the Campaign in *North Britain*, all the time of the late Rebellion, purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant	4,114	9	4	
	Paid Mr. *Patrick Crawford*, Surgeon, for Medicines, and Attendance on the Sick and wounded Priſoners in the Caſtle of *Stirling* — — — — —	32	15	10	
	Paid the Earl of *Sutherland*, upon Account of the extraordinary Contingencies during the time of the Rebellion — —	2,000	0	0	
	Paid the additional Officers and Men to *Edinburgh* Caſtle, from the 1ſt *Auguſt* 1715, to the 12 *March* 17$\frac{1}{4}$, purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant — — — —	1,206	16	0	
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	Paid out of Monies received by Major-General *Whetham* from the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in *Scotland*, for the following Services; *viz.*				
1715.					
Auguſt 28.	To *Robert Campbell*, of the Train — — —	21	10	0	
	To *Gilbert Moor* Eſquire, for Forage — — —	161	5	0	
Sep. 5.	To Mr. *Campbell*, for Intelligence — — —	20	0	0	
10.	To *Francis Fairford*, for Intelligence — — —	21	0	0	
15.	To Mr. *Moor*, for Forage — — — —	161	5	0	
	To Mr. *Campbell*, for Contingencies — — —	2	4	6	
	Paid for Expreſſes, and other contingent Charges — —	40	0	0	
	For Major-General *Whetham*'s Pay, and his Aid-de-Camp —	415	16	0	
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	Paid for the extraordinary Charge of carrying Monies for the Subſiſtence, and other Services, of the Forces in *Scotland*, during the time of the Rebellion, purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant — — — — —				696 10 2
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Pay-Office, *May* 14th, 1717. *Lincoln.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants trading to, and reſiding in, *New-York* and *New-England*, was referred.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 15° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Cholmley*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Grant*, Mr. *Edgcombe*, Mr. *Monroe*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *Robert Furneſs*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Nevil*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Benſon*,

ſon, Sir *Edward Ernle*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Sir *Wm. Johnſton*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Cuningham*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Chandler*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Jordan:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrier* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to ſtate the Accounts of, and the Debts due to, the General Officers of the Army, who ſerved abroad in the late War, during the time of their actual Service, to complete the full Pay of, and Forage for, their reſpective Services, according to the Commiſſions they then had.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 16° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being acquainted, That Mr. *Martyn*, Inſpector-General of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, preſented to the Houſe their Returns to Orders of the Tenth and Eleventh Inſtant; together with an Account ſhewing the annual Value of *Britiſh* Woollen Manufactures exported from *England* to *Germany*, in the Fourteen diſtinct Years from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Two to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; and alſo, an Account ſhewing the Quantity, and Duties, of Lint-ſeed imported into *England* from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen.

And then he withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of Sir *John Trevelyan* Baronet, and *James Milner* Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Members for . . . Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, the Petitioners, and *Samuel Edwin* and *Thomas Gage* Eſquires, ſtood Candidates: That, according to the ancient Uſage of the ſaid Borough, the Right of Execution and Return of the Precept is in the Conſtables of the ſaid Borough; but *Joſeph Brown* Eſquire, Sheriff of *Somerſet*, in Prejudice of the Petitioners, directed his Precept *burgenſibus et electoribus burgi de Minhead*; however, took care to deliver the ſaid Precept unto One of the Conſtables, and inſiſted upon his Return: That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a Majority of legal Votes, and ſo declared by the Conſtables; and notwithſtanding Indentures, duly executed by the ſaid Conſtables, and the Majority of the ſaid Burgeſſes and Electors, were tendered to the ſaid Sheriff, yet he refuſed to receive the ſame, or to return the Petitioners; but the Sheriff, in Prejudice to the Petitioners, affixed an Indenture, prepared by ſome few of the Burgeſſes and Electors, whereby Mr. *Edwin* and Mr. *Gage* are mentioned to be elected for the ſaid Borough: And praying, That the Indentures ſo affixed to the ſaid Writ may be taken off from the ſame; and that the Indentures, by which the Petitioners were returned, may, inſtead thereof, be affixed thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That *John Browning*, of *Shepton-Mallett*, do attend this Houſe upon *Wedneſday* next, when the High Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet* are to attend this Houſe.

A Petition of *John Day*, *Joſeph Quaſh*, *Jacob Roiz Mendez*, *Samuel Johnſon*, *James Graham*, *Richard Smith*, *Antony Fancourt*, *Richard Temple*, *John Payne*, *Mary Powell*, *James Wayte*, *John Foote*, *Benjamin Robinſon*, and many others, who have been Merchants and conſiderable Traders in *London*, and other Parts of *Great Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That all the Petitioners, and many other Merchants and Traders, by great Loſſes and Misfortunes, became Bankrupts, and Commiſſions were awarded againſt them, before the Expiration of the Acts, of the Fourth and Fifth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for preventing Frauds frequently committed by Bankrupts; and they have, in Obedience thereto, ſurrendered themſelves, and diſcovered and delivered up all their Eſtates and Effects to the Commiſſioners, for the Benefit of their Creditors; and ſeveral of the Petitioners have obtained ſuch Certificates as the ſaid Acts require; and that the Commiſſioners now doubt their Authority to make ſuch Certificates, becauſe the ſaid Acts are expired: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Commiſſioners of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, for the Time being, to confirm ſuch Certificates as were made by the ſaid Commiſſioners before the ſaid Acts expired.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *John Ward*, and Mr. *Heyſham*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Glouceſter*, in the room of *Matthew Ducy Moreton* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

Ordered, That Sir *Richard Fowler* Baronet have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks; his Father being dead.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of Sixty-one thouſand Seven hundred Seven Pounds Three Shillings Two Pence, reſting unſatisfied upon the Low Wine Act, which expired the Twenty-fourth of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen, and the Intereſt thereupon, be granted to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe.

2d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of Three hundred fourteen thouſand Two hundred Nineteen Pounds Eleven Shillings Two Pence Farthing, reſting unſatisfied upon the Duties on Candles, by the Act which expired the Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen, and the Intereſt thereupon, be granted to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe.

3d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Five hundred ſeventy-ſeven thouſand Fourteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings One Peny Farthing, be granted to his Majeſty, for making good the Deficiencies of the Supplies which were granted to his Majeſty in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament.

The Firſt and Second Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Third Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words; "of which "the Sum of Three hundred thirty-four thouſand Two "hundred Thirty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings One Peny "Three Farthings to be applied towards the diſcharging "the Debt of the Navy, as it ſtood the Thirty-firſt of "*December* One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixteen:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That a Sum, not exceeding Five hundred ſeventy-ſeven thouſand Fourteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings One Peny Farthing, be granted to his Majeſty, for making good the Deficiencies of the Supplies which were granted to his Majeſty in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; of which the Sum of Three hundred thirty-four thouſand Two hundred Thirty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings One Peny Three Farthings to be applied towards the diſcharging the Debt of the Navy, as it ſtood the Thirty-firſt of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioner of Tranſports to lay before this Houſe all ſuch Directions as he has received, or given, and ſuch Letters and Papers as are in his Hands, relating to the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops; and all Accounts and Demands relating to the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Lord *William Powlett* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 17° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of poor inſolvent Debtors, Priſoners in the County-Gaol of *Middleſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That many Priſoners there be, who lie confined at the Suit of One or Two malicious Creditors, contrary to the Deſire of the many others they ſtand indebted to; notwithſtanding they are willing to ſtrip themſelves naked, for Satisfaction; but continue thereby hindered of Improvements, which a convenient Liberty might produce: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surry*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, very great Quantities of Oak Bark, peculiar for Tanning of Leather, have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*; to the great Prejudice of the Tanning Trade; and there hath been great Quantities of *Iriſh* Hides imported into *Great Britain*; and then the Petitioners, having the Addition of ſuch *Iriſh* Hides added to their Home-ſlaughter, were in a better Capacity to improve their Trade than now they are in, by reaſon of the heavy Duty upon Hides and Skins, when tanned; but *Ireland* paying no Duty; for which Reaſon, they ſupply foreign Markets at a much cheaper Rate than They can: And praying, That the Exportation

portation of Oak-bark out of *Great Britain* may be prevented for the future.

A Petition of the Tanners inhabiting in the City of *Briſtol* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark have been exported, and ſtill continues to be, from the City of *Briſtol*, and other Parts adjacent, for *Ireland*, where there are no Duties chargeable on tanned Leather; which have put a Stop to the Importation of *Iriſh* Hides and Skins; to the great Detriment, if not the utter Ruin, of the Tanning Trade: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

A Petition of the Tanners within the County of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſeveral Years laſt paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark has been exported from this Part of the Kingdom to *Ireland*, and other foreign Parts, where there is no Duties on Hides; to the great Diſcouragement of the Petitioners: And praying, That the Exportation of Barks may be prohibited, or a Duty to be laid thereon.

A Petition of Tanners, Curriers, and other Workers and Dealers in Leather, in *Dalverton*, *Bampton*, *Tiverton*, *South Moulton*, *Barnſtable*, *Biddeford*, *Torrington*, *Houlſworthy*, and *Stratton*, in Part of the Counties of *Somerſet*, *Devon*, and *Cornwal*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſeveral Years paſt, great Quantities of Oak-bark have been exported from theſe Parts of the Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other foreign Parts, where there is no Duties on Hides; and they have not a Sufficiency of Bark left to carry on their Trades; to the manifeſt Ruin of their Trade in general: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited, or a Duty laid thereon.

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* in the ancient Borough of *Cirenceſter*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark for the Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice of the Tanning Trade here; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Tanning Trade, which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Exeter* Collection, in the County of *Devon*, for and in behalf of themſelves, and others of the ſame Trade, within the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſeveral Years paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark having been exported from this Part of the Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other foreign Parts, where there is no Duty on Hides, that there is not a Sufficiency left to carry on their Trades; to the manifeſt Ruin of many poor Families, and to the great Diſcouragement of the Petitioners: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides, *&c.* in the City of *Hereford*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark for Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade here; which muſt undoubtedly ruin the Leather Trade, if not timely prevented; and which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, within the Corporation of *Liverpoole*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and Towns and Places adjacent in the ſaid County, was read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Oak-bark has been exported from this Port, and other Parts of this Country, into *Ireland*, and other Parts beyond the Seas, where no Duty on Hides is payable: That they have not a ſufficient . . . . . left to carry on their Trades; to the manifeſt Ruin of many poor Families: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* of *Roſs*, in the County of *Hereford*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark for Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade here; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Leather Trade; which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

A Petition of the Aldermen, Stewards, and Company of Tanners, in the City of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under great Difficulties in the Exerciſe of their Trade, by reaſon of the great Quantities of Oak-bark exported from theſe Parts of *Great Britain* into *Ireland*; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade here; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Tanning Trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Oak may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Petitions be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *White*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Thomas D'Ath*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Lord *Barrymore*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Maiſters*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Bladen*, Lord *Shelbourn*, Mr. *Drew*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Somerſet*, *Hereford*, *Cornwall*, *Lancaſter*, *Devon*, and *Monmouth*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do conſider the Laws relating to the Felling of Timber at ſuch time only when the Bark will run.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of Yeſterday, had been preſented to his Majeſty, concerning the Directions, Letters, and Papers, relating to the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions to the Commiſſioner of Tranſports to lay the ſaid Directions, Letters, and Papers, before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Birch* be added to the Gentlemen who are directed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts.

A Bill to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion of Fourteen hundred Pounds provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate, notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Beere*, Mr. *Broderick*, Lord *Barrymore*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Cater*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Petoe*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Hen. Bertie*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Guib-*

Guibbon, Sir *Nico. Carew*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *White*, Lord *Shelbourne*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Fiſher Tench*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Morgan*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Hamlet of *Hamerſmith*, in the Pariſh of *Fulham*, and in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, made in the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repairing and amending the Highways between *Tyburn* and *Uxbridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, all Perſons chargeable towards repairing the Highways of any of the reſpective Pariſhes, in which the Highway, or Road, intended to be repaired by that Act, lies, and are obliged, under certain Penalties, to do Three Days Work in or upon the Highway, or Road, intended to be repaired by that Act: That the Highway, or Road, thereby intended to be repaired there, lies within the Pariſh of *Fulham* only about a Quarter of a Mile, and in the Pariſh of *Kenſington* not Half a Mile; and thoſe Parts need very little Repairing: That the Three Days Work, which is Half the Statute-work of the ſaid Hamlet, in ſo ſmall a Part of their Highways, is a very unequal Proportion in reſpect of the reſt of the Highways, and diſables them from maintaining the reſt of their Highways: And praying, That ſome Proviſion may be made for adjuſting the Proportion of the Petitioners Statute-work; and for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, to make Rates, and levy Money, within the ſaid Pariſh, for finiſhing the ſaid Pariſh-Church, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surrey*, by Rates upon Funerals, to finiſh the ſaid Pariſh-Church.

Ordered, That Mr. *Onſlow* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account ſhewing the Produce of the Six Pence *per* Piece upon all *Britiſh* Linens exported from *England* between *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen and *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; alſo, what the Duties, *ad valorem*, of *Iriſh* Linen exported, have produced; and what *Hamborough* Linens have been re-exported, for the ſame time; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account ſhewing the Quantity, and Duties, of Lint-ſeed imported into *England* from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do conſider of that Part of the Act of the Twelfth Year of King *Charles* the Second, for Tonage and Poundage, and Merchandize exported, which relates to the laying the Duty of Six Pence *per* Piece of Forty Ells on *Britiſh* Linen exported; and alſo of the Act of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, by which the ſaid Duty is further continued.

Ordered, That Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Mr. *Chandler*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 18° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* in the ancient Borough of *Tewkesbury*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark for Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade there; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubted.. ruin the Leather Trade, which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and other Petitions, complaining of the Exporting of Bark, are referred.

A Petition of the ſeveral Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* within the Corporation of *Kendall*, in the County of *Weſtmorland*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark for Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice of the Tanning Trade there; which, if not ſpeedily prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Leather Trade, which is One of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and other Petitions, complaining of the exporting Bark, are referred.

A Petition of the Curriers and Shoemakers in the Corporation of *Kendall*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, of the Leather Trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is a very great Prejudice to the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in Leather, who now cannot furniſh themſelves with ſufficient Stocks to carry on their Trade, by reaſon the Tanners have not the Benefit of tanning *Iriſh* Hides and Skins, as they had ſome Years paſt, when little or no Bark was exported; which, if not ſpeedily prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Leather Trade: And praying to remove the Cauſe of this their great Grievance,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and other Petitions, complaining of the exporting Bark, are referred.

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* in the City of *Glouceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantities of Bark have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, and other Places; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade there; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubtedly ruin the Leather Trade; which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surry*, and other Petitions, complaining of the exporting Bark, are referred.

A Petition of the ſeveral Perſons, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Tanners of Hides, *&c.* in the City of *Worceſter*, and County of the ſame, and City of *Coventry*, and Town of *Warwick*, and County of the ſame, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, of late Years, great Quantity of Bark for Tanning of Leather have been, and ſtill is, exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*; to the great Prejudice and Deſtruction of the Tanning Trade there; which, if not timely prevented, muſt undoubted.. ruin the Leather Trade, which is One of the chiefeſt Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and other Petitions, complaining of the exporting Bark, are referred.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors, now in the common Gaol for the County of *Hertford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by Loſſes, and other Misfortunes, are brought into a cloſe Confinement in the common Gaol aforeſaid; and, this Gaol having no Allowance for Debtors, they rely only on the Charity of well-diſpoſed Chriſtians: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of near One hundred inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's Gaol for the County of *Bedford*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the ſeveral Gaols of *South Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by great Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement, where they ſuffer unſpeakable Miſeries; through which they are daily periſhing for Want, and not in any Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Sheriff's Priſon, or Ward, in the Pariſh of *St. Thomas the Apoſtle*, in and for the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are in a moſt miſerable and deplorable Condition; not having any Subſtance to live upon; and are a ſtarving for want of Food and Neceſſaries: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Grantham*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; preſented to the Houſe their Report touching the Eſtates of Traitors, *&c.* in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ingram* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Cholmley* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Serjeant *Birch* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts: And the ſame was received; and ordered to be read upon *Monday* Morning next.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for examining, taking, and ſtating, the publick Accounts of the Kingdom;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported, That the Committee had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Sir *Richard Farrington*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Dr. *Paſhe*, Mr. *Inge*,

Mr. *Levinz*, Sir *Peter Mew*, be added to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Laws now in being to prevent clandeſtine Marriages; and how thoſe Laws may be made more effectual.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 20° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in a ſtreight and nauſeous Gaol, kept at the Town of *Rothwell* for the Honour of *Pontefract*, in the County of *York*; unto which ſaid Gaol there is no Allowance towards the Maintenance of poor Debtors; in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by many Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement; where they ſuffer unſpeakable Miſeries, and are daily periſhing for Want; and not in a Capacity of making Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in *Hereford* County-Gaol, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, through Misfortunes, are reduced, and brought into Confinement; whereby they ſuffer unſpeakable Calamities; and are daily ſuffering Want; and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the Priſon of *Newgate*, in the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, are become the Objects of human Pity, and are daily ſuffering Want; and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie upon the Table.

A Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was, according to Order, read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *William Hartley*, *Edward Jenkinſon*, *Richard Wodell*, *Thomas Joſeph*, *John Perry*, *Daniel Gyles*, *Francis Caves*, *Thomas Watkins*, *Thomas Caves*, and *John Waldern*, Creditors for Work done, and Materials found, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, on the behalf of themſelves, and divers other like Creditors, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act of Parliament, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highway between *Fornhill*, in the County of *Bedford*, and the Town of *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, ſeveral Powers are thereby granted to the Truſtees therein named, for Raiſing and Borrowing of Money, to be diſburſed and laid . . . in amending the ſaid Roads, according to the Directions of the ſaid Act; it being preſumed, that the Toll for the Term granted would have anſwered the End of the ſaid Act, great Debts were contracted with the Petitioners, for Carriage of Stones, Gravel, and other Materials, from ſeveral Places remote from the ſaid Road; but the Monies ariſing by the Toll were not ſufficient to diſcharge the ſaid Debts: Therefore, to make the ſaid Act more effectual, it was, by another Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for makeing more effectual the ſaid Act for repairing the aforeſaid Road, and ſeveral Clauſes and Proviſoes in the ſaid Acts mentioned: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for amending, and making more effectual, the ſaid Acts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Thomas Wheat*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Powlett*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Inge*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Pringle*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Longueville*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Chulmley*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Bucks*, *Warwick*, *Northampton*, *Lancaſter*, *Cheſter*, and *Stafford*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Elections for the Boroughs of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*; of *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*; and of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*; be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis,

Martis, 21° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Coleby*, the Commiſſioner for Tranſports, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe Copies of all Directions received and given, and of all Letters, and other Papers and Accounts, relating to the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops, by the Commiſſioner for Tranſports, between the Sixteenth of *November* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen and the Nineteenth of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen: And alſo,

An Account of the Tranſport-charge in forwarding the *Dutch* Troops, taken into his Majeſty's Service during the late Rebellion, to *Leith*, upon their landing at *Harwich*, *Yarmouth*, and *Hull*, in *November* One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen: And alſo,

An Account of the whole Charge of the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops, taken into his Majeſty's Service during the late Rebellion, back to *Holland*, in *June* and *July* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Copies and Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies and Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

And the ſaid Copies and Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cholmley* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *Margaret* Counteſs of *Ranelagh* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill now depending before this Houſe, intituled, A Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*; and, if the ſaid Bill ſhould paſs into a Law, it would very much prejudice the Petitioner: And praying, That ſhe may be heard, by her Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, is committed: And that the Petitioner be heard, before the Committee, by her Counſel, if ſhe ſhall think fit.

Sir *George Warrender* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Provoſt, Magiſtrates, and Council, of the City of *Edinburgh*, in behalf of themſelves, and the Community of the ſaid City, was referred, the Matter of Fact, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, the 13th of *May* inſtant, have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find,

That, in the Year 1693, the publick Debt of the City of *Edinburgh* amounted to the Sum of 82,913 *l.* 16 *s.* 9½ *d.*; and that, by an Act of Parliament paſſed in *Scotland*, the 13th *June* 1693, a Duty of Two Penies *Scots* is laid upon every Pint of Ale and Beer brewed, brought in, vended, tapped, and ſold, within the Town of *Edinburgh*, Suburbs and Liberties thereof, to be paid to the Magiſtrates, for a Term not exceeding Thirty Years, to commence on the 1ſt Day *July* 1693; which Duty is appropriated for Payment as well of the Intereſt of the Debt aforeſaid, as of the principal Sum due from the ſaid Town, for the Term of Three Years; and, after the Expiration of the Term of Three Years, the ſame is appropriated for the Payment of the principal Debt only; and then the Intereſt of the ſaid Debt, by that Act, is directed to be paid out of the other Revenues of the Town, and not out of the Duty ariſing by the ſaid Act:

And, out of the ſaid Duty, the Sum of Two thouſand Marks *Scots per Annum* is, by that Act, to be paid to the *French* Miniſters, during the *French* Perſecution, and Continuance of the ſaid Duty, and no longer.

That, by an Account produced to the Committee, it appeared, that the groſs Produce of the Duty ariſing by the ſaid Act, between the 1ſt of *July* 1693, and the 1ſt *July* 1710, amounted only to the Sum of 76,511 *l.* 0 *s.* 0¾ *d.*; and that the Duty, ariſing during the remaining 13 Years of the ſaid Term, was farmed towards diſcharging a Debt of 45,583 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* with the Intereſt due, and growing due, for the ſame:

That the ſaid Act, reſtraining the Magiſtrates of the Town from applying any more of that Duty towards diſcharging the Intereſt of the ſaid Debt of 82,913 *l.* 16 *s.* 9½ *d.* than what ſhould ariſe in the Three Firſt Years, did put the Town under a Neceſſity of borrowing Money to diſcharge ſuch Intereſt as ſhould become due for the ſaid Debt after the Firſt Three Years; the whole Produce of that Duty not being equal to the annual Intereſt of the Firſt Debt.

That, by another Account produced to the Committee, it appeared, that the whole Revenue of the Town, excluſive of the Duty aforeſaid, between *Michaelmas* 1699 and *Michaelmas* 1706, amounted to — — — 43,772 *l.* 4 *s.* 1 *d.*

And, between *Michaelmas* 1706 and *Michaelmas* 1713, to — — 38,760 *l.* 14 *s.* 1 *d.*

And, in the Years 1713, 1714, amounted to — — — 10,330 *l.* 4 *s.* 10 *d.*

So, upon comparing the Accounts, it appears, That there has been a gradual Decreaſe of the Revenue of the Town ſince the Union; and that the Difference between the annual Revenue at the Union, and in the Year 1715, hath been — — — 1,088 *l.* 1 *s.* 1¼ *d.*

That the Committee called Mr. *George Irvin*: Who ſaid, He had examined the Accounts produced to the Committee; and that the ſame were true, and ſigned by the Accountant-General: He further ſaid, That the publick Works, in regard they had been much neglected many Years, would coſt a very conſiderable Sum of Money to repair them as they ought to be; and that it was abſolutely neceſſary to inlarge the Harbour of *Leith*, and deepen the Chanel thereof; and alſo to build and endow Two new Churches, and a Work-houſe for the Poor of the ſaid Town.

That it alſo appeared to the Committee, That the Trade of the City, and its Suburbs, is very much decayed ſince the Year 1707, the Time of the Union, for want of the

uſual Concourſe of the Nobility and Gentry, which came there by reaſon of the Parliament, Privy-Council, and Treaſury; and thereby all the Branches of . . . Revenue are diminiſhed, and great Numbers of the Inhabitants of the Town are reduced to Poverty:

That, by reaſon of the late unnatural Rebellion, the ſaid Town borrowed, for Defending and Support of the ſame, excluſive of what was laid out by Order of the Publick, the Sum of 3,000 *l.*; which . . ſtill a Debt upon the Town.

That, upon Examination of the whole Matter, it appeared to the Committee, That the ſaid City is greatly in Debt; and that the Deficiency of the publick Revenue will inevitably increaſe the ſame; and if the Works aforeſaid, which have .... long neglected, ſhould be carried on, the whole Debt of the ſaid Town will, on the 1ſt Day of *July* 1723, when the Duty aforeſaid expires, by Eſtimation, amount to 60,236 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.*; which Debt cannot be paid off by the Town, unleſs the Term in the ſaid Duty be prolonged, or that ſome other Proviſion be made for diſcharging the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City: And that Sir *George Warrender*, and Mr. *Daniel Campbell*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *John Fletcher* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner did, in *November* 1712, load on board the *Salmon* of *Belfaſt*, *Alexander Mackeny* Maſter, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, 1,040 Buſhels of white Salt, in the Port of *Cheſter*; the Duty of which amounted to 173 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*: The ſaid Ship, in her Voyage, met with a violent Storm, which forced her on Shore in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; whereby the ſaid Ship, Salt, and Crew, were loſt, except one Man and a Boy; and the Petitioner having no Notice of the Loſs of the ſaid Ship within the Time allowed by Law; and is deprived of the Relief the Law provides in ſuch Caſes: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Mr. *Jourdan*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Hern*, Lord *Powlett*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Bar. Shute*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Baily*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Tuffnel*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Winſtanley*: And they are to meet at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Commiſſioners for the Salt-duty, before they make their Report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Zachary Baily*, Mr. *John Vicary*, *Benjamin Baſton*, *Hugh Prole*, *William Ring*, and *John Pitt*, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, when the High Sheriff and Under Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet* are to attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do bring with him, To-morrow Morning, the Returns to this Parliament for the County of *Somerſet*.

A Petition of *George Speake* Eſquire, Lord of the Manor of *Alcombe*, in the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is informed, that *John Jones* and *George James* have declared themſelves to be Conſtables of the Borough aforeſaid: That the Petitioner is Lord of the Manor and Tything of *Alcombe*, which is a conſiderable Part of the ſaid Borough; and the Inhabitants, being Pot-boilers, have always voted at all Elections: That the ſaid Conſtables have no Authority in any Part of the ſaid Manor belonging to the Petitioner; but the Tythingman, choſen in the ſaid Manor, is the only proper Officer there: And praying, That he may be heard, by his Counſel, before any Reſolution be made.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Debtors, Priſoners in his Majeſty's Gaol at the Caſtle of *York*, on behalf of themſelves, and their Fellow-ſufferers in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are in cloſe Confinement, without any Benefit or Liberty of Rules; and are reduced to ſuch extreme Poverty, that they are utterly diſabled to ſatisfy their juſt Debts, for which they are confined: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Relief of inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols of this Kingdom: And that Sir *William Lowther*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Carter*, and Mr. *Bracebridge*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *John Ward* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Six, and before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two Judges, to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and the Fifth, of the late Queen, are expired: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That *Thomas Lewis* Eſquire, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Monmouth*, have Leave to go to the *Bath*, for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of the Officers of the Two *Britiſh* Regiments of Foot, commanded by Brigadier *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*, late in the Service of the States-General of the *United Provinces*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Regiments were levied in *Scotland* in the .... 1687 and 1688, and ſent to *Flanders* on the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment; whereon they continued till after the Peace of *Ryſwick*; being then ordered by his late Majeſty King *William* into the Service of the States-General: That, when the *Dutch* Blue-Guards were ſent out of *England*, the ſaid Regiments were diſmiſſed by the States, and brought home to *Scotland*: That, upon Appearance of a War, after the Deceaſe of the late King of *Spain*, the States demanding Aſſiſtance, King *William* was pleaſed again to order the ſaid Two Regiments into the States Service: That, after their long and faithful Services, they were diſbanded by the States in *April* laſt, in Circumſtances ſo neceſſitous, that ſeveral of their Officers are forced to remain in *Holland*, for want of Money to pay for tranſporting them into their native Country: And praying, That, in Conſideration of their long and faithful Services, ſome Proviſion may be made for them.

Mr. *Craggs*, Secretary at War, acquainted the Houſe, That, the Petitioners Caſe having been humbly repreſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty had commanded him to acquaint the Houſe, That he was willing the Petitioners ſhould have ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions,

rections, That a Liſt of the Officers of the late Regiments of Foot, commanded by Brigadier *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Particulars of the Sum of Two thouſand One hundred Six Pounds Twelve Shillings Eight Pence, with Copies of the Vouchers and Authorities for paying the ſame, charged for bringing the Six thouſand *Dutch* Troops from their reſpective Gariſons to *Oſtend*, in order to embark for *Great Britain*, at the time of the late Rebellion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Particulars of the Sum of Nine hundred Ninety-two Pounds Three Shillings Six Pence, with Copies of the Vouchers and Authorities for paying the ſame, for Tents, Sacks, and other Neceſſaries, ſaid to be delivered to the ſaid Six thouſand *Dutch* Forces.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Copies of all Contracts made for tranſporting the ſaid Troops to *Great Britain*; and Copies of all Vouchers and Authorities for paying any Sums of Money relating to the ſame; may be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of all Bills of Exchange drawn from abroad upon the reſpective Offices of *Great Britain* in the Years One thouſand Seven hundred Fifteen, and One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, for or on account of the late Rebellion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, at One of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 22° die Maii;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol in the County of *Leiceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement, where they ſuffer unſpeakable Miſeries; through which they are daily periſhing for Want, and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors and Priſoners in his Majeſty's Gaol in the Caſtle of *Lancaſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are, moſt of them, confined for very ſmall Debts; and are ready and willing to reſign up all their Eſtate and Effects to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of *Joſeph Boone* and *Richard Beresford*, Agents from the Commons Houſe of Aſſembly of the Colony of *South Carolina*, in *America*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his late Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, by his Letters Patents, did grant to *Edward* Earl of *Clarendon*, then Lord Chancellor of *England*, and others, their Heirs and Aſſigns, the Province of *Carolina*, as a County Palatine, in common Socage, under the yearly Rent of Twenty Marks; and did thereby conſtitute them abſolute Proprietors of the ſaid Province; with Powers to build Forts, and raiſe and exerciſe armed Men, to defend themſelves againſt the barbarous Nation of the *Indians:* That, upon the Encouragement given in the ſaid Charters, divers Families of Merchants, and others, tranſported themſelves to the ſaid Province, and there ſettled, and expended great Sums of Money in planting and ſtrengthening the ſaid ..... and have carried on a great Trade from thence to *Great Britain*; to the great Improvement of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms and Revenues: That, about Two Years ſince, the *Indians* came down, in great Multitudes, upon his Majeſty's Subjects inhabiting in the ſaid Colony, and invaded the ſame, and killed great Numbers of the Planters, and other Inhabitants thereof; and have, ever ſince that time, by the Inſtigation of the *French* and *Spaniards*, continued a barbarous and bloody War againſt the Inhabitants thereof: That the ſaid Colony produceth great Quantities of valuable Commodities, and alſo all Naval Stores; ſo that, if the ſaid Province ſhould be overcome by the *Indians*, it would not only be a great Loſs to his Majeſty, his Cuſtoms and Revenues, ariſing from the Trade of the ſaid Colony; but will alſo, in time, tend to the Prejudice and Ruin of many other of his Majeſty's Colonies on the Continent of *America:* And praying, That the ..... deplorable State of the ſaid Colony into Conſideration, and give them Relief therein.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, That they do conſider the Laws for laying Duties upon Lint-ſeed imported into this Kingdom.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, with the Return for the

Borough of *Minehead*, and with the other Returns, with which he was ordered to attend this Day.

Ordered, That the High Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet* do then attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Perſons, who were ordered to attend this Houſe this Day, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 23° die Maii;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of divers Gentlemen, Merchants, great Traders, and others, on behalf of themſelves, and ſuch others, inſolvent Debtors, now Priſoners in the City-Gaol of *Norwich*, and County of the ſame, for Debt, and have been for ſeveral Years laſt paſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by many great Loſſes, and unforeſeen Accidents, the Petitioners became inſolvent; and that their Misfortunes have, in a great meaſure, been owing to the inevitable Conſequences of the War: And praying, That a more extenſive Act, than the late Act of Parliament, for Relief of inſolvent Debtors, may paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Sir *George Warrender* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, the Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of *Tueſday* laſt, That a Liſt of the Officers of the Regiments commanded by ..... *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*; and for ſeveral Accounts and Vouchers relating to the Six thouſand *Dutch* Troops; have been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers, That the ſaid Liſt, Account, and Vouchers, be laid before this Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That the Collectors of the Toll upon the Road between *Royſton*, in the County of *Hertford*, and *Wandisford* Bridge, in the County of *Huntingdon*, attended;

They were called in; and preſented to the Houſe a Book of Orders, and ſeveral Accounts, relating to the ſaid Toll.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Book, and Accounts, were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Book, and Accounts, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Book, and Accounts, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Bill for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, upon the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Morice*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Bacon*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Charles Wager*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Tuffnell*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Sir *Thomas Lee*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Lord *Hertford*, Mr. *Herne*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Kent* and *Suſſex*, and the Cinque-Ports; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Morice*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County, was committed; and to whom Two Petitions againſt the ſaid Bill were referred; acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee appointed a Time to hear the Petitioners; but that they did not think fit to attend at the Time appointed, or proſecute their Petitions; and that, thereupon, the Committee proceeded upon the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to it; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

The Clerk of the Crown attending, according to Order, with the Return for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*;

The Indenture of Return of Mr. *Edwin* and Mr. *Gage*, annexed to the Writ, and returned by the High Sheriff to the Clerk of the Crown, dated the Eleventh of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, *per burgenſes et electores burgi*, was read:

The Sheriff's Receipt for the Writ, dated the Fifth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, indorſed upon the Writ, was read; and alſo his Return indorſed *per Indentur' annex'*.

Then *Joſeph Brown* Eſquire, the High Sheriff, was called in; and delivered in the Receipt, dated the Sixth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, which his Meſſenger took upon the Delivery of the Precept, ſigned *John Jones* Conſtable: Which Receipt was read.

And then the ſaid Mr. *Browne* withdrew.

Then

Then *John Jones*, One of the Conſtables of the ſaid Borough, was called in; who produced Two Precepts, with Receipts indorſed thereupon; and Two Indentures of Return: Which were read.

And then the ſaid *John Jones* withdrew.

The Firſt Precept was directed *burgens' et elector'*; dated Fifth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen:

The Receipt indorſed thereupon, dated Sixth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, *per John Jones* Conſtable:

The Return, dated the Eleventh of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, *per conſtabular' et communitat' burgi.*

The Second Precept was directed *burgens' et elector'*; dated Fifth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen:

The Receipt indorſed, dated Ninth of *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, *per John Jones:*

The Return, dated Eleventh *April* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, *per burgens' et elector' burgi.*

And the ſaid Mr. *Brown* the High Sheriff, Mr. *Goldfinch* the Under-Sheriff, the ſaid *John Jones*, and Mr. *Blake*, One of the Burgeſſes, were ſeverally called in; and examined: Upon whoſe Evidence it appeared, That the High Sheriff ſent Two Precepts to the Borough, both dated the ſame Day, and directed to the Burgeſſes and Electors; with Orders to deliver the ſame to the Conſtables; and that the Occaſion of ſending the Second Precept was, for fear there might be a Miſtake in the Firſt; which had been made out by a Clerk, in the Abſence of the Under-Sheriff:

And alſo, that the Sitting Members, as ſoon as they had polled all they could poll, withdrew from the Court to Mr. *Blake*'s, a private Houſe; and there the Poll was caſt up, as it ſtood when the Sitting Members withdrew; and, upon ſuch Caſting-up, it appeared, that the Sitting Members had the Majority: Upon which, ſuch of the Burgeſſes as withdrew from the Court with the Sitting Members, made a Return of the Sitting Members; and immediately diſpatched the ſame to the High Sheriff:

That the Conſtables went on with the Poll for a conſiderable Time after the Sitting Members were withdrawn; and then the Books were cloſed; and, upon caſting up the Poll, it appeared, that Sir *John Trevelyan* and Mr. *Milner* had the Majority; and the Conſtables made a Return of Sir *John Trevelyan* and Mr. *Milner* accordingly; which Return they ſent to the High Sheriff; but the High Sheriff refuſed to receive the ſaid Return, becauſe he had, Twenty-four Hours before that Return came to his Hands, returned the other to the Clerk of the Crown: And that no Precept was annexed to either of the ſaid Returns.

After the ſaid Witneſſes had been examined; and they had been withdrawn;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Merits of the Election and Return for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Gibbon:*	120.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Foley:*	189.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Indenture, ſigned by the Burgeſſes of *Minehead*, in Return to the Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet*'s Precept for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough, not being ſigned by *John Jones*, One of the ſaid Burgeſſes, to whom the ſaid Sheriff cauſed his Precept to be delivered, is an undue and inſufficient Return.

Reſolved, That the Indenture, ſigned by the ſaid *John Jones*, and other Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*, and which was tendered to the ſaid Sheriff, is a due and ſufficient Return.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do take off from the Writ the Indenture ſigned by the Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, which is not ſigned by *John Jones*, One of the ſaid Burgeſſes, to whom the Sheriff cauſed his Precept to be delivered.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of *Somerſet* do receive, and annex to the Writ, the Indenture ſigned by *John Jones*, and others of the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Petition of *John Jones* and *George James*, Conſtables of the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon this Day Three Weeks.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Petition of *George Speake* Eſquire, Lord of the Manor of *Alcombe*, in the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*, be heard at the ſame time.

Ordered, That *Samuel Edwyn* Eſquire, and *Thomas Gage* Eſquire, have Liberty to petition this Houſe, in relation to the Election for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*, within Fourteen Days next, if they think fit.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Elections for the Borough of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*; of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*; and *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*; be received upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Mannors* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent to the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid *Robert* Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton* therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton:* To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 24° die Maii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Book and Accounts relating to the Toll upon the Road between *Royſton*, in the County of *Hertford*, and *Wandisford-bridge*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *John Rogers*, General *Wade*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Herne*,

Herne, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Cholmney*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Bigg*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Morice*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Huntingdon*, *Lincoln*, *York*, *Durham*, *Cambridge*, *Northumberland*, and *Nottingham:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Strickland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion, of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate, notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Mannors* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent to the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid *Robert* Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton*, therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton*; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to order, That ſuch Directions as were ſent to his Miniſters in *Holland*, and their Anſwers, as far as they relate to the Expence of the *Dutch* Troops, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That the *South-Sea* Company, and the Bank of *England*, having laid before the Committee ſeveral Propoſals relating to the redeemable Funds, the Committee had taken the ſame into Conſideration; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions upon the ſaid Propoſals; and had alſo conſidered the Laws relating to the Duty of Six Pence *per* Piece on *Britiſh* Linen exported; and the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions in relation thereunto; all which Reſolutions, with the ſaid Propoſals, they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon this Day Sevennight.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; was committed; be now received.

Mr. *Conyers* accordingly reported, from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments the Committee had made to the Bill; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and ſome of them were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another of the ſaid Amendments, *viz.* for filling up the Blank in the Bill, Fol. 7. L. 6. was read a Second time, for laying a Penalty upon all Perſons wilfully neglecting, or refuſing, to regiſter their Names, and Eſtates, within the Time limited, or committing any Fraud in ſuch Regiſtry: Which Amendment is thus; "To forfeit ſuch "Eſtate and Intereſt as he, ſhe, they, or any of them, "or any Truſtees for his, her, or their, Benefit, at the "time of ſuch Default, or Fraud in regiſtring, have in the "Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not regiſtred, "or fraudulently regiſtred:"

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Amendment;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is committed, That they have a Power to receive a Clauſe of Appropriation.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for makeing Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, and Lottery-Tickets or Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for dividing intire Annuity-Orders, with the Conſent and Agreement of the Perſons who have ſeparate Intereſts therein.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent Frauds in importing Hair-powder, or other Powder which will ſerve for the ſame Uſes as Starch, imported.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for explaining ſome Doubts in the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of Queen *Anne*, for laying certain Duties upon Hides and Skins, ſo far as the ſaid Acts relate to Sheepſkins and Lamb-ſkins uſed by Glovers, and which are firſt ſteeped in the Tanners Wooze, and afterwards tawed, or dreſſed, in Alum and Salt, or Meal.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 25° die Maii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in the County-Gaol of *Salop*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are brought into Confinement; where they are daily periſhing for Want, and not in a Condition to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in the County-Gaol of *Cumberland*, in the City of *Carliſle*, in the ſaid County, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are brought into Confinement; where they are daily periſhing for Want, and not in a Condition to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowther* be added to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the Bill for Relief of inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols of this Kingdom.

A Petition of the Magiſtrates, and remanent Members, of the Town-Council of *Dumfries* in *Scotland*, for themſelves, and in the Name of the whole Inhabitants of the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, from their hearty Affection to the Government during the Time of the unnatural Rebellion, have been at great Charge in procuring and giving Intelligence to and from the South and North Parts of the Kingdom; in fortifying this Town, and providing great Quantities of Arms and Ammunition; beſides what they have been at by a great many extraordinary Contingencies; whereby the publick Stock of this Borough is very much ſunk: That this Borough hath but One Church, wherein not above Half of the Pariſhioners can be accommodated the time of Divine Worſhip, and they altogether unable to build another: That they a long time endeavoured, with great Induſtry, to carry on a good Trade, notwithſtanding the Want of any convenient Harbour: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for enabling them to pay the Debts contracted for his Majeſty's Service; to build a Church; and to make a convenient Harbour, or Dock, at *Dumfries*, for the Encouragement of Trade.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Ferguſon*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Young*, Sir *John Earle*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Sir *Robert Corbet*, Sir *Bryan Broughton*, Mr. *Feilding*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Harry Bunbury*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Millner*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Baily*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Grahme*, Mr. *Bladen*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Cholmly*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Aſh*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Willoughby*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Jennings*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *Wm. Thompſon*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Sir *Wm. Johnſon*, Mr. *Merick*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Mr. Serjeant *Pingelly*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Chalmady*, Mr. *Delavall*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Pawlett*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Evelyn*; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That ſuch Directions as were ſent to his Majeſty's Miniſters in *Holland*, and their Anſwers, as far as they relate to the Expence of the *Dutch* Troops, may be laid before this Houſe, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give Orders for the ſaid Directions, and Anſwers, to be laid before the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, without any Amendment.

The Lords have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons, to put in Execution the Powers of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge* which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe: And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Onſlow* reported, from the Committee, to whom ſeveral Petitions, complaining of the Exportation of Bark, were referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee, according to the Order of the Houſe, of the 17th of this inſtant *May*, have examined the Allegations contained in the Petitions from *Southwark*, *Briſtol*, and *Cheſter*; and do find,

That, upon the Examination of *Joſeph Eaton*, and others, great Prejudices ariſe to the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark of late Years exported from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*:

That

That 100 Ton of Bark will tan about 4,000 *Iriſh* Hides; which Number of Hides, when tanned here, will pay 600 *l.* Duty to the Government:

That there is not a ſufficient Quantity of Bark of the Growth of *Ireland* to tan ſo many Hides as they now do:

That, by ſuch Exportation of Bark, the Importation of raw Hides diminiſhes; for that, now, the vaſt Quantities of raw Hides that annually uſed to be brought into this Kingdom, and tanned here, are moſtly manufactured there, with the Bark they have from *Great Britain:*

	Tons.	CWt.	Qrs.
That, by an atteſted Account, delivered in to the Committee, it appeared, that, in the Year 1714, there was exported from *Chepſtow* to *Ireland*, of Bark, but — — —	48	0	0
In the Year 1715, from the ſaid Port	270	0	0
And, in 1716, the Exportation amounted to — — —	271	10	0

That, in the Year 1713, there was exported, from *Lancaſter* to *Ireland*, above 16,000 Quarters of Bark:

	Tons.	CWt.	Qrs.
That, by another Account of Bark exported from *Briſtol* to *Ireland*, the Committee find, from *December* 25th 1703, to *December* 25th 1709, but	33	10	0
And from the 25th *December* 1709 to the 25th *December* 1710 — —	75	19	0
From *December* 25th 1710, to *December* 25th 1711 — —	42	4	0
From *December* 25th 1711, to *December* 25th 1712 — —	32	19	0
From *December* 25th 1712, to *December* 25th 1713 — —	69	18	0
From *December* 25th 1713, to *December* 25th 1714 — —	77	5	0
From *December* 25th 1714, to *December* 25th 1715 — —	116	10	0
From *December* 25th 1715, to *December* 25th 1716 — —	319	18	0

That, in the Year 1705, the Number of raw Hides imported from *Ireland* to the Port of *Briſtol* did amount to — — — — — 23,837

And, including Three Years together, *viz.* from the 25th of *December* 1710, to the 25th of *December* 1713, the whole Number was in all but — — — — — 7,910

The Difference — — — — 15,927

That, by Account from *Cheſter*, and other Places, it further appeared to the Committee, That the Exportation of Bark annually increaſes; and that the Importation of raw Hides daily diminiſhes; to the great Prejudice, not only of the Petitioners, but of his Majeſty's Revenue in particular, and the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom in general.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for prohibiting the Exportation of Bark for a Time therein to be limited;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment to the Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring:

And the ſaid Amendment was, with an Amendment made thereunto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, "to be ſued for, and recovered, as by the ſaid "former Act is directed," upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A, added by the ſaid Committee, was read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe B being read a Second time, That no Sale of any Eſtate, by any Perſon heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, to and for any Proteſtant Purchaſer, and only for the Benefit of Proteſtants, ſhall be avoided by reaſon of any Diſabilities of any of the Perſons making, or joining in, ſuch Sale;

The ſame was amended:

And then another Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out theſe Words, "heretofore made, "or:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words ſtand Part of the ſaid Clauſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *John Stonhouſe*, Mr. *Levinz:*	66.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Coventry:*	45.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee, That the Clauſe, ſo amended, be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That nothing in the Act ſhall extend to make good any Sale, or Mortgage, to any Papiſt, or to any Perſon claiming under him or her, in any Caſe where any Proteſtant ſhall have commenced any Suit to ſet aſide ſuch Sale, or Mortgage:

And the ſaid Clauſe was once read with Blanks:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Clauſe be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Clauſe was read a Second time; and the Blanks filled up:

And then the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to prevent fraudulent Truſts in Proteſtants for the Uſe of Papiſts:

And the ſame was once read:

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till *Monday* Morning.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 27° die Maii;

Annó 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons, to put in Execution the Powers of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *Roger Stafford* Eſquire was preſented to the

the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Roger Wollocombe*, late of *Combe*, in the Pariſh of *Roborough*, in the County of *Devon*, did, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, direct, That an Act of Parliament ſhould, if poſſible, be procured for changing the Petitioner's Name of *Stafford* to that of *Wollocombe*; and that then the Truſtees in the ſaid Will named ſhould ſtand ſeiſed of the Premiſes in the Will mentioned, in Truſt, for the Uſe of the Petitioner, for the Term of his natural Life; with Remainder to the Petitioner's Firſt and other Sons ſucceſſively, in Tail Male; with divers other Remainders over: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to confirm and ſettle the Name of *Woliocomb* to and upon the Petitioner, and his Iſſue Male.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Elford* and Mr. *Drew* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *England*, Sir *Thomas Johnſon*, Sir *Thomas Hale*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Grant*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Wynn*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Hampden*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *White*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Bill to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Six, and before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two Judges, to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and the Fifth, of the late Queen, are expired; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Drew*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Thomas Scawen*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. Serjeant *Reynolds*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Allenſon*, Mr. *Coventry*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Norris* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *John Fletcher* was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That, the Committee having examined the Allegations of the Petition, it appeared, That the Petitioner did, on or about 10th Day of *November* 1712, put on board the Ship called the *Salmon* of *Belfaſt* 1,040 Buſhels of white Salt; and, in the ſaid Voyage, the ſaid Ship and Cargo, and all the Crew, except one Man and a Boy, were loſt in a violent Storm; and the Exporter, not having Notice thereof in due time, could not make Proof of the Loſs of the ſaid Salt within the Time limited by an Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of her late Majeſty; which enacted, were any Salt, or Rock-ſalt, ſhipped in order for Exportation to *Ireland*, and the ſame ſhould periſh by Sinking; in ſuch caſe, the Exporter of ſuch Salt ſo periſhing, or loſt, ſhould, upon Proof made of the Loſs of ſuch Salt, receive a Certificate from the Juſtices of Peace; and, upon producing ſuch Certificate to the Officer of the Place where the ſaid Duty ſhould have been paid, or ſecured, ſuch Security ſhould be diſcharged; or ſo much Money as was actually paid for the Duty of ſuch Salt, ſhould be repaid, upon Demand; provided ſuch Proof be made within Six Months after ſuch Loſs:

That the Commiſſioners for managing the Salt-duties attended the Committee; and ſaid, That the Petitioner did make Application to their Board, in order to be relieved for ſo much Duty as had been paid, or ſecured, for the Salt ſo loſt; but the Commiſſioners had no Power to give the Petitioner any Relief, becauſe the Petitioner had elapſed the Time limited by the ſaid Act of Parliament; which provides, That the Proof of ſuch Loſs be made within Six Months: But they had no other Objection againſt the Petitioner's being relieved, by giving him a further Time of Six Months, to make legal Proof of the Loſs of the ſaid Salt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. *Jeſſop*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, in her Royal Bounty to the poor Clergy of the Church of *England*, and purſuant to an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Second Year of her Reign, did, by her Letters Patents, conſtitute the Petitioners one Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen *Anne*, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy; and did grant to the Petitioners, the ſaid Governors, all the Revenues of the Firſt-fruits and Tenths of the Clergy, upon the Truſts in the ſaid Letters Patents mentioned, and of the Benefit of ſuch poor Clergy: Therefore, that the poor Clergy may, with greater Advantage, receive the Benefit of the ſaid Bounty, and the Petitioners may be better enabled to execute the Truſts repoſed in them: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the better collecting and levying the ſaid Revenue, called The perpetual yearly Tenths.

Several Sections in the Act, of 26 *Henry* VIII. intituled, The Bill for the Firſt-fruits, with the yearly Penſions to the King, were read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue called The perpetual and yearly Tenths: And that Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Ward*, and Sir *William Pole*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Ferguſon* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Magiſtrates, and remanent Members of the Town Council, of *Dumfries*, in *Scotland*, for themſelves, and in the Name of the whole Inhabitants of the ſame, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

That the Committee, according to the Order of the Houſe, of the 25th *May* inſtant, have examined the Allegations of the ſaid Petition; and do find,

That, upon the Examination of Major *Campbell*, and others, the Town, during the time of the Rebellion, exerted themſelves to the utmoſt of their Powers to maintain near 3,000 Men; and that they made ſeveral Fortifications for the Defence of the Town; and were at other great Expences in preſerving themſelves from the Rebels.

That it appeared to the Committee, by the Examination of Mr. *Wright*, and others, That there is but One Church in the ſaid Town; and that the ſame will not contain above One-half of the Pariſhioners thereof:

And that it is neceſſary, for carrying on the Trade of the ſaid Town, that a convenient Harbour be made.

That, upon Examination of the whole Matter, it appeared to the Committee, That the publick Debts of the ſaid Town are very much increaſed; and that it is neceſſary to have another Church built, and a Harbour made for the Encouragement of Trade; which the ſaid Town will not be able to accompliſh, without ſome Fund for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for building a Church, and making a Harbour; and for paying the Debts of the ſaid Town, contracted for the publick Service: And that Mr. *Ferguſon*, and Sir *William Johnſtoun*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Clauſe offered, to be added to the Bill, for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring:

And the ſaid Clauſe was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That nothing in the Act ſhall extend to the Regiſtring of Eſtates *bona fide* purchaſed of Papiſts by Proteſtants, and for the ſole Uſe of Proteſtants, for a valuable Conſideration:

And the ſame was twice read; and amended:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Regiſtry of the Name and Eſtate of the Perſon ſo obliged to regiſter, entered, in the manner by the Act preſcribed, by the Perſon himſelf, or his Attorney, lawfully authorized thereto by a Warrant of Attorney under his Hand and Seal, executed in the Preſence of Two or more credible Witneſſes, ſhall be a ſufficient Entry and Regiſtry thereof; although the Witneſſes to ſuch Letter of Attorney are not preſent at the Quarter-Seſſions to make Proof of the Execution of ſuch Warrant:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Craggs*, Secretary at War, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Charge of Half-pay for the Officers of the late Regiment of Foot commanded by Brigadier *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*, late in the Service of the States-General, from the Twenty-fifth of *April* to the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen:

And the Title of the ſaid Eſtimate was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtimate is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the County of *Northumberland*, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have appointed *Thurſday* the Thirteenth Day of *June* next for the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, upon the Articles of Impeachment exhibited by this Houſe in the Name of themſelves, and of all the Commons of *Great Britain*, againſt the ſaid Earl, for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors: Alſo,

That the Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways from ſeveral Places therein mentioned, leading towards *Highgate* Gatehouſe, and *Hampſtead*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and for electing Truſtees, for keeping up a ſufficient Number for the repairing the Highways upon the Roads from *Highgate* Gatehouſe to *Barnet* Blockhouſe; and alſo of the Highways between *Kilburn* Bridge and *Sparrows-Hern*, in the County of *Hertford*; without Amendment: And alſo,

That the Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of the City of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, take into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords, relating to the appointing a Time for the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 30° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate; notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Out-

Outlawry of her Huſband *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate; notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire.

Ordered, That Mr. *Strickland* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Dr. *Snape*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday at *Saint Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*; and that he be deſired to print the ſame;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Wm. Windham*, Mr. *Calmady:* } 86.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Cadogan:* } 70.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Sir *William Wyndham*, and Mr. *Shippen*, do acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Milborn-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*, in the room of *John Cox* Eſquire, deceaſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the Moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Mannors* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent to the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid *Robert* Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton*, therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Finch*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Sutton*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Colonel *Grahme*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Banks*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Levinz*, Mr. *Ingram*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Plumtre*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Denton*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Longueville*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Darcey*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Liddell*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Lincoln*, *Warwick*, *Leiceſter*, *Derby*, *Nottingham*, *York*, *Rutland*, *Wilts*, and *Glouceſter:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Secretary *Addiſon* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Copies of ſuch Directions as were ſent to his Majeſty's Miniſters in *Holland*; and their Anſwers; as far as they relate to the Expence of the *Dutch* Troops:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſeveral Papers which have been laid before this Houſe, relating to the Charge of Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops to and from *Great Britain*; and likewiſe the Papers laid before this Houſe, in relation to the Contingencies and Extraordinaries for Services performed in *North Britain*, during the late Rebellion.

Mr. *Treby*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; preſented to the Houſe a Repreſentation of ſuch of the Commiſſioners as have been appointed to execute the ſeveral Truſts and Powers in relation to *England*, and any other Parts whatſoever, except *Scotland*, contained in the late Act of Parliament for appointing the ſaid Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. Sollicitor-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy: And the ſame was received.

Mr. *Jeſſop* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts: And the ſame was received.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; which relates to that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Repreſentation of the ſaid Commiſſioners, preſented to the Houſe this Day, in relation to *England*, and other Parts, be taken into Conſideration at the ſame time.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was committed, be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords, on *Monday* laſt, relating to the appointing a Time for the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer:*

And the ſaid Meſſage was read.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to conſider the State of the Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and report the ſame to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Aiſtabie*, Mr. *Vernon* of *Worceſterſhire*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Bailie*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Hampden*,

Hampden, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. Serjeant *Reynolds*, Mr. *Guidott*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records; and to adjourn to ſuch Times and Places as they ſhall think fit.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, and the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others, who have Right of Election for Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough: And alſo,

Upon the Petition of *Joſeph Gray*, and other Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot within the ſaid Borough; ſeverally complaining of an undue Election and Return of *George Bruere* Eſquire, and the Right Honourable the Lord *Shelburne*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to ſerve for the ſaid Borough:

That Counſel on both Sides attended the Committee:

That the Counſel for the Petitioners againſt Mr. *Bruere* objected to him as unqualified, with reſpect to a Particular mentioned in the Rental given in by him for his Qualification; which Rental amounts to 334 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*.

The Particular objected to is mentioned in the ſaid Rental to be, a Meſſuage, Tenement, Farm, and Lands, with the Appurtenances, called the *Home-Farm*, and *Bryan's Farm*, and a Parcel of Lands or Warren, called *Whiteley-hill*, in the Pariſh of *Worth*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the Tenure of *Mary Ryce*, of the yearly Value of Forty (*a*) [four] Pounds.

And the Petitioners Counſel called,

Geo. Ryce: Who ſaid, He did not know any Farm called *Home-Farm*, or *Bryan's Farm*; but that he rents a Farm called *Whiteley-hill*, which is all Warren-land, except about Seven or Eight Pounds a Year: That he pays his Rent, which is 44 *l. per Annum*, to Mr. *Gale*; and never heard of any Intereſt Mr. *Bruere* had:

That, on Mr. *Bruere*'s Part, a Conveyance to him for his Life, by Leaſe and Releaſe, dated 1° & 2do *July* 1713, from *Leonard Gale* Eſquire, of Part of Two Farms, therein called by the Names of *Home Farm*, and *Bryan's Farm*, a Warren called *Whiteley-hill*, and other Premiſes therein mentioned, was produced, and proved to be duly executed; and the Conſideration-money, being 1,000 *l. bona fide* paid by Mr. *Bruere*. And,

Mr. *Gale* ſaid, That he did, by the ſaid Deeds, actually convey thoſe Farms and Premiſes to Mr. *Bruere*, for his Life; and, *bona fide*, received the Conſideration-money: That he had, indeed, received the Rent ſince the Conveyance, but it was for Mr. *Bruere*'s Uſe; and for no other Reaſon than becauſe himſelf lived in that County, and Mr. *Bruere* lived Fifty Miles off; and that he, *bona fide*, annually accounted for, and paid, the ſame to Mr. *Bruere*.

That the Counſel for the Petitioners againſt the Lord *Shelburne* acquainted the Committee, That they did not inſiſt upon their Petition.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *George Bruere* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Great Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right Honourable *Henry* Lord Viſcount *Shelburne*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Great Marlow*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *William Hearſt* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire to ſerve for the Borough of *Shafteſbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*:

That Counſel on both Sides attended the Committee.

The Petitioner's Counſel alleged, That their material Witneſſes, whereof Mr. *Long*, One of the Overſeers of the Poor, was the principal, were taken ill upon the Road, and lay ſick at *Salisbury*; which they offered to prove; and ſaid, They had not any material Witneſs in Town, and could not therefore proceed to the Merits of the Election; but deſired farther Time to bring up their Witneſſes:

To which the Sitting Member's Counſel anſwered, That this was only a Pretence: That, if the Caſe had been ſo, the Houſe ought to have been acquainted therewith before the Committee met to hear the Merits of the Election; and Notice ſhould have been given to the Sitting Member; neither of which had been done: That the Merits of this Election were originally appointed to be heard on the Two-and-twentieth of *April* laſt; and the Hearing would have come on before now, had not the Committee been ſometimes adjourned: That it came on now in Courſe, and the Petitioner had time enough to bring up any Witneſſes he thought fit: That there was another Overſeer in the Town beſides *Long*; and he might have ſent up any Poors Rates he had, if he could not have attended himſelf:

That the Sitting Member, having had no Notice of this Pretence, had brought up his Witneſſes; been at great Expence; was ready to juſtify his Election; and ought to be diſcharged of this Petition, if the Counſel for the Petitioner did not think fit to call any Witneſſes to make out the Matter of his Petition:

Which the Petitioner's Counſel not doing, nor making it appear to the Committee, That the Petitioner had ever ſummoned any Witneſs to attend;

And the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Edward Nicholas* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Shaftesbury*, in the County of *Dorſet*.

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, and the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolution, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants and Burgeſſes of the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, who have a Right of voting for, and electing, Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough; complaining of an undue Election and Return of *George Caſwall* Eſquire to ſerve for the ſaid Borough:

That the Committee have examined the Matter of this Petition.

(*a*) Supplied from the original Report.

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected Bribery to the Sitting Member; and called the following Witneſſes; *viz.*

John Herring: Who ſaid, That he has voted at former Elections: That all the Candidates at this Election aſked his Vote; and that Captain *Welling* gave him Twenty Guineas as a free Gift; but never aſked his Vote:

That he, and ſeveral other Voters, in Number Forty, met Mr. *John Caſwall*, the Sitting Member's Brother, and Captain *Welling:* That the Sitting Member came once into the Room, and drank ſome Ale with them; they drank his Health; for which he thanked them; and ſaid, He hoped they would vote for him; and went away, without ſaying any thing more to them: They all agreed not to vote on either Side under Twenty Guineas a Man; and, Mr. *John Caſwall* offering that Sum, thereupon they all put down their Names in a Paper, that they would vote for General *Gorges* and Mr. *Caſwall:* That the Captain gave him his Twenty Guineas; and, he believes, all the reſt had the ſame; but he ſaw none paid, except his own: That the Sitting Member never gave, nor offered, him any thing: That he voted for Mr. *Caſwall*; but, without the Twenty Guineas, ſhould have voted for Captain *Gorges:*

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, That, before Mr. *Caſwall* came down, Mr. *Bangham*, the Receiver-General of the County, had aſked Votes for General *Gorges*; acted as his Agent; and gave the Witneſs Seven Guineas as a free Gift; but did not aſk his Vote when he gave the Money; and that Mr. *Batch* had alſo, before this, bid Ten or Eleven Guineas apiece for Votes for General *Gorges*; but the Witneſs did not know he gave any thing:

This Witneſs, being aſked, Whether he was not to give his Vote for the Twenty Guineas, which he called a free Gift, anſwered, That he did not ſuppoſe they were given him for nothing.

Thomas Caldecot ſaid, That *William Spencer* gave him Ten Guineas as a free Gift, and never aſked his Vote, nor ſaid what he was to do for them: He voted for Mr. *Caſwall*; and, without the Ten Guineas, ſhould have voted for General *Gorges:*

Being croſs-examined, he ſaid, That Mr. *Bangham*, the Receiver-General, had, before this, given him Seven Pounds; which the Witneſs paid him back again, after he had received the Ten Guineas; and Mr. *Bangham* told him, He would give him the Seven Pounds clean, if he would vote for them: That it was reported, Mr. *Bangham* asked Votes for General *Gorges*, and *Spencer* for Mr. *Caſwall.*

Mr. *Samuel Burton* ſaid, That he happened to be at *Leominſter* at the Time of the Election; and, meeting with the Sitting Member there, took Notice to him of the Report how liberal he was for his Election: To which the Sitting Member anſwered, That he might be choſe elſewhere; but here he was born, and he would be a Member of Parliament for that Place, whatever it coſt him; and ſaid, He had brought down with him the Sinews of an Election:

Being croſs-examined, this Witneſs ſaid, He is Receiver-General for *Radnorſhire*, and has been ſo Two Years: That he is Agent for General *Gorges*; and is ſure the General never gave any thing to any Man alive for his Vote.

John Kedward ſaid, That he voted for Mr. *Caſwall*; and was One of the Forty who ſet their Hands to the Paper, to vote for Twenty Guineas a Man: That Captain *Welling* gave him Twenty Guineas; but gave it as a free Token: That, he believed, the reſt of the Forty had their Twenty Guineas apiece alſo; for he ſaw them come out of the Room with nothing but Gold in their Hands; though he did not ſee any paid, but his own; for Mr. *John Caſwall*, the Sitting Member's Brother, and Captain *Welling*, who paid the Money, called them all out of one Room into another, one by one; but the Sitting Member was not there when the Money was paid:

This Witneſs, being croſs-examined, ſaid, That, before this, Mr. *Bangham*, the Receiver-General, aſked his Vote; and, at the ſame time, gave him Six Guineas to vote for General *Gorges*; and that he paid the Six Guineas back again to Mr. *Bangham*, before the Election:

That the Witneſs telling *John Bourn*, who voted for General *Gorges*, what he had for his Vote, *Bourn* ſaid, He had Ten Pounds; and that it was all in Shillings and Sixpences; and not One Half-Crown among them.

Mr. *John Colt* junior ſaid, That *Francis Steel*, who voted for the Sitting Member, told the Witneſs, He owed the Sitting Member's Brother, upon Bond, Thirty Pounds, which he borrowed of him when he was Receiver-General; and was afraid he ſhould be thrown into Gaol, if he did not vote for Mr. *Caſwall.*

Catharine Halfpenny ſaid, That Mr. *Thomas Price*, the Town-Clerk, went up and down ſolliciting Votes for the Sitting Member; and ſhe heard him declare publickly, in the open Street, to about Twenty Perſons, moſt of which were Voters, That whatever Money was given on the other Side, they would double it, to carry the Election: But the Sitting Member was not preſent when this Declaration was made.

The Sitting Member's Counſel inſiſted, That no Credit ought to be given to the Witneſſes produced, who had confeſſed themſelves to be corrupt on all Sides: That, if ſuch Witneſſes were in any ſort to be credited, their Evidence only affected ſome particular Voters, who did not appear, by any Poll produced, to have voted for the Sitting Member: That, ſhould all thoſe they had impeached be taken off the Poll, the Sitting Member would yet have a great Majority againſt every other Candidate: That no Candidate pretended to diſpute the Poll, or the Right to ſit: That the Witneſſes produced had declared the Sitting Member never gave, or offered, any thing; nor was he ever preſent when any thing was offered, or given; nor did it appear, that any thing was offered, or given, by his Direction; and therefore they thought it not neceſſary to produce any Evidence on his behalf, the Evidence produced not affecting him, nor pretending to take away his Majority.

To which the Petitioner's Counſel replied, That although the Majority was not diſputed; yet the Sitting Member having procured his Election by Bribery and Corruption, his Election is void.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *George Caſwall* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford.*

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That no new Writ do iſſue, during this Seſſion of Parliament, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve for the ſaid Borough of *Leominſter*, in the room of the ſaid *George Caſwall* Eſquire;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the County of *Northumberland*, and the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolution, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Upon the Petition of *Oley Douglas* Eſquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Francis Delaval* Eſquire to ſerve for the County of *Northumberland:*

That Counſel on both Sides attended the Committee:

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected to the Sitting Member, as unqualified:

That the Counſel for the Sitting Member inſiſted, That he is qualified, as eldeſt Son, or Heir apparent, of *Ed-*

ward Delaval Eſquire; who is qualified to ſerve for a County; the Rental of whoſe Eſtate given in for ſuch Qualification amounts to 664 *l. per Annum.*

It was proved on the Petitioner's Part, and admitted by the Sitting Member's Counſel, That a Mortgage for 1,000*l.* at 6 *l. per Cent.* on Part of this Eſtate, was paid off ſince the Election; and that there are Quit-rents, amounting to Four Pounds *per Annum*, or thereabouts, payable out of the Eſtate.

That the Petitioner's Counſel made the following Objections to the Rental given in; *viz.*

That the Manſion-houſe, therein mentioned to be unlett, and charged to be 30 *l. per Annum*, was lett to Mr. *Talbot* for Ten:

That the Tenement in *Newcaſtle*, charged to be in the Poſſeſſion of Mr. *John Hebdon*, at 25 *l. per Annum*, was a Purchaſe made by *Hebdon*; wherein he made uſe of Mr. *Delaval*'s Name only in Truſt for himſelf: And,

That the Purchaſe of the Lands called *Floddan* and *Broomrigg*, let at 158 *per Annum*, and ſaid to be purchaſed of Sir *Francis Blake*, for the Sitting Member's Father's Life, for 1,200 *l.* was only a colourable Purchaſe.

That, to prove their Objections, the Petitioner's Counſel called the following Witneſſes; *viz.*

John Beadnall: Who ſaid, He was a Servant to Mr. *Talbot*, who lived in the Manſion-houſe before-mentioned; and that he heard his Maſter ſay, His Bargain was to pay Ten Pounds a Year for it to Mr. *Dalaval*; but that he had no Leaſe.

That it appeared by the Evidence of *Henry Kills* and *Wm. Coatſworth*, That Mr. *John Hebdon*, deceaſed, was a Papiſt; that he conſulted in whoſe Name he ſhould purchaſe the Tenement before-mentioned in *Newcaſtle*; and afterwards declared, He would make the Purchaſe in his Nephew *Delaval*'s Name, who was a Proteſtant: And *Coatſworth* ſaid, That he, on behalf of another Perſon, who had the Intereſt, agreed with *Hebdon* for the Purchaſe; and that *Hebdon* afterwards laid out a conſiderable Sum of Money upon the Houſe.

The Tenants of the Lands called *Floddan* and *Broomrigg* were called; and ſaid, They paid their Rents to *Ralph Bollam*, for Sir *Francis Blake*; and produced the Receipts given to them for a Year's Rent due in 1715, and 1716; which Receipts expreſs thoſe Rents to be received by *Bollam* for the Uſe of Sir *Francis Blake:* And thoſe Tenants ſaid, They never paid any Rent to Mr. *Delaval:* But *John Burn*, One of the Tenants, confeſſed he had heard of Mr. *Delaval*'s Title before the Election.

That Copies of Three Judgments againſt the Sitting Member's Grandfather; Two 2do *et* 3^tio^ *Jac.* II^di^; and the other 2do *Willielmi et Mariæ*; for ſeveral Sums, amounting to 506 *l.*; were produced, and proved.

That the Sitting Member's Counſel alleged,

That the Mortgage and Quit-rents before-mentioned had been conſidered, and the Rental given in at an Under-value, in reſpect thereof:

That Mr. *Talbot*, as a Relation, had been permitted to live in the Houſe before-mentioned Rent-free:

That they denied any Truſt for *Hebdon*; and produced a Conveyance of that Houſe from Sir *Ralph Milbank*, and others, to *Edward Delaval* Eſquire, in Fee, dated in *February* 1714: And,

No Deed of Truſt appeared:

That, as to the Receipts given by *Ralph Bollam* in Sir *Francis Blake*'s Name, to the Tenants of *Floddan* and *Broomrigg*;

Ralph Bollam was called: Who ſaid, That he gave thoſe Receipts in Sir *Francis Blake*'s Name by Miſtake, not knowing at that time of *Delaval*'s Purchaſe; but that he was afterwards informed thereof; and had Orders from Sir *Francis Blake* to pay thoſe Rents to Mr. *Delaval*; and that thereupon he accordingly remitted thoſe Rents to the Order and Uſe of Mr. *Delaval*; and never made any Account for them to Sir *Francis Blake.*

That a Conveyance of thoſe Lands, with the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits, thereof, dated in *January* 1715, from Sir *Francis Blake* to *Edward Delaval* Eſquire, for his Life, was produced, and proved; and the Conſideration-money, being 1,200 *l.* was proved to be paid by Mr. *Delaval.*

That, as to Under-valuations in reſpect of Incumbrances, the Sitting Member's Counſel called,

James Henderſon: Who ſaid, That the Manſion-houſe and Lands at *Diſſington*, charged at 30 *l.* a Year, are worth 60 *l.*; and will lett ſo by Leaſe:

That the Houſes in *Newcaſtle*, charged at 25 *l.* a Year, are worth 40 *l.*; and will lett ſo by Leaſe:

That *Hebdon*'s Tenement, charged at 25 *l.* a Year, is worth 50 *l.*; and will lett ſo by Leaſe; and that 1,000 *l.* has been laid out thereupon by Mr. *Delaval* ſince his Purchaſe.

As to the Judgments produced againſt the Sitting Member's Grandfather, the Counſel for the Sitting Member alleged, That he had never heard thereof; and preſumed they were ſatisfied; but, if they were not, they affected only Aſſets by Deſcent, and not the Eſtate given in for his Qualification.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to this Reſolution;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Francis Delaval* Eſquire is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Northumberland.*

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. *Sloper* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Copies of ſeveral Accounts and Receipts delivered into the Pay-Office, relating to the Charge of Tranſportation, Proviſions, and extraordinary Expences, of the Six thouſand *Dutch* Forces before their Arrival in *Great Britain:* And alſo,

An Account of Bills of Exchange drawn from abroad, on Account of the late Rebellion, which have been paid and diſcharged in the Office of the Paymaſter-General of his Majeſty's Guards, Gariſons, and Land-Forces: And alſo,

Copies of Vouchers, delivered into the Pay-Office, for Payment of the Sum of Two thouſand One hundred Six Pounds Twelve Shillings Eight Pence, for bringing the Six thouſand *Dutch* Troops from the reſpective Gariſons to *Oſtend*, in order to embark for *Great Britain*, at the time of the late Rebellion: And alſo,

A Copy of a Voucher, delivered into the Pay-Office, for Payment of the Sum of Nine hundred Ninety-two Pounds Three Shillings Six Pence, for Tents, Sacks, and other Neceſſaries, ſaid to be delivered to the Six thouſand *Dutch* Troops:

And the Titles thereof were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies and Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Copies and Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 31° *die Maii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners confined for Debt in the County and City Gaols of *Worceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of poor, miſerable, Priſoners in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by many Loſſes, joined with the Miſeries of a long Confinement, and having numerous Families, are reduced to extreme Want, and are become great Objects of Charity: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners in his Majeſty's Gaol at *Richmond*, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are in ſtreight Confinement, and in great Want of ſome Allowance, and almoſt famiſhed for want of Subſiſtence: And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons, to put in Execution the Powers of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Charles Turner*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Hide*, Sir *Richard How*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Sutton*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Jennings*, Sir *Edward Ernly*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Sir *Edward Northey*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Sutton*, Sir *Wm. Johnſton*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Selwyn*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Bigg*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *John Trevilian*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Delavall*, Lord *Shelburne*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Weſtphalyn*, Mr. *Hungerford*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Dorſet*, *Devon*, and *Somerſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the Lady *Amilia Butler* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Indentures of Leaſe and Releaſe, made on the Marriage of the Petitioner's Brother, *James* late Duke of *Ormond*, with his Firſt Wife *Anne*, then Counteſs of *Oſſory*, eldeſt Daughter of the late Earl of *Rocheſter*, the Petitioner's late deceaſed Grandfather, *James* then Duke of *Ormond*, did grant and convey to Truſtees the Manor of *Thurles*, and divers other Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Term of 100 Years, to commence from the Deceaſe of the Petitioner's ſaid Grandfather and Grandmother; upon Truſt, out of the Profits of the ſaid Premiſes, or by Sale or Demiſe thereof, to raiſe the Sum of 6,000 *l.* for the Portion of the Petitioner .... paid at her Age of One-and-twenty Years, or Marriage, with Intereſt: That the Petitioner hath attained her ſaid Age; but hath not received her ſaid Portion: That, by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Attainder of *James* Duke of *Ormond* for High Treaſon, unleſs he ſhall render himſelf to Juſtice by a certain Day therein mentioned: That, by virtue of the aforeſaid Act, and of another Act, paſſed then, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; the ſaid Manor of *Thurles*, and other the Premiſes ſubject to the Payment of the Petitioner's ſaid Portion, are veſted in his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, for the Uſe of the Publick: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for rendering the ſaid Security effectual for raiſing the Petitioner's ſaid Portion, and Intereſt, notwithſtanding the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *Thomas Hanmer* and Sir *Joſeph Jekyll* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of ſeveral Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Proprietors of Houſes and Lands within the ſeveral Pariſhes and Towns lying in the Highways leading from the Town of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, towards *Colnebrook* and *Staines*, and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Drovers, Farmers, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, and others, frequenting and uſing the ſaid Highways, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, againſt the ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes, within which the ſaid Highways do lie, and which do contribute to the Repairs thereof, are of very large Extent, and conſiſt of great Numbers of Inhabitants of great Wealth and Eſtates, and Owners and Occupiers of Lands and Tenements chargeable towards the Repairing of the ſaid Highways; whereby, according to the Laws now in Force, great Sums of Money may be levied and raiſed; which, if duly employed, would be ſufficient to amend, and keep in Repair, the ſaid ſeveral Highways, without the Aid of any additional Duty, or Toll: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid ingroſſed Bill be read the Third time To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioners be then heard, by their Counſel, if they think fit, againſt the ſaid Bill, before the ſame do paſs.

A Petition of ſeveral Stage Coachmen, and Maſters or Owners of Coaches, Waggoners, and Owners of Waggons, Carriers, Drovers, Clothiers, and others, that uſe the Road between *Colnebrooke* and *Kenſington*, living in or near the Towns of *Chippenham* and *Calne*, in the County of *Wilts*, and Places adjacent, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, againſt the ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*, and to *Crandford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnebrooke*, in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes, in which the ſaid Highways do lie, and which do contribute to the Repairs thereof, have, for ſome Years paſt, not repaired the ſaid Highways, according to the Laws now in Force; but ſuffered them to become ruinous; with a Deſign to exempt themſelves, and lay the Burden and Charge on the Petitioners, and others, who travel the ſaid Roads: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioners be heard, by their Counſel, againſt the ſaid Bill, To-morrow Morning, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Counſel for the ſaid Bill be then alſo heard.

A Petition of *John Boteler* Eſquire, on behalf of himſelf, and *Philip* his Infant Son, and *Edward Rolt* Eſquire, on behalf of himſelf, and *Thomas* his Infant Son, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *Philip Boteler*, late of *Woodhall*, in the Pariſh of *Watton at Stone*, in the County of *Hertford*, Eſquire, died ſeiſed of a certain Copſe-wood, or Parcel of Woodland, called *Scots-grove*, in the ſaid Pariſh, containing by Eſtimation Three Acres and Two Roods, lying upon the Out-parts of his Eſtate, and intermixed with, or adjoining to, Lands belonging to the Petitioner *Edward Rolt*: That the Petitioner *Edward Rolt* is ſeiſed of a certain Copſe, or Wood, called *Manſcroft* Wood, in the Pariſh of *Stapleford*, in the ſaid County of *Hertford*, adjoining to Part of the Eſtate late of the ſaid *Philip Boteler*, deceaſed, and not divided or parted by any Fence between them: That the Ground and Soil of both the Copſes, or Woods, are of equal Value the one with the other of them; and the Exchanging thereof will be for the Advantage of all Parties concerned in Intereſt therein; and will make their Eſtates more intire: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioners to exchange the Woods or Woodlands aforeſaid; and for making ſuch Exchange good and effectual.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Earl of *Hertford* and Mr. *Tufnel* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Returns from the Navy-Office, Victualing-Office, Office of Ordnance, and Tranſport-Office, relating to the *Dutch* Eorces:

And the Titles of the ſaid Returns were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Returns do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Returns are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Elford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *William Lowther* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols: And the ſame was received.

Mr. *Ferguſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scotts*, or One Sixth-part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the publick Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the ſaid Committee, which was ordered to be received this Day, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties on Houſes, and charging the ſame with a leſſer Incumbrance; and for redeeming ſo much of the Fund commonly called the Aggregate Fund, as relates to the preſent Exchequer-Bills; and for circulating Exchequer-Bills at a leſs Charge to the Publick, purſuant to ſeveral Powers of Redemption contained in former Acts of Parliament; and for continuing ſeveral annual and other Payments out of the Reſidue of the ſaid Aggregate Fund.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was committed, be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Robarts*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Pigot*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 1° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Sheriff's Priſon, or Ward, in the Pariſh of *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, in and for the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they are a great Number of Priſoners, in moſt ſad, miſerable, and ſtarving Conditions, as well as their Families; moſt of them having not wherewithal to make the leaſt Satisfaction of their Debts; and they that have any thing, are willing to ſurrender their All for their Liberty and Releaſement: And praying, That an Act of Parliament may paſs for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners for Debt in his Majeſty's Priſons of the *King's-Bench* and *Fleet* ..... ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have been reduced, by the frequent Loſſes and Caſualties in Trade, and other unavoidable Misfortunes, ſo as to be rendered utterly uncapable of paying their Creditors their full Debts: That the Petitioners ſuffer the greateſt of Miſeries, Confinement; and, whilſt they are ſtarving in the Priſon, their Wives and Children are periſhing out of it: That perpetual Impriſonment of poor inſolvent Debtors deprives his Majeſty, and the Nation, of the Service of many uſeful and faithful Subjects, and renders great Numbers of their Families a Burden to the Publick: That there are ſeveral Accidents of Life, which no human Prudence can foreſee, or prevent; ſuch as Loſſes at Sea, by Fire, *&c.*; and the Sufferers are always accounted Objects of Compaſſion, and not of Puniſhment: That the Petitioners, and thoſe in the ſame Circumſtances, are the only unfortunate Perſons rendered uncapable of reaping the leaſt Benefit from the Bleſſings of his Majeſty's Reign; and it is no ſmall Addition to their Affliction, that their Caſe admits of nothing but Mourning, when the reſt of their Fellow-Subjects have ſo many juſt Occaſions to rejoice: That the Petitioners are willing to deliver up their All, under the ſevereſt Penalties, to their Creditors; which they cannot expect, if their little Subſtance is waſted in a Priſon: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Earl of *Hertford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange a certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively as therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, is committed, to receive a Clauſe,

or

or Clauſes, for explaining ſome Clauſes in the Act of Parliament of *Scotland*, thereby continued; and for taking off ſome ſmall Dues, commonly called the Petty Cuſtoms, belonging to the City of *Edinburgh*, and collected at the Ports of the ſaid City, during the Continuance of the Duty to be continued.

An ingroſſed Bill for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Lovibond* and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownlowe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Rector and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surrey*, by certain Funeral Rates therein mentioned, to finiſh the ſaid Pariſh-Church, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownlowe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford*; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners to ſtate and determine ſuch Debts as are, or ſhall become, due to the Clothiers, upon the diſbanding any Regiments, or reducing any Numbers of Men in any Regiment, before the Expiration of the Aſſignments of the Off-reckonings of ſuch Regiment ſo diſbanded, or reduced.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to inlarge the Time for Proteſtants in *Ireland* to make their Claims, purſuant to the Act, of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Order being read, for the Third Reading of the ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Cranford-bridge*, in the Road to *Colnbrooke*, in the ſaid County; and for hearing Counſel againſt, and for, the ſaid Bill;

The Counſel were called in:

And the Bill was read the Third time;

And the Petitions againſt the Bill were alſo read again:

And the Counſel for the Petitioners againſt the Bill were heard: And, in the Courſe of the Evidence, the Counſel calling Witneſſes in relation to the Pariſhes, in which the Road does lie, not having done their Statute-work;

The Counſel for the Bill objected againſt the ſame:

And the Counſel were heard thereupon.

And then they withdrew.

And a Motion being made, That the Counſel for the Petitioners be admitted to give Evidence in relation to the Pariſhes, in which the Road does lie, not having done their Statute-work; it having been already examined by a Committee of this Houſe;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words; "at which Committee the Petitioners were not heard, nor had any "Petition depending:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be made Part of the Queſtion;

It paſſed in the Negative:

Then the main Queſtion being put;

It paſſed in the Negative:

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And the Counſel for the Petitioners calling a Witneſs to prove, *viva voce*, the Numbers of the Houſes which pay the Duty called Houſe-money, in the Pariſhes which lie upon the Road; the ſame was objected to:

And the Counſel were heard thereupon.

And then they withdrew.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Counſel for the Petitioners be admitted to give Evidence, *viva voce*, in relation to the Duty called Houſe-money, paid in the Pariſhes which lie upon this Road;

It paſſed in the Negative:

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And the Counſel proceeded in their Evidence; and the Counſel againſt, and for, the Bill, were heard.

And then withdrew.

Mr. Speaker opened the Bill.

Then the Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 4. L. 17. Before "or," to inſert "or of their "Royal Highneſſes the Prince or Princeſs of *Wales*:"

L. 17. After "his," to inſert "Majeſty's:"

L. 18. After "Majeſty," to inſert "or the "Prince or Princeſs of *Wales*, or any of the Royal Fa-"mily:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally

verally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge*, which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills, in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Cranford-bridge*, in the ſaid County, in the Road to *Colnbrooke*.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 3° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Merchants, Fiſhers, and Dealers in Fiſh, on the Coaſt of *Fife*, and other Places, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That * * * *

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Smith*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Robarts*, Colonel *Grahme*, Sir *Thomas Wheate*, Mr. *Edgecombe*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Sir *William Whitlock*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Bethell*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Harvey*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *John Coriton*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *John Rogers*, Mr. Serjeant *Reynolds*, Mr. *Gwyn*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coleby*, the Commiſſioner for Tranſports, do, To-morrow Morning, attend the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Matters relating to the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Forces.

A Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, was committed, the Amendments they had made thereto, and directed to be reported to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Amendments in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That exciſeable Liquors, carried Coaſtwiſe, ſhall have Certificates of the Payment of Duties:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for applying the Money, granted for Fire and Candle for the Forces, to the Towns they quartered . . :

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Sir *John Bland:*	64.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Earl:*	141.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Lieutenant-General *Macartney*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Borroughes*, Mr. *Sandon*, and Mr. *Corner*, do, To-morrow Morning, attend the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it is referred to conſider of the Matters relating to the Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Forces.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for giving a further Time to *John Fletcher* to make legal Proof of the Loſs of One thouſand and Forty Buſhels of Salt ſhipped for *Ireland*.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Lord *William Powlett* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Sevennight.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Petition of ſundry Proprietors, and Agents for Sufferers, in behalf of themſelves, and others, to whom Debentures have been made out for Loſſes ſuſtained by the *French* Invaſion on the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *St. Chriſtopher's*; and the ſeveral Papers relating thereunto, which have been preſented to the Houſe; be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of Half-pay for the Officers of the late Regiment of Foot commanded by Brigadier *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*, late in the Service of the States-General, from the Twenty-fifth of *April* to the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine

mine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame; be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors, in the ſeveral County-Gaols, be read a Second time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Account of the Charge taken and received in the Court of Chancery, on Account of ſuing out the Patents of the ſeveral Sheriffs of *England* and *Wales*, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 4° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Bill to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Hellier*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Ferguſon*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Wykes*, Mr. *Monroe*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Boteler*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Grove*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Dodd*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Liddell*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Dr. *Pask*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Devon*, *Cornwall*, and *Somerſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the City of *Coventry*, in the County of the ſame, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced to unſpeakable Calamities and Miſeries, and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: That this Honourable Houſe, in their Two laſt Seſſions, was pleaſed to demonſtrate a compaſſionate Intention towards the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners, by ordering a Bill to be brought in for that Purpoſe; which, though twice read, proved abortive: Therefore the Petitioners, whoſe Hearts are intirely loyal, and devoted to the Service of his Majeſty King *George*, and his illuſtrious Iſſue, moſt humbly implore your Honours to take their deplorable Circumſtances into your prudent Conſideration; and to order ſuch Relief therein, as, in your great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Sir *George Warrender* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with ſome Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of *Thomas Gage* and *Samuel Edwin* Eſquires was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, the Petitioners, and Sir *John Trevelyan*, and *James Milner* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That, at the ſaid Election, *John Jones* and *George James* pretended to act as Conſtables of the ſaid Borough; and, as ſuch, to preſide at the ſaid Election, as the Returning Officers; which they had no Right to do; and the Actings and Doings of the ſaid *John Jones* and *George James* were contrary to the ancient Rights and Uſage of the ſaid Borough: That, notwithſtanding the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes, yet the ſaid Sir *John Trevelyan*, and Mr. *Milner*, although not qualified within the late Act for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliament, by the farther Qualifying of Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons, by Bribery, and other indirect Practices, procured themſelves to be returned; in Wrong to the Petitioners: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Margaret* Lady *Nairne* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner's Huſband, *William Murray* late Lord *Nairn*, was convicted of High Treaſon, upon Impeachment of this Honourable Houſe: That the Eſtate of *Nairn*, to which the Petitioner is ſole Heireſs from her Father *Robert* Lord *Nairn*, was never inveſted in her ſaid Huſband; but only enjoyed by him in Right of a Huſband: That the ſaid Eſtate has been ſequeſtrate, and the Rents thereof ſtopped; by which ſhe, and her numerous Family, are reduced to the utmoſt Miſery and Want: That the Petitioner has repreſented to his Majeſty her deplorable Condition; and the ſaid Eſtate being veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick, his Majeſty's Intentions for her Relief are diſappointed: And praying, That his Majeſty may be enabled to make ſuch Proviſion for her, as to his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

And Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, by his Majeſty's Command, acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty is appriſed of the Matter of this Petition; and has no Objection to it, in caſe the Houſe ſhall think proper to give Leave for a Bill to be brought in for the Petitioner's Relief.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *James Murray*, and Mr. *Haldane*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Herne* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the 24th Day of *June* 1706, and before the 26th Day of *June* 1716, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two Judges, to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and the Fifth, of the late Queen, are expired; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That where there ſhall appear to the Commiſſioners, that there has been mutual Credit given between a Bankrupt and any Perſon who ſhall be Debtor to ſuch Bankrupt, and due Proof thereof made; and that the Accounts are open; ſuch

ſuch Accounts ſhall be adjuſted, and the Balance taken in full Diſcharge thereof; and the Perſon Debtor to ſuch Bankrupt ſhall not be compelled to pay more than ſhall appear due on ſuch Balance:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ingroſſed Bill for charging, and continuing, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be now read a Third time;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Monroe:*	22.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Thompſon:*	253.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the Third time To-morrow Morning.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols be read a Second time To-morrow, at Twelve a Clock; and nothing to intervene.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the ſeveral Papers which have been laid before this Houſe, in relation to the Charge of Tranſportation of the *Dutch* Troops to and from *Great Britain*; and likewiſe the Papers laid before this Houſe, in relation to the Contingencies and Extraordinaries for Services performed in *North Britain* during the late Rebellion;

Ordered, That the ſeveral Papers, which have been preſented to the Houſe, relating to thoſe Services, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

Ordered, That Mr. *Edgecumbe* do take the Chair of the Committee.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Edgcumbe* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 5° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange a certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Botler*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Hillier*, Sir *Ja. Campbell*, Mr. *Calmady*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Elford*, Earl *Hertford*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Richard How*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Lowther*, Dr. *Pask*, Sir *Rich. Farrington*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Sir *Tho. Clarke*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Wallis*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Powlett*, Lord *Powlett*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Colmore*, Mr. *Huchenſon*, Mr. *London*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Hertford*, *Wilts*, and *Somerſet:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownlowe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm-rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Herbert*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Calmady*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Ryder*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Mr. *De Gray*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Gouge*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Powlet*, Mr. *Hillier*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Ja. Campbell*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Snell*, Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Hutchenſon*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Mountagu Blundell*, Mr. *Chandler*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Roberts*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *York*, *Lincoln*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford:* And they are to meet at Five a Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One Sixth-part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the publick Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Ferguſon*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Hellier*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Grahme*, Mr. *Chalmady*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Johnſon*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Millner*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Dr. *Paske*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Hampden*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Wm. Whitlock*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Delavall*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Dr. *Paske*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Hellier*, Mr. *Rolle*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Jennings*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *London*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr.

Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Peter Mew*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcott*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Wynn*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. *Sheppard*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Vaughan*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Morgan*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the better enabling the Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of what was due for Principal, and Intereſt, at *Lady-day* laſt, on the Debentures made out, purſuant to Acts of Parliament, to the Sufferers at the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *St. Chriſtopher's*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Petition of ſeveral trading Inhabitants of the City of *London*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and their Fellow-Subjects, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, Farthings and Halfpence having long been, and ſtill continuing to be, much wanted, to the great Detriment of Trade, notwithſtanding great Quantities of Counterfeits are made, the Petitioners humbly deſire this Honourable Houſe will uſe their great Intereſt with his Majeſty to order a ſpeedy Supply of Copper Coin: And the Petitioners ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of *Margaret*, the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband being unfortunately engaged in the late Rebellion, he was, by an Act of Parliament, attainted of High Treaſon: That, by an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate is veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick; and the ſame has been accordingly ſeized on: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, whereby his Majeſty may be enabled to grant the Petitioner ſuch Settlements as the Petitioner would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband were naturally dead.

Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, by his Majeſty's Command, acquainted the Houſe, That the ſaid Petitioner's Caſe had been laid before his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has no Objection to it, if the Houſe ſhall think fit to give Leave to bring in a Bill for the Petitioner's Relief.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *Moleſworth*, and Mr. *Ker*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of Sir *Robert Eden* Baronet, *George Pitt* Eſquire, *Surtees Swinburne* Eſquire, *James Rook* Eſquire, *Suſanna Bland* Widow, and *Cuthbert Elliſon*, Bachelor in Divinity, on behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That ſome of the Petitioners have Mortgages, others Rent-charges, Annuities, and Quit-rents, charged upon, and iſſuing out of, the ſeveral Manors, Lands, and Eſtate, of thoſe concerned in the late unnatural Rebellion; by means whereof the ſame, ſubject to the Charges and Incumbrances, became forfeited to his Majeſty: That the Commiſſioners impowered by the late Act of Parliament to inquire into thoſe Eſtates have ſtopped the Payment of all the Rents in the Tenants Hands; ſo that there are very great Arrears due to the Petitioners; who, notwithſtanding they have all entered their Claims as the ſaid Acts directs, yet can have no Benefit or Relief, there being no Power in any of his Majeſty's Courts, or otherwiſe, to determine the ſame: That the Loſs in the Tenants Hands, the Waſte and Deſtruction that is made in the ſaid Eſtates, and the Prejudice that they ſuffer for want of Care and Management thereof, is very conſiderable; and will not only be of great Damage to the Petitioners, but alſo very much diminiſh the Benefit thereof intended for the Publick: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Reports from the Commiſſioners, in whom the ſaid Eſtates are veſted, ſhall be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, in the room of *George Caſwall* Eſquire, who hath been adjudged not duly elected.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Ryder, to be added to the Bill, That no low Wines, or Spirits, ſhall be brought by Sea, Coaſtwiſe, from any Port or Place in this Kingdom, to any other Port or Place, without a Certificate from the proper Officer of Exciſe where the ſame were brewed, made, or diſtilled, that the Duty thereof hath been paid:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen; and to authorize Allowances to be made to certain Receivers; and to obviate a Doubt concerning Goods imported from the Iſlands of *Jerſey*, *Guernſey*, *Sarke*, and *Alderney*; and to aſcertain the Duties upon Sheep-ſkins and Lamb-ſkins; and to prevent Frauds in the Duties upon Starch; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties of low Wines and Spirits carried Coaſtwiſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols be read a Second time To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock; and nothing to intervene.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That the Bank of *England* had laid before them another Propoſal; which the Committee had conſidered; and had come to a Reſolution; which Propoſal, and Reſolution, they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 6° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City; and for diſcontinuing the Payment of the Dues commonly called the Petty-port Cuſtoms, at *Edinburgh*, during the Continuance of this Act.

Ordered, That Sir *George Warrender* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the 24th Day of *June* 1706, and before the 26th Day of *June* 1716, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two Judges, to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and the Fifth, of the late Queen, are expired; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the 24th Day of *June* 1706, and on or before the 26th Day of *June* 1716, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two Judges to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and Fifth, of the late Queen, are expired; and for continuing a Clauſe, in a former Act, for adjuſting Accounts between Bankrupts and their Debtors.

Ordered, That Mr. *Herne* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday hath been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account might be laid before this Houſe of what was due for Principal, and Intereſt, at *Lady-day* laſt, on the Debentures made out to the Sufferers in the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's*; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſaid Account be laid before this Houſe.

The Lord *Finch* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Manners* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent to the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton*, therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton*; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Jeſſop* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read them in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe:

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in Gaol in the County of *Dorſet*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: That this Honourable Houſe was pleaſed to demonſtrate a compaſſionate Intention toward the Relief of diſtreſſed Priſoners, by ordering a Bill to be brought in for that Purpoſe; which, though twice read, proved abortive: That his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed, from the Throne, to manifeſt and declare, That it was the natural Bent of his Royal Inclination to be merciful, even to his rebellious Subjects: Therefore the Petitioners, whoſe Hearts are intirely loyal, and devoted to the Service of King *George*, moſt humbly implore your Honours to grant them ſuch Relief as, in your great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet: And the Petitioners ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Propoſals which the *South-Sea* Company, and the Bank of *England*, had laid before the ſaid Committee, and the Reſolutions of the Committee touching the ſame, and other Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the

ſaid Propoſals of the *South-Sea* Company, and the Bank of *England*, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled.

THE Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South-Seas*, and other Parts of *America*; and for encouraging the Fiſhery; having under their Conſideration, how they may be moſt ſerviceable to his Majeſty and his Government; and to ſhew their Zeal and Readineſs to concur in the great and honourable Deſign of reducing the National Debts, in ſuch manner as may be conſiſtent with, and for the Support of, Parliamentary Credit; do humbly propoſe,

1ſt, That they will be content, and do ſubmit, that their preſent Capital Stock of Ten Millions be increaſed to the Sum of Twelve Millions, either by Subſcription or otherwiſe, as by their General Court ſhall be thought moſt expedient:

2dly, That the Two Millions, ſo to be advanced, ſhall be paid into his Majeſty's Exchequer by Four equal Payments; the laſt whereof to be on or before the 24th *December* next; and ſhall be employed towards redeeming the Principal and Intereſt charged on the Four Lottery Acts of 1711 and 1712, and the Annuities of Three Pounds *per Cent.* payable for the Bankers Debt contracted in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second; and not otherwiſe:

3dly, That the preſent annual Sums of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.* payable to the Company, be continued to them, for and in reſpect of their ſaid Ten Millions, until the 24th *June* 1718; and that, for the Two Millions, to be advanced as aforeſaid, there be allowed to the Company an Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, from the reſpective Times of Payment thereof into the Exchequer until the ſaid 24th of *June* 1718:

4thly, That, from and after the ſaid 24th *June* 1718, there be payable to the Company, by weekly Payments, as the Funds ſhall produce, an annual Sum of 600,000 *l.* being after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, for the whole Twelve Millions; together with their preſent Allowance of 8,000 *l. per Annum*; to continue until redeemed by Parliament, as herein after is mentioned:

5thly, That the preſent Duties and Revenues, chargeable with the Payment of the preſent annual Sums of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.* together with ſuch Duties and Revenues as ſhall be redeemed by the ſaid Two Millions, to be advanced as aforeſaid, ſhall be continued, and made the Fund for, and chargeable with, the Payment of the ſeveral Annuities, which, purſuant to this Propoſition, ſhall become due and payable to the Company, and with all Arrears thereof incurred, and to be incurred; and that the Surplus of all the ſaid Duties and Revenues, after ſuch Payment to the Company, as aforeſaid, ſhall be applied and appropriated for and towards paying and diſcharging ſome other of the preſent National Debts.

6thly, That the Sums unpaid, charged on the General Mortgage 1710, which is Part of the Company's preſent Funds, be paid out of the Aggregate Fund, to ariſe out of the Savings of the ſeveral Funds which ſhall be redeemed, or reduced, this Seſſion:

7thly, That all Transfers of the Company's preſent and increaſed Capital Stock ſhall be free and exempt from any further Duties than the Transfers are at preſent ſubject to by Parliament; and that their preſent and increaſed Capital, and Stock in Trade, be exempt from all Taxes and Impoſitions whatſoever:

8thly, The Company do ſubmit, That the ſaid annual Sum of 600,000 *l.* for the ſaid Twelve Millions, and the ſaid annual Sum of 8,000 *l.* may be redeemable by Parliament, upon a Year's Notice, to be given by Authority of Parliament, on any of the Four uſual Quarterly Feaſt-days in the Year after the 24th *June* 1725, and upon Payment to the ſaid Governor and Company of the ſaid capital Sum of Twelve Millions, and all Arrears of the ſaid annual Sums of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.*

By Order of the General Court of the aforeſaid Governor and Company,

16th *May* 1717. *John Ury*, Secretary.

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled.

THE Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, being willing to contribute their Aſſiſtance in the propoſed Deſign of eaſing the National Debts, in ſuch manner as may be conſiſtent with the Support of Parliamentary Credit, humbly propoſe,

That the original Fund of 100,000 *l. per Annum*, payable to the Bank in Conſideration of 1,600,000 *l.* advanced for the Service of the Government, remain ſecured to them to the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1742, and a Year's Notice, as it ſtands confirmed to them by ſeveral Acts of Parliament:

That they are content to accept an Annuity of 88,751 *l.* 7 *s.* 10½ *d.* being after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, on the principal Sum of 1,775,027 *l.* 17 *s.* 10½ *d.* in lieu of the preſent Annuity . . 106,501 *l.* 13 *s.* 5 *d.* payable to the ſaid Governor and Company out of the Duties on Houſes, to commence from the 25th Day of *March* 1718; ſubject to Redemption by Parliament, on Twelve Months Notice after the 25th Day of *March* 1723, and Repayment of the Principal, and all Arrears, of the ſaid Annuity.

As to the Exchequer-Bills iſſued by virtue of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, and now ſtanding out, for Four Millions Five hundred Sixty-one thouſand and Twenty-five Pounds, principal Money, or thereabouts;

The ſaid Governor and Company are content to accept an Annuity after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the Sum of Two Millions, Part thereof, to commence from the 29th Day of *September* 1717; ſubject to Redemption by Parliament, on Twelve Months Notice after the 29th Day of *September* 1722, and Repayment of the ſaid Two millions, and all Arrears of the Annuity attending the ſame;

And to continue the circulating, and exchanging for Money, at Demand, the Remainder of the ſaid Bills, at the preſent Allowance of Three Pounds *per Cent. per Annum:* And are alſo content, that the Intereſt, now payable on ſuch Bills, may be reduced to One Peny *per Cent. per diem*, from and after the 29th Day of *September* 1717; and that the ſaid Intereſt may ceaſe on any of the ſaid Bills, during the time that ſuch Bills may lie in the Exchequer, or in the Hands of any publick Officers; provided, that the Exchequer-Bills, hereby propoſed to be circulated and exchanged for Money, or any of them, be not redeemable but upon Twelve Months Notice, after the 29th Day of *September* 1724, and Repayment of the Principal, and Intereſt, and all Arrears, of the ſaid Allowance of Three Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and that the Allowances of 45,000 *l. per Annum*, and 8,000 *l. per Annum*, payable to the ſaid Governor and Company by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, for making Exchequer-Bills Specie, until the ſame ſhould be reduced to 1,900,000 *l.* be continued to them until the 25th Day of *March* 1718:

That no more Exchequer-Bills, or Bills of like Nature, be iſſued, without Conſent of the Bank, until ſuch Redemption be made.

The ſaid Governor and Company are willing to advance the Sum of 2,500,000 *l.* to the Publick, or ſuch Part thereof as may be wanted, in order to redeem the publick Funds, at ſuch Time and Times before the 25th Day of *March* 1718, and in ſuch Proportions, as ſhall be found neceſſary, at an Intereſt of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament:

Provided, that the Five-ſevenths Exciſe, Houſe-money, and Duties of the Aggregate Fund, be ſettled to anſwer all theſe Payments, with Preference to all others; and that the Corporation of the Bank do continue, with all its Capacities, Privileges, and Advantages, till all theſe Redemptions are made:

And

And that all ſuch Privileges and Clauſes, as ſhall be thought neceſſary and reaſonable to enable the Bank to perform the reſpective Services propoſed, be inſerted in the Bill to paſs on this Occaſion; and that no further Duties or Taxes may be laid on their preſent or increaſed Stock; nor on any Transfer of the ſame; nor on any Bonds or Bills to be iſſued by the Bank for Support of their Credit.

Signed, by Order of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*,

Jo. Ince, Secretary.

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled.

THE Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, having underſtood the Reſolutions of this Honourable Houſe, in a Committee of Ways and Means, on the 22th and 24th of this inſtant *May*; and having obſerved the ſeveral Particulars wherein the ſaid Reſolutions do differ from the Propoſal laid before this Honourable Houſe by the ſaid Governor and Company, on the 17th of this Month; do conſent to the ſeveral Alterations; except,

That, in Conſideration of their paſt Services; the many Difficulties they have ſtruggled with, in ſupporting publick Credit; their chearful Concurrence in redeeming their own Funds; and their Aſſiſtance in diſcharging other Debts of the Nation;

They do humbly inſiſt, That they may have as long a Term of Time allowed them for the future Redemption of their Funds, as ſhall be granted to any other Corporation this Seſſion of Parliament:

And that the Annuities, to be eſtabliſhed for paying off the Lotteries, and other redeemable Funds, may be made transferrable, and payable, in the Bank; which Service the ſaid Governor and Company are willing to undertake, without any Charge to the Publick, other than Salary for Clerks, and Fees in paſſing the Accounts: And that all ſuch Privileges and Clauſes, as ſhall be thought neceſſary and reaſonable to enable the Bank to perform the reſpective Services propoſed, be inſerted in the Bill to paſs on this Occaſion; and that no further Duties or Taxes may be laid on their preſent or increaſed Stock; nor on any Transfer of the ſame; nor on any Bonds or Bills to be iſſued by the Bank for Support of their Credit.

Signed, by Order of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*,

Jo. Ince, Secretary.

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled.

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* did, by a Propoſal delivered to this Honourable Houſe, in a Committee on Ways and Means, the 31th *May* laſt, amongſt other things, inſiſt to have as long a Term of Time allowed them for the future Redemption of their Funds, as ſhould be granted to any other Corporation this Seſſion of Parliament:

The ſaid Governor and Company, having taken the ſaid Paragraph in their ſaid Propoſal into further Conſideration, do ſubmit themſelves, in that Particular, to the Reſolutions of the Honourable Committee, of the 24th of *May* laſt: But they humbly inſiſt,

That the Annuities, to be eſtabliſhed for paying off the Lotteries, and other redeemable Funds, may be made transferrable, and payable, in the Bank; which Service the ſaid Governor and Company are willing to undertake, without any Charge to the Publick, other than Salary for Clerks, and Fees in paſſing the Accounts:

And that all ſuch Privileges and Clauſes, as ſhall be thought neceſſary and reaſonable to enable the Bank to perform the reſpective Services propoſed, be inſerted in the Bill to paſs on this Occaſion; and that no further Duties or Taxes may be laid on their preſent or increaſed Stock; nor on any Transfer of the ſame; nor on any Bonds or Bills to be iſſued by the Bank, for Support of their Credit.

By Order of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*,

Jo. Ince, Secretary.

Then the Reſolutions of the Committee were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

1ſt, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the preſent annual Sums of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.* payable to the *South-Sea* Company, be continued to them, for and in reſpect of their Capital Stock of Ten Millions, until the 24th Day of *June* 1718, inclusive.

2d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, from and after the ſaid 24th Day of *June* 1718, there be payable to the ſaid Company, by weekly Payments, an annual Sum of 500,000 *l.*; being after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the ſaid Ten Millions; together with their preſent Allowance of 8,000 *l. per Annum*, to be continued until redeemed by Parliament.

3d, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the preſent Duties and Revenues, chargeable with the Payment of the preſent annual Sums of 600,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.* ſhall be continued, and made the Fund for, and chargeable with the Payment of, the ſaid Annuities of 500,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.* as the ſame ſhall become due and payable to the Company; and with all Arrears thereof incurred, and to be incurred; and that the Surplus of all the Duties and Revenues, after ſuch Payment to the Company, as aforeſaid, ſhall attend the further Diſpoſition of Parliament.

4th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid annual Sums of 500,000 *l.* and Eight thouſand Pounds, be made redeemable by Parliament, upon a Year's Notice to be given by Authority of Parliament, on any of the Four uſual Feaſt-days in the Year after the 24th Day of *June* 1723; and upon Payment to the ſaid Company of the ſaid Sum of Ten Millions, and all Arrears of the ſaid annual Sum of 500,000 *l.* and 8,000 *l.*

5th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all Transfers of the ſaid Company's Stock ſhall be free and exempt from any further Duties than the Transfers are at preſent ſubject to by Parliament; and that their Capital, and Stock in Trade, be exempt from all Taxes and Impoſitions whatſoever.

6th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Company be obliged to advance ſuch further Sums, not exceeding Two Millions, as the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall call for, at any time or times before the 24th Day of *December* 1717, at an Intereſt not exceeding Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and that the Monies ſo called for, if any, be applied for or towards Redemption of the Principal and Intereſt charged on the Four Lottery-Acts of 1711 and 1712; and of the Annuities of Three Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, charged on the Hereditary Exciſe; and that the ſaid Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, to be paid to the ſaid Company for the further Sums ſo to be advanced, be ſecured as well upon the Surplus of the ſaid Duties and Revenues to ariſe over and above the ſaid Annuities, payable for the ſaid Ten Millions; as alſo upon the Duties and Revenues to be redeemed with the ſaid Sums, not exceeding Two Millions, to be further advanced, as aforeſaid.

7th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the annual Fund of 106,501 *l.* 13 *s.* 5 *d. per Annum*, payable to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* out of the Duties on Houſes, ſhall be continued to them to the 24th Day of *June* 1718.

8th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Annuity of 88,751 *l.* 7 *s.* 10 ½ *d.* being after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, on the principal Sum of 1,775,027 *l.* 17 *s.* 10 ½ *d.* due to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, in lieu of their preſent Annuity of 106,501 *l.* 13 *s.* 5 *d. per Annum*, out of the Duties on Houſes, be ſecured to the ſaid Company, from the 24th Day of *June* 1718; redeemable by Parliament, on Twelve Months Notice after the ſaid 24th Day of *June* 1718.

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9th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the preſent Allowances to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, payable to them for circulating, and exchanging for ready Money, the principal Sum of 4,561,025 *l.* be continued to them until the 25th Day of *December* 1717.

10th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Annuity of 100,000 *l.* being after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum* on the Sum of Two Millions, be ſecured to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, in Conſideration of their undertaking to deliver up as many of the preſent Exchequer-Bills as ſhall amount to the Sum of Two Millions, to be cancelled; and that the ſame Annuity of 100,000 *l.* do commence from the 25th Day of *December* 1717, redeemable by Parliament, on Twelve Months Notice after the ſaid 25th of *December* 1717, and Repayment of the ſaid Two Millions, and all Arrears of the ſaid Annuity attending the ſame.

11th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, for undertaking to circulate, and exchange for ready Money, at Demand, the Remainder, computed to amount to Two millions Five hundred ſixty-one thouſand Twenty-five Pounds, or thereabouts, of the ſaid preſent Exchequer-Bills, the Allowance of Three Pounds *per Cent. per Annum* be continued, and ſecured, to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and that the Intereſt, now payable on the ſaid remaining Bills, be reduced to One Peny *per Cent. per diem*, from and after the 25th Day of *December* 1717; and that ſuch Intereſt, running on any of the ſame Bills during the time they ſhall lie in the Exchequer, or in the Hands of any publick Officers, be ſaved to the Publick; and that the ſaid Exchequer-Bills, ſo to be circulated and exchanged, be redeemable, upon a Year's Notice, after the 29th of *September* 1717.

12th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no more Exchequer-Bills, or Bills of the like Nature, be iſſued, without Conſent of the Bank, until ſuch Redemption be made.

13th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* be obliged to advance to the Publick ſuch further Sums, not exceeding 2,500,000 *l.* as the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or High Treaſurer, for the Time being, ſhall call for at any time or times before the 25th Day of *March* 1718, at an Intereſt of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament.

14th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe-money, and Duties of the Aggregate Fund, be ſettled to anſwer all the ſaid Payments to the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, with Preference to all others.

15th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Annuities to be eſtabliſhed for paying off the Four Lotteries of 1711 and 1712, and the Bankers Debt, be made transferrable, and payable at the Bank.

16th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, That the Duty of Six Pence on Forty Ells of *Britiſh* Linen exported be taken off.

17th, *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Duties upon Lint-ſeed imported into this Kingdom be taken off.

The Firſt Six of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, poſtponed.

Then the reſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are ordered to bring in a Bill, or Bills, upon the Reſolutions reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt; which were agreed unto by the Houſe on the Twenty-third of *March* laſt; That they do bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the Reſolutions this Day reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed unto by the Houſe: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Baily*, Mr. *Mickletbwait*, and Mr. *Lechmere*, be added to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in the ſaid Bill, or Bills.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid poſtponed Reſolutions be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſaid poſtponed Reſolutions:

And they were again ſeverally read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who were ordered to bring in a Bill, or Bills, upon the ſaid Reſolutions of the Twenty-third of *March*, and the Reſolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and, as before-mentioned, agreed unto by the Houſe this Day, That they do bring in a Bill upon the ſaid Six Reſolutions, relating to the *South-Sea* Company, which were poſtponed, and are ſince agreed unto.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to bring in the ſaid Bill, That they do therein provide, That, after the Twenty-fourth of *June* One thouſand Seven hundred Twenty-three, the principal Money due to the *South-Sea* Company ſhall be redeemable by Payments of not leſs than One million at a time.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame; was committed; be received To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 7° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Drew*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *York*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Foley*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Admiral *Aylmer*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Pringle*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Harvey*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Bigg*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Bruere*, Sir *Peter Mew*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Digby*, Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Urquehart*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Elford*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Suſſex*,

ſex, and *Kent:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Admiral *Aylmer* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walter* be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange a certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned; is committed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellows:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payment of his Debts; and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies* his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Lord *James Murray* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray* late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *Joſeph Jekyll* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for rendering a Security effectual, which was made by *James* Duke of *Ormond*, deceaſed, Grandfather to the Lady *Amelia Butler*, for raiſing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds for her Portion; with Intereſt for the ſame: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Drew* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons, to put in Execution the Powers of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York:* And that Sir *William Lowther* and Mr. *Hutchinſon* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game: And that Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Churchill*, and Mr. *Morice*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *William Hartley*, and others, Creditors for Work done, and Materials found, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, on the behalf of themſelves, and divers other like Creditors, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That, the Committee having examined the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, it appeared,

That, by an Act of the Fifth Year of the late Queen *Anne*, for repairing the ſaid Road, ſeveral Powers are granted to the Truſtees therein named, for raiſing Money, to be laid out in amending the ſaid Roads:

That the Truſtees, in the Act named, contracted with the Petitioners, for the Carriage of Stone, Gravel, and other Materials, from ſeveral Places remote from the ſaid Road; whereby there is a conſiderable Debt due to them for the ſame; amounting to the Sum of 6,000 *l.* and upwards:

That the Monies, ariſing by the ſaid Toll, amounting to no more than about Four hundred Pounds *per Annum*, *communibus Annis*, were not ſufficient to diſcharge the ſaid Debts; whereupon another Act paſſed in the Eighth Year of the ſaid Queen, for making more effectual the aforeſaid Act, by granting a longer Term of Years for collecting the ſaid Toll:

That the Petitioners alſo complained of ſome Defects in the former Act of Parliament; particularly in relation to the Toll upon Oxen, Sheep, and Hogs; by which it is Enacted, That there ſhall be paid, for every Score of Oxen, Six Pence; for every Score of Sheep or Lambs, One Peny; and, for every Score of Hogs, Three Pence; and ſo in proportion for any Number exceeding Five: But that the Drovers, to avoid the Duty, always take care to ſeparate their Oxen, Sheep, and Hogs, into ſmall Parcels, under the Number of Five in a Parcel; by means whereof the Law is evaded, and the Duty loſt.

That it appeared alſo to the Committee, That great Numbers of Perſons, travelling the ſaid Road, do avoid the Turnpike, by going with their Waggons into private Perſons Grounds:

That the former Act of Parliament directs, That a Turnpike, or Turnpikes, ſhall be erected between *Fornhill* and *Stony-Stratford*; by means whereof, ſeveral Perſons avoid paying the Toll, by going a By-road near *Stratford* Bridge; whereas the Turnpike ought to have been ſet up at *Stratford* Bridge, or any Part thereof; but, as the Act now ſtands, they have not ſufficient Power ſo to do:

That the Petitioners allege, That, in the former Act, they have not a Power to dig for Stone, Gravel, or other Materials, neceſſary for amending the Roads, into waſte or other Grounds, as is in all other Acts of the like Nature.

That, upon the whole Matter, it appeared, That the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations of their Petition; and, unleſs they have the Aid of an Act of Parliament, to remove the before-mentioned Impediments, and to explain the former Acts, the Roads, which are Eleven Miles in Length, cannot be kept in good Repair, nor the Creditors paid their juſt Debt, ſo long ſtanding out; which will tend to the Ruin of them, and their Families.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for amending the Roads between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks:* And that Mr. *Hampden* and Mr. *Denton* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Southeske*

Southeske was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband being unfortunately engaged in the late Rebellion, he is, by an Act of Parliament, attainted of High Treaſon: That, by an Act, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate is veſted in his Majeſty, for the ſaid Uſe; and the ſame has been accordingly ſeized upon: That the Petitioner brought her ſaid Huſband a conſiderable Fortune; and, by his Attainder, the Petitioner, with her Son, are now deſtitute of any Means of Subſiſtence; nor can have any Relief, without the Aid of this Honourable Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, whereby his Majeſty may be enabled to grant the Petitioner ſuch Jointure as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband had been naturally dead; and to make ſuch Settlement upon her ſaid Son, out of her ſaid Huſband's Eſtate, as to his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

And Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, by his Majeſty's Command, acquainted the Houſe, That the Petitioner's Caſe had been laid before his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has no Objection to it, if the Houſe ſhall think fit to give Leave to bring in a Bill for the Petitioner's Relief.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Brigadier *Stewart*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Ferguſon*, Mr. *Pringle*, and Sir *James Campbell*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Marion* the Wife of *James Stirling*, late of *Keir*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband being in the late Rebellion, he is, by Act of Parliament, attainted of High Treaſon: That, by an Act appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate is veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick; and the ſame has been accordingly ſeized upon: That the Petitioner brought her ſaid Huſband a conſiderable Fortune; and, by his Attainder, the Petitioner, with Nine young Children, are now left deſtitute, without the Aid of this Honourable Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, whereby his Majeſty may be enabled to grant the Petitioner ſuch Jointure as the Petitioner would have been intitled unto, in caſe the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband had been naturally dead; and to grant ſuch Proviſion for her Nine Children, out of her ſaid Huſband's Eſtate, or ſuch other Relief, and in ſuch manner, as to his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

A Petition of *Jane* the Wife of *James* late Lord *Drummond* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband being engaged in the late Rebellion, he is, by Act of Parliament, attainted of High Treaſon: That, by an Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them, for the Uſe of the Publick; the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate is veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick; and the ſame has been accordingly ſeized upon: That the Petitioner brought her ſaid Huſband a conſiderable Fortune; and, by his Attainder, the Petitioner, with Four younger Children, are now left deſtitute of any Subſiſtence, without the Aid of this Honourable Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, whereby his Majeſty may be enabled to grant to the Petitioner ſuch Jointure as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband had been naturally dead; and to grant ſuch Proviſions for her ſaid Four younger Children, out of her ſaid Huſband's late Eſtate, as to his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

A Petition of Lady *Jane* Wife of the late Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, of *Bannockburn*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband being engaged in the late Rebellion, he is, by Act of Parliament, attainted of High Treaſon: That, by an Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them, for the Uſe of the Publick; the Petitioner's ſaid Huſband's Eſtate is veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick; and the ſame has been accordingly ſeized upon: That the Petitioner brought her ſaid Huſband a conſiderable Fortune; and, by his Attainder, the Petitioner, with Two Children, are now left deſtitute of Subſiſtence, without the Aid of this Honourable Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, whereby his Majeſty may be enabled to grant the Petitioner ſuch Jointure as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband had been naturally dead; and to grant ſuch Proviſions for her ſaid Two Children, out of her ſaid Huſband's late Eſtate, as to his Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.

Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, by his Majeſty's Command, acquainted the Houſe, That the ſaid Petitioners ſeveral Caſes had been laid before his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has no Objection to them, if the Houſe ſhall think fit to relieve the Petitioners, according to the Prayers of their ſeveral Petitions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the Bill for the Relief of *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Southeske*, That they do provide therein for the Relief of the ſaid ſeveral Petitioners.

Mr. *Craggs*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts, therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine ſuch Debts, and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to make out Debentures for the ſame; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe C; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe C being read a Second time, for impowering the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the forfeited Eſtates to certify into the Exchequer of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, the Names of ſuch Perſons as are poſſeſſed of forfeited Eſtates, or ſuch as have received the Profits thereof, and who ſhall neglect to pay what they are indebted to his Majeſty into the Exchequer; and thereupon the Court of Exchequer may order Proceſs, and Execution, to iſſue againſt the Perſon ſo indebted to his Majeſty, and their Eſtates, as is uſual for the Recovery of a Debt due to his Majeſty;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Hillerſden*:	83.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Campbell*:	76.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Clauſe D, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe E being read a Second time; the ſame was amended by the Houſe; and afterwards agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added, to the Bill, That Perſons named in Certificates, or who ſhall think themſelves aggrieved thereby, may plead to, and traverſe, ſuch Certificates, in ſuch manner as they might have done, if

the Matter, contained in ſuch Certificates, had been found by any Inquiſition taken by virtue of any Extent, or other Proceſs, iſſuing out of the Court of Exchequer:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be made Part of the Bill;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Pitt*, / Mr. *Vernon:* } 19.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Barrington*, / Mr. *Jeſſop:* } 71.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Time, limited in the Act, for entering Claims, ſhall be inlarged; and that all Claims, made by Truſtees for Creditors, or Childrens Portions, ſhall be as effectual as if the Creditors, or Children, had actually claimed the ſame:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 8° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payments of his Debts; and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies* his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That his Majeſty, by Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of *Ireland*, bearing Date on or about the One-and-thirtieth Day of *May*, in the Third Year of his Majeſty's Reign, hath conſtituted and appointed the Petitioner the Earl of *Scarbrough*, together with *Matthew Ducie Morton* Eſquire, to be his Majeſty's Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Revenues, Profits, and Caſualties whatſoever, in his Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to be Treaſurer at War within his ſaid Kingdom: That the Petitioner, by reaſon of his preſent Attendance in Parliament, cannot go into the ſaid Kingdom, to qualify himſelf there for the ſaid Offices: And praying for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioner to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *William Powlet*, and Mr. *Farrer*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill for Sale of the late *Richard* Earl of *Ranelagh*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, his Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborn*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the Third time.

Some Amendments were propoſed to be made to the Bill:

Preſs 4. L. 4. To leave out "Reſidue of the;" and, after "the," to inſert "ſaid:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for Sale of the late *Richard* Earl of *Ranelagh*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, his Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborn*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeſſop* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Lord *Moleſworth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled unto, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Brigadier *Stewart* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southeske*; *James* late Lord *Drummond*; Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, late of *Bannockburn*; and *James Stirling*, late of *Keir:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hampden* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Ferguſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the publick Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe a Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two Millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National

National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Bill mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Deal*, *Dover*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Deal*, *Dover*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Papillon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Selwin* preſented to the Houſe a Report of the Commiſſioners nominated and appointed by his Majeſty's Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, purſuant to an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent:

And the Title of the ſaid Report was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

And the ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick:

And the ſaid Reports were read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the more effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer, for the Uſe of the Publick: And that Mr. Comptroller, the Lord *William Powlet*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, and Mr. *Bailye*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 12° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Sir *William Pole* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Elford* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Earl of *Hertford* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange a certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Report he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead, was read a Second time,

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray*, late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*; *James* late Lord *Drummond*; Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, late of *Bannockburn*; and *James Stirling*, late of *Keir*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payments of his Debts; and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies*, his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Earl of *Barrymore*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Kynaſton*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Wynn*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Sir *John Conway*, Mr. *Elford*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter*, and

and *North-Wales*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *James Campbell* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the further explaining, and amending, ſeveral Matters relating to the Church-Judicatures, and Patronages, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*: And the ſame was received.

An ingroſſed Bill for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of One Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the publick Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferguſon* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of the Honourable *William Dalrymple* Eſquire, in the Name and Behalf of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent; and of *James Campbell* Eſquire, in the Name and Behalf of the publick Creditors in *Scotland*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, of the 12° of her late Majeſty, to diſcharge and acquit the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, *&c.* a capital Sum of 23,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.* was ſtated due to the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, on 24th *June* 1714; and the Commiſſioners were directed to receive, and cancel, all Certificates, Warrants, and Debentures, which, by an Act of the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty, had been granted for the ſaid Debts; and to iſſue Debentures for the Sums to Perſons reſpectively intitled thereto, with Intereſt after the Rate of 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum*; and, by an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, in the Term of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*; the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, and Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, were impowered, the 1° *November* 1715, to iſſue Orders for Payment of One Year's Intereſt, to 24th *June* following, of the ſaid Sum of 23,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.*; and for Payment of the Salaries of the ſaid Commiſſioners, their Servants, and neceſſary Charges, to that time, amounting to 15,822 *l.* 8 *s.* 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*; which their Lordſhips directed, and the Petitioners received Part thereof: And, by another Act, of the Firſt of his Majeſty, for the Relief of *Wm. Paterſon* Eſquire, the ſaid Commiſſioners were required to iſſue and pay him, his Executors, *&c.* 18,241 *l.* 10 *s.* 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* in like Debentures; the Principal of which to be payable in Courſe after thoſe formerly directed, and the Intereſt upon them, after the Rate of 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum*, from 24th *June* 1715, to be, in the mean time, payable in the ſame manner as the other Debentures; the Sum of 31,565 *l.* 2 *s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* became due 24th *June* 1717, for Payment of the Two Years Intereſt remaining upon the capital Sums ſtated as above; and for paying Two Years Salaries to ſaid Commiſſioners, and their Servants, for which no Proviſion is yet made: That a Report from the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty to ſtate the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Term of the Union, and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of Equivalent, was read, and laid before the King, and both Houſes of Parliament, as by Direction of the aforeſaid Act . . . Petitioners hope, the publick Debts of *Scotland* before the Union may be put in a regular Courſe of Payment for the future: And praying, That the Houſe will give ſuch Directions for Payment of the ſaid Sum of 31,565 *l.* 2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, due as aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the Matter of Fact, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, General *Roſſe*, Colonel *Grahme*, Brigadier *Sutton*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Hopton*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Pulteny*, Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Banks*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Cater*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records; and to ſit *de die in diem*.

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners nominated and appointed by his Majeſty's Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, purſuant to an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider the State of the Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, That the Committee had met ſeveral times, and made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; but that the Proſecution of the ſaid Impeachment having been interrupted for ſo many Months, by the Intervention of many weighty and urgent Affairs, which more nearly and immediately concerned the Welfare, Defence, and Security, of the Kingdom, it's become abſolutely neceſſary for thoſe who ſhall be appointed to manage the ſaid Impeachment to review, and carefully peruſe, all the Treaties, Records, Letters, and other Papers, proper and neceſſary for ſupporting this Proſecution; which being very voluminous, it will be impoſſible, within the Time appointed for the Tryal, to adjuſt and apply the proper Evidence to the ſeveral Articles.

Reſolved, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, acquainting them with the Reaſons why this Houſe cannot proceed on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* at the Time appointed; and to deſire, that the ſame may be put off to a farther Day.

Which Meſſage was thus;

The Commons acquaint your Lordſhips, That the Proſecution of the Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* having been interrupted for ſo many Months, by the Intervention of many weighty and urgent Affairs, which more nearly and immediately concerned the Welfare, Defence, and Security, of the Kingdom, it's become abſolutely neceſſary for the Commons to review, and carefully peruſe, all the Treaties, Records, Letters, and other Papers, proper and neceſſary for the ſupporting this Proſecution; which being very voluminous, it will be impoſſible, within the Time appointed for the Tryal, for the Commons to adjuſt and apply the proper Evidence to the ſeveral Articles; and therefore they deſire, that the Tryal may be put off to a further Day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carter* do carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Lords.

A Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary to be

be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities, formerly purchaſed, at the Rate of Five *per Cent*; and for other Purpoſes in this Bill mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Carter* reported to the Houſe, That he had, according to their Order, been at the Lords, and delivered the Meſſage to them, deſiring, That the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* may be put off to a farther Day.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Mellor*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Patrick Wemys* Eſquire to ſell certain Houſes in *Dublin*, for Payment of Debts; and for the ſettling Lands in the County of *Kilkenny*, and elſewhere, to the ſame Uſes to which the Houſes to be ſold were ſettled: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe:

And have alſo paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition made between *Robert Daſhwood* Eſquire, and *Cholmley Turner* Eſquire, of certain Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Oxon*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Mr. *Bladen* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Mr. Serjeant *Birch* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

A Bill for rendering a Security effectual, which was made by *James* Duke of *Ormond*, deceaſed, Grandfather to the Lady *Amelia Butler*, for raiſing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds for her Portion, with Intereſt for the ſame, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for the further explaining, and amending, ſeveral Matters relating to Church-Judicatures, and Patronages, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 13° *die Junii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, made between *Robert Daſhwood* Eſquire, and *Cholmley Turner* Eſquire, of certain Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Oxon*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords have ordered the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, upon the Impeachment depending againſt him, which was appointed this Day in *Weſtminſter-hall*, be adjourned to *Monday* the Twenty-fourth Inſtant; and that their Lordſhips will proceed to the ſaid Tryal, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, upon the ſaid Twenty-fourth Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon: Alſo,

That the Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act declaring the Uſes of Two ſeveral Fines, levied by *John Cuffe* Eſquire, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *Joſeph Kelly* Eſquire, deceaſed, and *Maurice Cuffe* Eſquire, and the Heirs of the ſaid *Joſeph Kelly*, of certain Lands and Tythes in the Counties of *Down* and *Cavan*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Lord *William Powlet* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Patrick Wemys* Eſquire to ſell certain Houſes in *Dublin*, for Payment of Debts; and for the ſettling Lands in the County of *Kilkenny*, and elſewhere, to the ſame Uſes to which the Houſes to be ſold were ſettled; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act declaring the Uſes of Two ſeveral Fines, levied by *John Cuffe* Eſquire, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *Joſeph Kelly* Eſquire, deceaſed, and *Maurice Cuffe* Eſquire, and the Heirs of the ſaid *Joſeph Kelly*, of certain Lands and Tythes in the Counties of *Down* and *Cavan*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Walpole* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty's

Reign, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hampden*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Robert Corbet*, Sir *Mountague Blundell*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Maynard*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Bere*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Grantham*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Bucks*, and *Northampton*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Lord *William Powlet* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownlowe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford*; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of 5 *l. per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable, in the time and manner thereby preſcribed: And the ſame was received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the hearing the Matter of the Petition of *John Jones* and *George James*, Conſtables of the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*; and of the ſeveral Voters, in behalf of themſelves, and others, Voters of the ſaid Borough; and alſo the Matter of the Petition of *George Speke* Eſquire, Lord of the Manor of *Alcombe*, in the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*;

The Counſel for the ſaid Petitioners, in both Petitions, were called in:

And the Petitions were again read:

And then the Counſel were heard:

And the Counſel againſt the Petition of the Conſtables objecting to the Conſtables proceeding upon their Petition; for that the Queſtion, Who was the Returning Officer, is a Matter of private Property, triable at Law; and that this Houſe never took upon them to determine ſuch a Queſtion;

The Counſel on both Sides were ordered to withdraw.

Ordered, That the Counſel be called in; and that Mr. Speaker do acquaint them, That this Houſe will not ſuffer them to diſpute the Privileges of this Houſe.

And the Counſel were called in accordingly; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Then the Counſel proceeded; and were heard on both Sides; and ſeveral Witneſſes were examined.

And then the Witneſſes, and the Counſel, withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Conſtables of *Minehead* are the proper Officers to whom the Precept for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, ought to be delivered, and to whom the Execution of ſuch Precept doth belong.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine a Clock.

Veneris, 14° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange . . certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange . . certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Edgcumbe* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs * L. * To inſert "long as:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Elford* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better collecting and levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy.

Ordered, That Sir *William Pole* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Fox*, from the Auditor of the Exchequer, attended;

He was called in; and preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of what Principal and Intereſt is due on *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's* Debentures.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

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The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled; purſuant to an Addreſs from this Honourable Houſe, the following Account is humbly preſented; *viz.*

AN Account of what is due for Principal and Intereſt, at *Lady-day* 1717, on the Debentures made out, purſuant to Acts of Parliament, to the Sufferers at the Iſlands of *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's*.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
To Principal due on Debentures made out by the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations to the Sufferers aforeſaid —— —— ——	97,936	16	6
To Two Years and a Quarter's Intereſt, from 25th Day of *December* 1714 to *Lady-day* 1717, at 6 *l. per Cent.* —	13,221	9	6
In all ——	111,158	6	0

Exchequer, 14th *June* 1717.

J. Fox.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

An ingroſſed Bill to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine ſuch Debts, and grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to the making out Debentures for the ſame; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That where any Perſon, to whom any Pay hath been, or ſhall be, paid, is, or hereafter ſhall become, Bankrupt, before ſuch Pay was, or ſhall be, paid to the Officers or Soldiers to whom the ſame was, or ſhall be, due, that the Money owing to the ſeveral Officers and Soldiers, to whom the ſame ſhall of Right belong, be firſt fully paid out of the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Perſon, preferably to any other Debts:

And the ſaid Clauſe was thrice read:

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Clauſe be made Part of the Bill;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Another ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, to ſave the Rights of Creditors:

And the ſame was twice read:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be read the Third time;

It paſſed in the Negative.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs 11. L.* To leave out "is:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to continue, and revive, ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and alſo to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to determine the ſaid Debts; and to grant Certificates of ſuch Debts, in order to the making out Debentures for the ſame; and for enabling the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the forfeited Eſtates, to certify the Names of Perſons who have been in Poſſeſſion, or received any Rents out of the ſaid forfeited Eſtates, into the Exchequer; and for inlarging the Time for making Claims on the ſaid Eſtates; and for enabling Truſtees for Creditors, or Children, to make Claims for ſuch Creditors, or Children.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Meller:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed, for the more ſpeedy Raiſing of Maintenance money, and Portions, for his Daughters; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe:

And have alſo paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement made between *John Wynd* Clerk, Vicar of *Thirkleby*, in the County of *York*, and Sir *Thomas Frankland* Baronet, for Exchange of the Vicarage-houſe, and certain Lands therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer: And the ſame was received.

A Bill to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Hor. Walpole*, Mr. *Letchmere*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Carter*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Hen. Aſhurſt*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Heathcote*, General *Roſſe*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Sir *Tho. D'Ath*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Rudge*, Sir *Theo. Janſen:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That Managers be appointed to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Ordered, That the Committee, who were appointed to conſider of the State of the ſaid Impeachment, be the ſaid Managers.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, Mr. *Craggs*, be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for ſuch Perſons, Papers, and Records, as ſhall be thought neceſſary to be uſed at the Tryal of the ſaid Earl; and that they have Power to ſit *de die in diem*; and to adjourn to ſuch Time and Place as they think fit: And they are to prepare Evidence, and to proceed in the moſt ſpeedy and ſecret Way they can, for the Advantage of the Proſecution.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antony Crotchrode* be appointed Solicitor to attend the Managers in proſecuting the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

A Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum* any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund and Annuities to be hereafter redeemable in the Time and Manner thereby preſcribed; was, according to Order, read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed, at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Bill mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed, be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 15 *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed, for the more ſpeedy Raiſing of Maintenance-money, and Portions, for his Daughters; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement, made between *John Wind* Clerk, Vicar of *Thirkleby*, in the County of *York*, and Sir *Thomas Frankland* Baronet, for Exchange of the Vicarage-houſe, and certain Lands therein mentioned, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Monroe*, Brigadier *Grant*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Leigh*, Sir *James Campbell*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Sir *Hen. Aſhburſt*, Mr. *Tuftnell*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Forreſter*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Pigott*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Franklyn*, Mr. *Papillon*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *John Rogers*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Cartwright*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Nicholas* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Grantham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game was committed, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to prevent the Miſchiefs which frequently happen by Kicking of Foot-balls, and Throwing at Cocks, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Bills of Mortality: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on the forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations in *America*, Duty-free; and for the more effectual Diſcovery of, and proſecuting, ſuch as ſhall unlawfully export Wool, and Woollen Manufactures, from *Ireland*; and for Relief of *John Fletcher*, in reſpect to the Duty by him paid for a Quantity of Salt loſt in the Exportation for *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed:

And ſeveral of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for rendering a Security effectual, which was made by *James* Duke of *Ormond*, deceaſed, Grand-

Grandfather to the Lady *Amelia Butler*, for raiſing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds for her Portion, with Intereſt for the ſame.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pringle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pringle* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray*, late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Lord *James Murray* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Lord *James Murray* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*; *James* late Lord *Drummond*; Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, late of *Bannockburn*; and *James Stirling*, late of *Keir*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Brigadier *Stuart* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Brigadier *Stuart* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 17 die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, made between *Robert Daſhwood* Eſquire and *Cholmley Turner* Eſquire, of certain Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Oxon*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Hampden*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Ingram*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Edward Turnor*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Aſhe*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Dodd*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Bigg*, Sir *Robert Chaplin*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Dodrington*, Mr. *Benſon*, Brigadier *Stuart*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Peytoe*, Mr. *Grantham*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Oxford* and *York:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was committed; That the Committee had made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead, be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray*, late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband, be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*; *James* late Lord *Drummond*; Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, late of *Bannockburn*; and *James Stirling*, late of *Keir*; be read the Third time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

A Bill for the further explaining and amending ſeveral Matters relating to the Church-Judicatures, and Patronages, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *James Campbell*, Lord *James Murray*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Pringle*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Haldane*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *Robert Chaplin*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Morice*, General *Lumley*; and all that ſerve for *North Britain:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Hugh Speke* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner had delivered his Caſe, which is without Parallel, or Precedent, to moſt of the Members of this Honourable Houſe; being in Hopes of finding ſome Relief therein this Seſſions, by having his ſaid Debt included in a Propoſal that was intended to have been laid before this Honourable Houſe, for the Payment of the late King *William*'s Debts; which hath now been too long delayed, and retarded, to paſs during this Seſſion: And praying the Favour of this Honourable Houſe to have his particular Caſe recommended to his Majeſty for ſuch Relief therein, till another Seſſion of Parliament, as his Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom and Juſtice, ſhall judge proper and fitting.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Grantham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two Millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed, at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Bill mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 18° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Mayor, capital Burgeſſes, and Aſſiſtants, of the Town and Borough of *Tiverton*, in the County of *Devon*, and of the Merchants, Fullers, Sergemakers, and others, trading and dealing in the Woollen Manufactures in the ſaid Town and Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Woollen Manufactures within the ſaid Town have been, for Ages paſt, the principal Support of the poorer of the Inhabitants; and, in caſe the ſaid Manufactures are not encouraged, the Poor will become too burdenſome for the ſaid Town: That vaſt Quantities of Soap and Candles are daily ſpent in the working and fulling the ſaid Manufactures; and the Duty on Soap and Candles being ſo very high, it is a great Clog to the ſaid Manufactures; by means whereof the Traders are incapacitated of carrying on their Trades: And praying to be relieved in ſuch manner as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 1. Line 6. To inſert "and:"

Preſs 2. Line * To leave out "to:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Thomas Prowſe*, Steward of the Manor of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That he was required, by Warrant from Mr. Speaker, to permit *George Speke* Eſquire, or his Agents, to inſpect the Court-rolls, and other Records, of the ſaid Manor; and to take out Copies and Notes therefrom, as they ſhould think fit; and to attend this Houſe the 13th Inſtant with the ſaid Court-rolls and Records; and that he did produce the ſaid Court-rolls; and did appear, and was examined; but that Mr. *Speke*'s Agent refuſeth to give him reaſonable Satisfaction for the ſame: And praying, That he may be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Prowſe* be paid his reaſonable Charges, to be ſettled by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of the Committee appointed to be Managers of the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, as are Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, be impowered to examine, in the moſt ſolemn manner, ſuch Perſons as ſhall be judged neceſſary to be produced at the ſaid Tryal.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for rendering a Security effectual, which was made by *James* Duke of *Ormond*, deceaſed, Grandfather to the Lady *Amelia Butler*, for raiſing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds for her Portion, with Intereſt for the ſame, be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a ſelect Committee, to proceed upon, and examine, the Allegations of the Bill:

And it is referred to Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Grantham*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Liddall*, Lord *Barrymore*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Medlicot*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Turner*, Mr. *Archer*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *John Conway*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Pringle*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Lutwich*, Lord *Guernſey*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Earl*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Haldane*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Strickland*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber; and to proceed upon the Bill on *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in the room of *Nicolas Lechmere* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaſter* for Life.

A Petition of *Charles Stanhope* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner ſtood Candidate for Burgeſs of *Milbourn-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*, in the room of *John Cox* Eſquire, deceaſed; and the Petitioner had the Majority of legal Votes

Votes upon the Poll; and was returned, as duly elected, to the Sheriff, by *George Man* and *Robert Evered*, the Two capital preſiding Bailiffs, who was preſent at the ſaid Election: That *Guy White* the elder, and *John Barrett*, alias *Barwick*, who were appointed by the capital Bailiffs as their Sub-Bailiffs; but had not qualified themſelves for thoſe Employments according to Law, by taking the Oaths, and receiving the Sacrament; yet, being influenced by *Michael Harvey* Eſquire, the other Candidate, took upon themſelves to return him, as duly choſen, to the Sheriff; who accepted thereof, and refuſed the Petitioner: And the ſaid *Michael Harvey*, by Bribery, confining and threatening ſeveral Voters of the Petitioner's got ſeveral Perſons to vote for him, though leſs in Number than thoſe for the Petitioner; and the Sub-Bailiffs refuſed to accept of ſeveral legal Votes for the Petitioner: And praying, That a Day may be appointed him for the Making out of his ſaid Right.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do hear the Matter of the ſaid Petition upon To-morrow Fortnight.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed:

And ſeveral other of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That, when any of the forfeited Eſtates ſhall be ſold, all the Creditors on ſuch Eſtates, whoſe Claims ſhall be allowed, be, in the Firſt place, ſatisfied, before any Payments be made out of ſuch Eſtates to the Commiſſioners, or any others, for contingent Charges.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Comptroller reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received on *Thurſday* Morning next.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City; and for diſcontinuing the Payment of the Dues commonly called the Petty-port Cuſtoms, at *Edinburgh*, during the Continuance of the ſaid Act; without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 19° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed, for the more ſpeedy Raiſing of Maintenance-money and Portions for his Daughters; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Mountague Blandell*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Jacob Aſtley*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Wortley*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Selwyn*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Vernon*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Eſſex*, and *Surrey*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Tewkeſbury*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in the room of *Antony Lechmere* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Receiver-General, and Caſhier, of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal ſo much of the Act, paſſed in the Sixth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of *Great Britain* in the Proteſtant Line, as relates to the making any Perſon capable of being again elected, after the Acceptance of any Office of Profit from the Crown: And that Mr. *Horatio Walpole* and Mr. *Daniel Campbell* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That one *Thomas Bills*, a Bailiff, hath arreſted *William Burridge*, a menial Servant of *William Yonge* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement, made between *John Wind* Clerk, Vicar of *Thirkleby*, in the County of *York*, and Sir *Thomas Frankland* Baronet, for Exchange of the Vicarage-houſe, and certain Lands therein mentioned, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Aſhe*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Ja. Campbell*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Pulteney*,

ney, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Wyld*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Jenkins*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Clayton*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Dodd*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Milner*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Bertie*; and all that ſerve for the County of *York:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Earl of *Barrymore* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payment of his Debts; and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies* his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, That the Propoſitions of *France*, to exclude themſelves from all Trade of their Subjects, and Ships, to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; with a Reſervation of the *Aſſiento* Contract, and licenſed Ships, granted to *Great Britain*; and what Proceedings have ſince been thereupon; be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund and Annuities to be hereafter redeemable, in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Bill mentioned; was committed; be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed:

And ſeveral more of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 20° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was committed:

And the reſt of the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And an Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of *Simon* Lord *Lovat* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of this preſent Parliament, intituled, An Act for diſcouraging all Superior Landlords, Vaſſals, and Tenants, in *Scotland*, who do and ſhall continue in their Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty King *George*; and for diſcouraging all Superior Vaſſals, Landlords, and Tenants, there, who have been, or ſhall be, guilty of rebellious Practices againſt his ſaid Majeſty; and for makeing void all fraudulent Entails, Tailzies, and Conveyances, made there, forbearing or excluding the Effect of Forfeitures that may have been, or ſhall be, incurred there, on any ſuch Account; as alſo for calling any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Eſtates, or principal Reſidence, are in *Scotland*, to appear at *Edinburgh*, where it ſhall be judged expedient, to find Bail for their good Behaviour; and for the better diſarming diſaffected Perſons in *Scotland*; it is alſo Enacted, That the Lords Juſticiary in *Scotland* might ſummons ſuch Perſons, as they ſhould think proper, to appear before them at ſuch Days as they ſhould name, to find Bail; and, in caſe of not appearing, to forfeit

feit both their ſingle and Life-rent Eſcheats, and likewiſe 500 *l.*: That *Alexander M'Keinzie*, late of *Frazerdale*, was ſummoned to appear; but he not appearing, the ſaid Lords pronounced Sentence againſt him: That the ſaid *M'Keinzie* having forfeited both Life-rent and ſingle Eſcheat, and 500 *l.* his Majeſty was pleaſed, by a Grant under the Privy-Seal, to grant to the Petitioner the ſaid Life-rent, and ſingle Eſcheat, and the 500 *l.*: That, in a Bill now depending, intituled, A Bill to impower his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the Widows of forfeited Perſons, there is a Clauſe declaring, That all the Eſtates real and perſonal of the Perſons attainted, who were charged to appear according to the Directions of the ſaid Act for encouraging Superiors, that are, and were, veſted in his Majeſty for the Uſe of the Publick, ſubject to the ſame Limitations and Conditions with the forfeited Eſtates of other attainted Perſons, who were not charged to appear, without any Deduction or Reſervation on Account of the ſaid Forfeitures of ſingle and Life-rent Eſcheats, and Fines of 500 *l.*: That, the ſaid *Alexander M'Kenzie* having been attainted, the Petitioner humbly apprehends, by this Clauſe, the ſaid Grant may be declared void: And praying, That a Clauſe may be admitted, to ſave to him the Benefit of his Majeſty's Grant.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer; is committed; be received.

Mr. Comptroller, according to Order, reported, from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments they had made to the ſaid Bill; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe A; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A being read a Second time, for explaining a Doubt that hath ariſen concerning the ſingle and Life-rents Eſcheats of ſeveral of the attainted Perſons in *Scotland*, and concerning Fines of 500 *l.* to be levied from their Eſtates, on account of Forfeitures by them incurred, for not appearing upon a Charge given them after the Firſt of *September* 1715, and before the 23d of *January*, in the ſaid Year;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereto, by adding, at the End thereof, a Proviſo, That the Act ſhould not invalidate a Grant made by his Majeſty, 23d *Auguſt* 1716, to the Lord *Lovat*, of the ſingle and Life-rent Eſtate, and Sum of 500 *l.* Penalty, incurred, and forfeited to his Majeſty, by *Alexander M'Kenzie*, of *Frazerdale*, on account of his not appearing before the Lords of the Juſticiary, when ſummoned ſo to do, purſuant to an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament:

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the ſaid Amendment;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Debate be adjourned;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The ſaid Amendment propoſed was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the ſaid Clauſe, ſo amended, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Clauſe B, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for impowering the Commiſſioners to hear and determine Claims, and, on Judgment by them given for the Claimants, by Precept directed to the Sheriff of the County where the Eſtate lies, to command him to deliver Poſſeſſion to the Claimant; and all Perſons, claiming Rentcharges out of forfeited Eſtates, to have Power of Diſtreſs and Re-entry, and ſuch other Remedies for recovering the ſame, as they were intitled to before the Forfeiture; but the Judgments, and Execution thereon, ſhall be ſubject to an Appeal of any Party aggrieved:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up, and amended by the Houſe; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That all Crown-Lands, in the Poſſeſſion of any attainted Perſon, ſhall remain in the Crown, and at the Diſpoſal of his Majeſty, in the ſame manner with other Crown-Lands:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Money received, or to be received, by virtue of any Grant from his Majeſty, ſhall be deemed as ſo much Money received by Claimants, in Diſcharge of the Money or Eſtate claimed:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead, be now read the Third time;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Abercrombie*, Mr. *Pringle*:	39.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Benſon*:	16.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her ſaid Huſband was naturally dead.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pringle* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray*, late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband, be read the Third time upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*, *James* late Lord *Drummond*, Sir *Hugh Paterſon* late of *Bannockburn*, and *James Stirling* late of *Keir*, be read the Third time upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the Relief of poor inſolvent Debtors in the ſeveral County-Gaols.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, be received Tomorrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 21° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the Moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Mannors* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent to the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid *Robert* Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton*, therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton*; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Brigadier *Sutton* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons, to put in Execution the Powers of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *William Pole* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownloe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford*; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of *Wedneſday* laſt, relating to the Propoſitions of *France* to exclude themſelves from all Trade of their Subjects, and Ships, to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; with a Reſervation of the *Aſſiento* Contract, and licenſed Ships, granted to *Great Britain*; and what Proceedings have ſince been thereupon; hath been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay the ſame before this Houſe, as ſoon as may be.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Hiccocks*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Duke of *Mountague*'s Eſtate, for the Intents and Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for ſettling other Eſtates, in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 2,842 *l.* 12 *s.* be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-pay for the Officers of the late Regiments of Foot commanded by Brigadier *James Douglas*, and Sir *James Wood*, late in the Service of the States-General, from the 25th of *April* 1717 to the 24th of *December* following.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 4,000 *l. per Annum*, be granted to his Majeſty, to enable the ſeveral Sheriffs of *England* and *Wales* to take out their Patents, paſs their Accounts, and obtain their Quietus's.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding 24,195 *l.* 18 *s.* 2 *d.* be granted to his Majeſty, for Payment of ſo much remaining due upon ſeveral Bills of Exchange drawn for the Service of the late Expedition to *Canada*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Lands in the Iſland of *Saint Chriſtopher's*, yielded by *France* to *Britain* by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, be ſold to the beſt Advantage; and that the Produce of the ſame be applied to the Uſe of the Publick.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſuch Deficiencies as, at the End of any Year, ſhall appear to be in the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company to anſwer all the Annuities which are to be payable out of the ſame, ſhall be made good, from time to time, out of the Monies to be raiſed on the General Fund, to be eſtabliſhed in this Seſſion of Parliament, for redeeming the Lottery-Orders and Annuities, now payable out of the Hereditary Exciſe, or elſe by Annuities of Five Pounds *per Cent.* redeemable by Parliament, to be paid, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given, upon the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in the ſaid Bill mentioned; was committed; to offer a Clauſe, purſuant to the Second of the ſaid Reſolutions, touching taking out Sheriffs Patents, paſſing their Accounts, and obtaining their Quietus's.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; is committed; That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſaid laſt Reſolution, for making good Deficiencies in the Funds of the *South-Sea* Company.

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The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable, in the time and manner thereby preſcribed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in the ſaid Bill mentioned; was committed; be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 22° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Sir *William Lowther* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York:* And the ſame was received.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *George Beaumont* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate; notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband, *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies*, his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Barrymore* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Duke of *Mountague*'s Eſtate, for the Intents and Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for ſettling other Eſtates, in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, Serge-makers, Fullers, and others, trading and dealing in the Woollen Manufacture, in and near the Town of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Woollen Manufactures within the ſaid Town have been the principal Support of the poorer Sort of People; and, in caſe the ſaid Manufactures be not encouraged, the Poor will become a Burden greater than the ſaid Town can bear: That there are vaſt Quantities of Soap weekly uſed in working and fulling the ſaid Manufactures; and the Duties, payable on Soap, being ſo very conſiderable, renders it very difficult to diſpoſe of their Goods, in foreign Parts, at a Market-price, and uncapable of carrying on their Trades, unleſs proper Methods are taken to retrieve the ſame: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer; be read the Third time upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

A Petition of *John Murray* Eſquire, *John Houſtoun*, *George Dunbar* Eſquire, Mr. *James Craig*, and Mr. *William Drumond*, on behalf of themſelves, and other Creditors upon ſeveral Eſtates in *Scotland*, forfeited by the late Rebellion, was preſented to the Houſe, againſt the ſaid Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Petition be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1717; and to authorize Allowances to be made to certain Receivers; and to obviate a Doubt concerning Goods imported from the Iſlands of *Jerſey*, *Guernſey*, *Sarke*, and *Alderney*; and to aſcertain the Duties upon Sheep-ſkins and Lamb-ſkins; and to prevent Frauds in the Duties upon Starch; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties on low Wines, and Spirits, carried Coaſtwiſe; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table:

Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of 61,707 *l.* 3 *s.* 2 *d.* reſting unſatisfied on the low Wine Act, which expired the 24th of *June* 1714, and the Intereſt thereof, be raiſed, for that Purpoſe, upon the Lottery-Funds, and ſuch Annuities as are intended to be redeemed by Parliament, by any Act of this Seſſion, by granting Annuities, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the ſame, redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of 314,219 *l.* 11 *s.* 2 ½ *d.* reſting unſatisfied upon the Duties on Candles, by the Act which expired the Firſt Day of *May* 1715, and the Intereſt thereof, be raiſed, for that Purpoſe, upon the Lottery-Funds, and ſuch Annuities as are intended to be redeemed by Parliament, by any Act of this Seſſion, by granting Annuities, not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the ſame, redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of 577,014 *l.* 16 *s.* 1 ¼ *d.* to make good Deficiencies of the Supplies granted to his Majeſty in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, and the Intereſt thereof, be raiſed, for that Purpoſe, upon the Lottery-Funds, and ſuch Annuities as are intended to be redeemed by Parliament, by any Act of this Seſſion, by granting Annuities, not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the ſame, redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much as will diſcharge the principal Sum of 24,195 *l.* 18 *s.* 2 *d.* reſting unſatisfied upon ſeveral Bills of Exchange drawn for the Service of the late Expedition to *Canada*, and the Intereſt thereof, be raiſed, for that Purpoſe, upon the Lottery-Funds, and ſuch Annuities as are intended to be redeemed by Parliament, by any Act of this Seſſion, by granting Annuities, not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, for the ſame, redeemable by Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Power be granted to the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, for creating an Intereſt, not exceeding Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, upon ſuch Debentures as ſhall be iſſued, purſuant to an Act, of this Seſſion, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate, the Debts due to the Army; and for paying the ſaid Intereſt out of the Funds redeemable by Parliament.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are ordered to prepare a Bill, or Bills, upon the Reſolutions of the Houſe, for Redemption of the Funds, in order to ſatisfy the National Debts, That they inſert a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, this Day agreed unto, in any of the ſaid Bills not yet brought in.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read; and One of them, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *Wm. Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers, to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to the ſeveral publick and private Bills following; *viz.*

An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1717; and to authorize Allowances to be made to certain Receivers; and to obviate a Doubt concerning Goods imported from the Iſlands of *Jerſey*, *Guernſey*, *Sarke*, and *Alderney*; and to aſcertain the Duties upon Sheep-ſkins and Lamb-ſkins; and to prevent Frauds in the Duties upon Starch; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for inlarging the Time for adjuſting Claims in ſeveral Lotteries; and for preventing Frauds in the Duties on low Wines, and Spirits, carried Coaſtwiſe:

An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Penies *Scots*, or One-ſixth Part of a Peny Sterling, on every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the City of *Edinburgh*, and Privileges thereof, for the Benefit of the ſaid City; and for diſcontinuing the Payment of the Dues commonly called the Petty-port Cuſtoms, at *Edinburgh*, during the Continuance of this Act:

An Act for laying a Duty of Two Penies .... or One-ſixth-part of a Peny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale, or Beer, that ſhall be vended, or ſold, within the Town of *Dumfries*, and Privileges thereof, for paying the Debts of the ſaid Town; and for building a Church, and making a Harbour, there:

An Act for the Preſervation and Improvement of the River *Wear*, and Port and Haven of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham:*

An Act for repairing the Highways from ſeveral Places therein mentioned, leading towards *Highgate* Gatehouſe, and *Hampſtead*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and for electing Truſtees for keeping up a ſufficient Number for the repairing the Highways upon the Roads from *Highgate* Gatehouſe to *Barnet* Blockhouſe; and alſo the Highways between *Kilburn* Bridge and *Sparrows-Herne*, in the County of *Hertford:*

An Act to enable the Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *St. Mary*, *Rotherhith*, in the County of *Surry*, by certain Funeral Rates therein mentioned, to finiſh the ſaid Pariſh-Church:

An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the Moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Rutland*, and *John Manners* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Granby*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Granby* with the Honourable *Bridget Sutton*, only Child of the Right Honourable *Robert* Lord *Lexington*; and alſo for veſting the Eſtates of the ſaid *Robert* Lord *Lexington*, and *Bridget Sutton*, therein mentioned, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for raiſing Money for the Marriage-portion of the ſaid *Bridget Sutton:*

An Act for confirming a Partition, lately made, of the Eſtate of Sir *John Brownlowe* Baronet, deceaſed, in the Counties of *Lincoln*, *York*, *Middleſex*, and *Hertford*, remaining unſold; and Articles of Agreement relating thereunto; and alſo the ſeveral Conveyances made of the divided Parts; and for making effectual a Fine and Recovery, intended to be levied and ſuffered, of a Fee-farm Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, Part of the Eſtate in the ſaid County of *Hertford:*

An Act to enable *John Barrington*, alias *Shute*, Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Barrington*, according to the Settlement of *Francis Barrington* Eſquire, deceaſed:

An Act to impower the Barons of the Exchequer in *Ireland* to grant a Commiſſion to ſome of the Barons of the Exchequer in *England* to adminiſter to *Thomas Hopkins* Eſquire the Oaths for the due Execution of the Office or Offices of Searcher, Packer, and Gauger, in the Port of the City of *Dublin*, granted to him for his Life:

An Act to enable *Suſanna Catharina Nugent* to ſue for, recover, and hold, the Portion of Fourteen hundred Pounds, provided for her out of her Father's Eſtate; notwithſtanding her Coverture, and the Outlawry of her Huſband, *Hyacinthus Nugent* Eſquire:

An Act to enable *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, and his firſt and other Sons ſucceſſively, to put in Execution the Power of granting Leaſes, given by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Fulford* Eſquire, deceaſed:

An Act for veſting an Eſtate late of Sir *Thomas Heath* Knight, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, and other Uſes:

An Act for rectifying Defects in a Settlement, made by *Robert Davies* Eſquire, deceaſed, of certain Eſtates in the Counties of *Denbigh* and *Flint*; and effectually ſecuring the Payment of his Debts; and making Proviſions for the younger Children of *Robert Davies*, his Son; and ſettling the ſaid Eſtates, ſubject thereto.

The Houſe proceeded upon the Report of the Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned:

And the Reſidue of the Amendments, made by the Committee, were ſeverally read a Second time; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That nothing in the Act ſhall hinder the making good Deficiencies which, at any time, ſhall happen in the yearly Fund of 116,573 *l.* 12 *s.* mentioned in an Act 1° *Georgii Regis*; but that the ſame ſhall be made good out of any publick unappropriated Monies:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray* late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairn*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray* late Lord *Nairn*, her Huſband.

Ordered, That the Lord *James Murray* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*, *James* late Lord *Drummond*, Sir *Hugh Paterſon* late of *Bannockburn*, and *James Stirling* late of *Keir*, was, according to Order, read the Third time.

The ſeveral Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 2. L. 29. Before "Sir," inſert "the late:"
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Preſs 2. L. 36. Leave out "late:"
L. laſt, Before "Sir," inſert "the late:"
Preſs 3. L. 1. Leave out "late:"
L. 7. Before "Sir," inſert "late;" and, before "of," leave out "late:"
L. 20. Before "Sir," inſert "the late:"
L. 21. Before "of," leave out "late:"
L. 24. Before "Sir," inſert "the late;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out "late:"
Preſs 4. L. 3. Before "Sir," inſert "the late;" and, before "of," leave out "late:"
L. 7. Before "Sir," inſert "the late:"
L. 8. Before the Firſt "of," leave out "late:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southesk*, *James* late Lord *Drummond*, the late Sir *Hugh Paterſon* of *Bannockburn*, and *James Stirling* late of *Keir*.

Ordered, That Brigadier *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 24° *die Junii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, made between *Robert Daſhwood* Eſquire, and *Cholmley Turner* Eſquire, of certain Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Oxon*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs laſt, L. * To leave out the Clauſe following; *viz.* "And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That, "from and after the paſſing this preſent Act, no higher "or greater Intereſt than after the Rate of Five Pounds "*per Cent. per Annum* ſhall be paid, or allowed, for any "Sum or Sums of Money lent, or due for Materials or "Work had or done for and towards repairing the ſaid "Highways, by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, or either "of them; any Contract or Agreement thereof in any-"wiſe notwithſtanding:"

. . . . . .

And the Clauſe was cut off of the Bill, at the Table, accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate at *Corſham*, in *Wiltſhire*, in the ſurviving Truſtee and Executor of the laſt Will of *Henry Frederick Thynn* Eſquire, deceaſed, and his Heirs, to make Sale thereof for the Execution of the Truſts created by his Will: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And the ſaid Bill was read the Firſt time; and ordered to be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will be preſent at the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, as a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Managers, appointed to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Earl, do firſt go out of the Houſe to the Places appointed for them in *Weſtminſter-hall*, before the other Members do go out of the Houſe.

Ordered, That, after Mr. Speaker ſhall have left the Chair, the Members be called over, by the Clerk, by their Counties, as uſual, for their more regular proceeding.

Ordered, That no Member do preſume to go out of the Houſe, till the County for which he ſerves be called.

Ordered, That no Perſons, but Members of this Houſe, do preſume to ſit in the Places appointed for the Members in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

Ordered, That the Paſſages for the Members of this Houſe to and from their Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* be kept clear, for their more convenient Paſſage: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care accordingly.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take into his Cuſtody all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be in the Places prepared for the Members of this Houſe in *Weſtminſter-hall*, before the Members do go into their Places; and alſo all ſuch Perſons as ſhall attempt to come into the Places while the Members of this Houſe are ſitting there.

Ordered, That the Names of the Committee appointed to be Managers be called over.

And they were called over accordingly; and went to the Places in *Weſtminſter-hall* appointed for them.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to be preſent at the ſaid Tryal.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

And then the Members were called over, by the Clerk, by their Counties, as uſual:

And they went into *Weſtminſter-hall* accordingly.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips are now about going down into *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, immediately, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to go into *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith:

And the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

And the Members went into *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Sollicitor-General, One of the Managers appointed to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, reported, That the Lords acquainted them, That the Lords have come to a Reſolution, That the Commons be not admitted to proceed, in order to make good the Articles againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, till Judgment be firſt given upon the Articles for High Treaſon: Upon which, the Managers for the Commons acquainted their Lordſhips, That they conceived it to be ſo much the undoubted Right of the Commons to proceed in their own Method, in Maintenance of the Articles exhibited by them; and did apprehend, that this Reſolution of their Lordſhips might be of ſuch fatal Conſequence to the Rights and Privileges of all the Commons of *Great Britain*; that they could not take upon them to proceed any further, without reſorting to the Houſe of Commons, for their Directions therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 25° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Hungerford* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for rendering a Security effectual, which was made by *James* Duke of *Ormond*, deceaſed, Grandfather to the Lady *Amelia Butler*, for raiſing the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds for her Portion, with Intereſt for the ſame, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Bladen* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Honourable *William Dalrymple* Eſquire, in the Name and Behalf of the Commiſſioners of Equivalent; and of *James Campbell* Eſquire, in the Name and Behalf of the publick Creditors in *Scotland*; was referred; and to whom the Report from the Commiſſioners nominated and appointed by his Majeſty's Letters Patents, purſuant

ſuant to an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of Equivalent; was alſo referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, in purſuance of an Order of this Houſe of the 12th Inſtant, have taken into Conſideration the ſaid Petition; and do find the Matter of Fact to be as follows; *viz.*

That ..... upon reading an Act, of 12° *Annæ Reginæ*, intituled, An Act to acquit and diſcharge the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent, *&c.* that a capital Sum of 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 *d.* $\frac{5}{6}$ Parts of a Peny was ſtated due to the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, on the 24th *June* 1714; and, by that Act, the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent were directed to call for, receive, and cancel, all the Certificates, Warrants, and Debentures, which, in purſuance of an Act of 6° *Annæ*, intituled, An Act for further directing the Payment of the Equivalent-money, had been granted for the Debts aforeſaid; and to iſſue out new Debentures for the ſaid Sums to the Perſons reſpectively intitled thereto, bearing Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, from and after the ſaid 24th *June* 1714; and it appeared to the Committee, upon Examination of Three of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent then preſent, That the ſaid Commiſſioners have proceeded to iſſue Debentures accordingly:

That, upon reading an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; it appeared to the Committee, That the Lords of the Treaſury were impowered, on or before 1ſt *November* 1715, to iſſue their Orders for Payment of One Year's Intereſt, to the 24th *June* 1715, of the ſaid capital Sum of 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.* due to the ſaid Creditors; and for Payment of the Salaries of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent, the Fees and Salaries of their Servants, and neceſſary Charges, to that time, amounting, in the Whole, to 15,822 *l.* 8 *s.* 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*: And, upon Examination of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and the Agent for the Creditors, it appeared to the Committee, That the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury have complied with the Directions of the aforeſaid Act; and that Part of the above Sum of 15,822 *l.* 8 *s.* 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* is paid; and that the Commiſſioners of Equivalent are in Expectation of the Remainder:

And, upon reading another Act, of the Firſt Year of the King, intituled, An Act for relieving *William Paterſon* Eſquire, it appeared to the Committee, That the Commiſſioners of Equivalent were required, by that Act, to iſſue to the ſaid *William Paterſon* Debentures for the Sum of 18,241 *l.* 10 *s.* 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* bearing Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, from the 24th *June* 1715: And the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent preſent at the Committee ſaid, That, in Obedience to the ſaid Act of Parliament, the Commiſſioners of Equivalent had proceeded to iſſue Debentures accordingly.

The Honourable *William Dalrymple*, One of the Petitioners, laid before the Committee an Account of the Salaries of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; and of the Fees and Salaries of their Servants; and of the neceſſary and incident Charges of their Office, from 24th *June* 1715 to the 24th *June* 1717; which, together with the Intereſt of the aforeſaid Two capital Sums of 230,308 *l.* 9 *s.* 10 $\frac{5}{6}$ *d.* and of 18,241 *l.* 10 *s.* 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ *d.* for the ſame time, amounted, in all, as appears to the Committee, to 31.565 *l.* 2 *s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$: But the ſaid *William Dalrymple* ſaid, That the Incidents, and neceſſary Charges, of the Office, from the 25th *March* 1717 to the 24th *June* inſtant, which, in the Account, is ſtated at 300 *l.* was by Eſtimate only; and not then wholly laid out, as all the other Incidents in that Account were; but it appeared to the Committee, That the Salaries of the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent, and Fees and Salaries of their Servants, amounted to a leſs Sum than that allowed of by the aforeſaid Act 6° *Annæ*; and that the Payments of the Incidents, and neceſſary Charges, of the Office, is authorized by the ſame Act:

That the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed to take and ſtate the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union, which was referred to this Committee, was likewiſe taken into Conſideration; and it appeared to the Committee, That there's juſt Cauſe for Payment of the above Sum of 31,565 *l.* 2 *s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* ſtated due on the 24th *June* inſtant; but, from the Preamble, and the Obſervation contained in Page 29. as likewiſe from the Concluſion of the ſaid Report, it appeared to the Committee, That the Accounts of the Equivalents due neither were, nor could yet be, brought by the ſaid Commiſſioners to any final Concluſion, for the Reaſons aſſigned in the ſeveral Parts of the Report, there referred to.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent: And that Mr. *Bladen* and Mr. *Abercromby* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration after the Report, made Yeſterday, by the Managers appointed to maintain the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, ſhall have been taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Report, relating to the ſaid Impeachment, into Conſideration:

And the ſame was read.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch Precedents, in relation to the Proceedings of the Commons in Proſecutions of Impeachments.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to be Managers to maintain the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* be the ſaid Committee: And they are to report their Opinion to the Houſe; and are to inſpect the Lords Journals, and report to the Houſe what they find therein relating to the Proceedings on Impeachments: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough* to take in *Great Britain* the Oath of Office, as Vice-Treaſurer, and Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; and to qualify himſelf for the Enjoyment of the ſaid Office; without any Amendment:

And have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better collecting and levying the Revenues of the Tenths of the Clergy, without any Amendment. Alſo,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have ordered *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to be brought to the Bar of their Houſe, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, this Day, at Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, acquainting their Lordſhips, That the Commons have taken into their Conſideration their Lordſhips Reſolution, communicated to their Managers, relating to the Proceedings on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and, being deſirous to preſerve a good Correſpondence between the Two Houſes, have appointed a Committee to ſearch Precedents upon a Matter of this great Importance; and deſire, That their Lordſhips will not proceed at the Time appointed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carter* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two Millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That any Vote of the Houſe of Commons, ſignified by their Speaker, in Writing, to be delivered at the publick Office of the Company, ſhall be deemed ſufficient Notice, within the Meaning of the Act, for redeeming their yearly Funds, purſuant to the Proviſoes of Redemption:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Carter* reported, That he had been at the Houſe of Lords, and delivered the Meſſage directed by the Houſe; and that the Lords anſwered, That they having taken the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration, their Lordſhips will not proceed on the Tryal of the Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* at the Time appointed; but will proceed further on the ſaid Tryal on *Thurſday* Morning next, at Eleven a Clock.

An ingroſſed Bill for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer; was, according to Order, read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, for the Relief of the Wives and Children of the late Duke of *Ormond*, and others:

And the ſame was twice read; and amended:

Then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 10. L. 24. and 25. To leave out "and the Money actually paid to," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "or juſtly due from:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words "and "the Money actually paid to" ſtand Part of the Bill;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Gibbon*: } 104.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Conyers*: } 33.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative:

And that the Title be, An Act for enabling his Majeſty to grant Relief to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons; and for the Relief of Creditors on forfeited Eſtates; and for the effectual bringing the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Forfeitures into the Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 26° *die Junii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Strickland* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement, made between *John Wind* Clerk, Vicar of *Thirkleby*, in the County of *York*, and Sir *Thomas Frankland* Baronet, for Exchange of the Vicarage-houſe, and certain Lands therein mentioned, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Yonge* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed, for the more ſpeedy Raiſing of Maintenance-money, and Portions, for his Daughters; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Duke of *Mountague*'s Eſtate, for the Intents and Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for ſettling other Eſtates, in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Weſt*, Sir

Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Guidott*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Stanhope*, Sir *Ja. Campbell*, Colonel *Morton*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Bethell*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Joſ. Jekyll*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Peter Mew*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Wm. Lewen*, Mr. *Herbert*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Boteler*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Northampton*, *Bucks*, *Middleſex*, *Berks*, and *Kent*; and for *North* and *South Wales*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy be added to the Committee appointed to be Managers to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities, payable on Orders out of the hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in this Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Merits of the Election and Return for the Borough of *Milborn-Port*, which was appointed to be heard this Day Sevennight, upon *Monday* Sevennight;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Mr. *Cunningham* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Merchants and Dealers in Fiſh on the Coaſt of *Fife*, and other Places in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, in purſuance of the Order of the Houſe of the Third of *June* inſtant, have examined the Allegations of the ſaid Petition; and do find the Matter of Fact to be as follows; *viz.*

That by an Act of the Parliament of *Scotland*, intituled, An Act for advancing and eſtabliſhing the Fiſhing-trade in and about this Kingdom, bearing Date the 21th of *September* 1705, it is Ordained and Enacted, That all White Fiſh, and Herrings, to be exported, ſhall be pyned, cured, and packed, from the Bottom to the Top, with foreign Salt allenarly:

And by another Act of the Parliament of *Scotland*, of the ſame Date, intituled, An Act for encouraging the Exportation of Beef and Pork, it is Statute and Ordained, That all Beef and Pork to be ſalted for Exportation be made and packed with foreign Salt:

And by the Eighth Article of the Union it is agreed, That, from and after the Union, the Laws and Acts of Parliament in *Scotland* for Pyning, Curing, and Packing, of Herrings, White Fiſh, and Salmon, for Exportation, with foreign Salt only, without any Mixture of *Britiſh* or *Iriſh* Salt; and for preventing of Frauds in Curing and Packing of Fiſh; be continued in *Scotland*, ſubject to ſuch Alterations as ſhall be made by the Parliament of *Great Britain*.

That, by the Tenor of the Laws of *England*, there is no manner of Reſtraint upon home-made Salt; but that it may be uſed in curing either Fiſhes or Fleſhes.

And that, upon Examination of the Secretary and Deputy-Comptroller of the Salt-Office, it appeared to the Committee, That there is no Reſtraint in *England* as to home-made Salt; and that the Exporters of Fiſhes and Fleſhes make no Affidavit whether their Fiſhes or Fleſhes for Exportation are cured with foreign or home-made Salt; but that the Drawbacks, in both Caſes, are the ſame:

And that, by an Act of the Firſt of Queen *Anne*, the ſmalleſt Size of Fiſh, for which a Drawback is allowed on Exportation, muſt contain in Length 18 Inches from the Cone in the Fin to the Third Joint in the Tail of ſuch Fiſh.

And it appeared to the Committee, upon Examination of Colonel *Erskine*, and others, That Cod-fiſh under the Size of 18 Inches, eſpecially thoſe taken in the Weſt of *Scotland*, are a valuable, vendible, Commodity, in foreign Markets.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two Millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Act mentioned; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not prejudice the Payment of 20,000 *l. per Annum* to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*:

And the ſaid Clauſe was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 45. L. * To leave out "unleſs the ſame," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "except ſuch of them as ſhall:"

Preſs 45. L. *ult.* After "Pounds," to inſert "and "Four thouſand Pounds:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeveral . . put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Act mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Bladen* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the

the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Jeſſop* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 27° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill for raiſing and paying the Lady *Amelia Butler*'s Portion out of Lands in *Ireland* was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for raiſing and paying the Lady *Amelia Butler*'s Portion out of Lands in *Ireland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hungerford* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Carter* reported, from the Committee appointed to ſearch Precedents in relation to the Proceedings of the Commons in Proſecutions of Impeachments, the Matters they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

The Committee appointed to ſearch Precedents, in relation to the Proceedings of the Commons in Proſecutions of Impeachments, have inſpected the Journals of both Houſes of Parliament; and are of Opinion, That it is the undoubted Right of the Commons to impeach a Lord, either for High Treaſon, or for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; or, if they ſee Occaſion, to mix both the one and the other in the ſame Accuſation:

That the Impeachment preferred againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* is one continued Accuſation, conſiſting of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and alſo of Charges of High Treaſon: The Facts on which the Articles preceding thoſe of High Treaſon are grounded, are laid together in Order of Time, and follow one another ſucceſſively in the manner they were committed.

As the Commons thought this the moſt natural Method for exhibiting the ſeveral Articles againſt the ſaid Earl, they were of Opinion, that they ſhould proceed in the Proof of theſe ſeveral Facts after the ſame Method; ſince it is manifeſt, that, in laying open the Courſe of ſuch a wicked Adminiſtration, the preceding Parts of it give Light to thoſe which follow; and that the Proof of ſeveral of the Articles of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors would naturally lead to the Proof of thoſe of High Treaſon.

The Lords received theſe ſeveral Articles of Impeachment without making any Exception againſt the Form in which they were exhibited: The ſaid Earl made his Anſwer to them in the ſame Order; and has no-where inſiſted to be tried in any other Method; ſo that the Committee are ſurpriſed to find a Stop put to the Proſecution of the Commons, by an Objection which has never been ſtarted by the ſaid Earl, and which the Lords had given them ſo little Reaſon to expect.

To this your Committee muſt add, That as the Commons only are Maſters of the Evidence; and as, upon that account, they are beſt able to determine what to charge firſt, and what next; ſo they are moſt proper to determine in what Method to proceed for the Advantage of the Proſecution; in the Event of which, all the Commons of *Great Britain* are ſo highly concerned:

To which they muſt further add, That they ſee no Reaſon but that the Lords may as well invert the whole Order of the Articles, as preſcribe to the Commons thoſe particular Articles on which they are firſt to proceed; which will neceſſarily produce ſuch a Confuſion both in the Facts and Evidence, as is by no means conſiſtent with that Clearneſs and Perſpicuity in which the Committee think this Affair ought to appear.

Your Committee, upon examining Precedents, do find divers Precedents of Impeachments for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, in the ſame Accuſation; and do not find, that the Lords ever objected to ſuch Proceeding, or ever gave Judgment upon any particular Article of an Impeachment, before the Commons had gone through, and concluded, their Evidence upon all the Articles, or ſo many of them as they thought fit: And your Committee are at a Loſs to conceive what Arguments, or Precedents, can be brought to ſupport the Reſolution of their Lordſhips to give Judgment upon one Part of the ſame Accuſation, reſerving the other Part for a ſubſequent Tryal; as they are to know what their Lordſhips mean, by admitting the Commons to proceed upon the Articles for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, after Judgment is given upon the Articles for High Treaſon, ſuppoſing the Judgment proper for High Treaſon ſhould be given againſt the ſaid Earl.

Reſolved, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, relating to Proceedings in the Proſecutions of Impeachments.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and to whom it was referred to ſearch Precedents in relation to the Proceedings of the Commons in the Proſecution of Impeachments; do draw up what is proper to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference: And that they do withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber, to draw up the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report from the ſaid Committee be referred back to the ſaid Committee.

And the Committee withdrew accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanrheden*, and others: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game, with an Amendment: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr.

Mr. *Jeſſop*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee appointed to withdraw, and draw up what was proper to be offered to the Lords at the Conference relating to Proceedings in the Proſecutions of Impeachments, That they had drawn up the ſame accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

THE Commons, having taken into their Conſideration your Lordſhips Reſolution, communicated to their Managers, relating to the Proceedings on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and being deſirous, as far as in them lies, to maintain a good Correſpondence with your Lordſhips; have deſired this Conference; and have commanded us to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they conceive it to be the undoubted Right of the Commons to impeach a Peer, either for High Treaſon, or for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; or, if they ſee Occaſion, to mix both the one and the other in the ſame Accuſation.

The Impeachment preferred againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* is one continued Accuſation, conſiſting of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and alſo of Charges of High Treaſon: The Facts on which the Articles preceding thoſe of High Treaſon are grounded, are laid together in Order of Time, and follow one another ſucceſſively in the manner they were committed.

As the Commons thought this the moſt natural Method for exhibiting the ſeveral Articles againſt the ſaid Earl, they were of Opinion, that they ſhould proceed in the Proof of theſe ſeveral Facts after the ſame Method; ſince it is manifeſt, that, in laying open the Courſe of ſuch a wicked Adminiſtration, the preceding Parts of it give Light to thoſe which follow; and that the Proof of ſeveral of the Articles of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors would naturally lead to the Proof of thoſe of High Treaſon.

Your Lordſhips received theſe ſeveral Articles of Impeachment without making any Exception againſt the Form in which they were exhibited: The ſaid Earl made his Anſwer to them in the ſame Order; and has no-where inſiſted to be tried in any other Method; ſo that the Commons are ſurpriſed to find a Stop put to their Proſecution, by an Objection which has never been ſtarted by the ſaid Earl, and which your Lordſhips had given them ſo little Reaſon to expect.

To this muſt be added, That as the Commons only are Maſters of the Evidence; and as, upon that account, they are beſt able to determine what to charge firſt, and what next; ſo they are moſt proper to determine in what Method to proceed for the Advantage of the Proſecution; in the Event of which, all the Commons of *Great Britain* are ſo highly concerned:

To which they further add, That they ſee no Reaſon but that your Lordſhips may as well invert the whole Order of the Articles, as preſcribe to the Commons thoſe particular Articles on which they are firſt to proceed; which will neceſſarily produce ſuch a Confuſion both in the Facts and Evidence, as is by no means conſiſtent with that Clearneſs and Perſpicuity in which the Commons think this Affair ought to appear.

The Commons, upon examining Precedents, do find divers Precedents of Impeachments for High Treaſon, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, in the ſame Accuſation; and do not find, that the Lords ever objected to ſuch Proceeding, or ever gave Judgment upon any particular Article of an Impeachment, before the Commons had gone through and concluded their Evidence upon all the Articles, or ſo many of them as they thought fit: And the Commons are at a Loſs to conceive what Arguments, or Precedents, can be brought to ſupport the Reſolution of your Lordſhips to give Judgment upon one Part of the ſame Accuſation, reſerving the other Part for a ſubſequent Tryal; as they are to know what your Lordſhips mean, by admitting the Commons to proceed upon the Articles of High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, after the Judgment is given upon the Articles for High Treaſon, ſuppoſing the Judgment proper for High Treaſon ſhould be given againſt the ſaid Earl.

For theſe Reaſons, the Commons aſſert it as their undoubted Right to proceed on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* after the Method in which their Managers were proceeding, when interrupted by your Lordſhips Reſolution.

Ordered, That the Lord *Morpeth* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to explain and amend the ſeveral Laws now in being for the better Preſervation of the Game:

And the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Preſs 2. L. 28. After the Second Word "or," and before the Word "immediately," inſert "ſuch Perſon "be:"

The ſaid Amendment, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Grantham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming a Partition, made between *Robert Daſhwood* Eſquire, and *Cholmley Turner* Eſquire, of certain Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Oxon*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *Thomas Middleton* Eſquire, deceaſed, for the more ſpeedy Raiſing of Maintenance-money and Portions for his Daughters; and for other Purpoſes in the Bill mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanrheden*, and others, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of *Exon*, and of the Merchants, Fullers, Serge-makers, and others, trading and dealing in the Woollen Manufacture in the ſaid City of *Exon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Woollen Manufactures within the ſaid City have been, for ſome Ages paſt, the principal Support of the poorer Sort; and, in caſe the ſaid Manufactures be not encouraged, the Poor will become a greater Burden than the ſaid City can bear: That there are vaſt Quantities of Soap weekly uſed in working and fulling the ſaid Manufactures; and the Duties payable on Soap being ſo very conſider-

able, that it renders the Traders under great Difficulties to diſpoſe of their Goods in foreign Markets, at the Market-Price; by means whereof they are incapable of carrying on their Trades: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement, made between *John Wind* Clerk, Vicar of *Thirkleby*, in the County of *York*, and Sir *Thomas Frankland* Baronet, for Exchange of the Vicarage-houſe, and certain Lands therein mentioned, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Strickland* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Lord *Morpeth* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a Conference, the Lords do agree to a Conference; and appoint the ſame preſently, in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up what was proper to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, relating to Proceedings in the Proſecutions of Impeachments, do manage the ſaid Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. *Carter* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and delivered to the Lords what the Houſe had directed.

A Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities payable, on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders, as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in this Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill for the more eaſy paſſing Sheriffs Accounts was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs 19. L. * Before "Auditors," inſert "the:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs; and for aſcertaining their Fees, and the Fees for ſuing out their Patents, and paſſing their Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Birch* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 28° *die Junii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Chriſtopher Gilde-Meeſter, and *John Andrew Heyman*, took the Oaths appointed, in order to their Naturalization.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate at *Corſham*, in *Wiltſhire*, in the ſurviving Truſtee and Executor of the laſt Will of *Henry Frederick Thynn* Eſquire, deceaſed, and his Heirs, to make Sale thereof, for the Execution of the Truſts created by his Will, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Brigadier *Sutton*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Harvey*, Sir *Stephen Leonard*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Longueville*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Morice*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Guidott*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. *Urthwait*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *Wm. Hickman*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Tho. D'Ath*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Pappillon*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Northey*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Eldford*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Wilts*, *Somerſet*, and *Dorſet*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of *Henry Gorges* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *George Caſwall*, of the City of *London*, Banker, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Leominſter*: That the ſaid *George Caſwall*, by himſelf, and his Agents ... openly and notoriouſly treat and bribe great Numbers of the Electors; by which their Votes were influenced; by means whereof, and of other indirect and corrupt Practices, the ſaid *George Caſwell* hath procured himſelf to be returned a Burgeſs for the ſaid Borough: That the ſaid *George Caſwall* is not qualified to ſit as a Member, not having a ſufficient Eſtate; nor had, at the time of his Election, 300 *l. per Annum*, as required by an Act 9° *Annæ*: And praying this Honourable Houſe to take the ſame into Conſideration; and to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Motion being made, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act declaring the Uſes of Two ſeveral Fines, levied by *John Cuffe* Eſquire, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *Joſeph Kelly* Eſquire, deceaſed, and *Maurice Cuffe* Eſquire, and the Heirs of the ſaid *Joſeph Kelly*, of certain Lands and Tythes in the Counties of *Down* and *Cavan*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, might be now read a Second time;

The Orders of the Sixth of *February*, *ſexto Annæ Reginæ*, concerning Bills relating to Eſtates in *Ireland*, were read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *London*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Haldane*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Dodd*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr.

Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Abercrombie*, Mr. *Clark*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Denton*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Pingelly*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Guidott:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Secretary *Addiſon* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Copies of ſeveral Memorials and Letters relating to the Propoſitions of *France* to exclude themſelves from all Trade of their Subjects, and Ships, to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; with a Reſervation of the *Aſſiento* Contract, and licenſed Ships, granted to *Great Britain*; and the Proceedings thereupon:

And the Titles of the ſaid Copies were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Copies do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Copies are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Agmondeſham*, in the County of *Bucks*, in the room of the Right Honourable *John* Lord Viſcount *Fermanagh*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, deceaſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeſſop* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity, or Annuities, at Five *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Meller:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire this Houſe would continue ſitting for ſome time.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will continue ſitting for ſome time, as is deſired by the Lords.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities, payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in the Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do provide, That the Savings out of the ſeveral Funds of the Bank, *South-Sea* Company, Bankers Debt, and Lotteries, be ſtrictly appropriated to the Diſcharge of the Principal and Intereſt of ſuch National Debts as were incurred before the Twenty-fifth of *December* 1716, and are declared to be National Debts, and provided for by Act of Parliament.——

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Meller:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire a preſent Conference with this Houſe, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree to a preſent Conference with the Lords, as their Lordſhips deſire.

And the Meſſengers were called in again, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, immediately after the Conference, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities, payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in the Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported.

Ordered, That the Committee who managed the laſt Conference do manage this Conference.

The Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. *Carter* reported, That the Managers appointed to manage the Conference with the Lords had been at the Conference; and that the ſame was managed, on the Part of the Lords, by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*; who acquainted the Managers, That their Lordſhips, in order to preſerve a good Correſpondence with the Houſe of Commons, which they ſhall always endeavour to do, as far as lies in their Power, have deſired this Conference upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference; and have directed us to acquaint you, That their Lordſhips judge it a Right inherent in every Court of Juſtice to order and direct ſuch Methods of Proceeding as ſuch Court ſhall think fit to be obſerved in all Cauſes depending before them, which can have no Influence to the Prejudice of Juſtice, and where ſuch Methods of Proceedings are not otherwiſe ſettled by any poſitive Rule: The Power of Judicature on all Impeachments being a Right unqueſtionably inherent in their Lordſhips; and it not being determined by any poſitive Rule, whether the Houſe of Commons may proceed

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to make good the ſeveral Articles exhibited for Miſdemeanors in ſuch Order as they ſhall think fit, before they proceed to make good the Articles exhibited for High Treaſon; and there being no Precedent where the Commons, upon the Tryal of any ſuch Impeachment, attempted to proceed, in the Firſt place, to make good any of the Articles contained in ſuch Impeachment for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors; their Lordſhips, conſidering the Nature of the Impeachment now depending before them, and the Method wherein the Managers for the Houſe of Commons were beginning to proceed upon the Tryal, to make good the Firſt Article thereof, which is a Charge for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors only; and alſo conſidering the very different Methods of Proceedings on an Impeachment of a Peer for High Treaſon, as well before as upon the Tryal thereof, and the Circumſtances attending ſuch a Tryal, from the Proceedings on an Impeachment of a Peer for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and the known Circumſtances attending ſuch a Tryal; thought themſelves obliged to come to the Reſolution, communicated to the Commons on the 24th Inſtant, as well for the doing Juſtice in the Caſe depending before them, as for the preventing a new Precedent to be made on this Tryal; in conſequence whereof, a new and unjuſtifiable Form of proceeding againſt a Peer, upon an Impeachment for High Treaſon, and High Crimes, might be introduced, at his Tryal, upon thoſe Articles in which he is charged for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors only; to the Prejudice of the Peerage of *Great Britain* in all times to come; *viz.* the trying a Peer on Articles for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors without the Bar; the detaining in Cuſtody a Peer ſo accuſed; and repeated Commitments of him to the *Tower*, during the time of ſuch Tryal; and ſubjecting a Peer to as ignominious Circumſtances on his Tryal on Articles for Miſdemeanors, as if he were then on his Tryal on Articles for High Treaſon: Whereas a Peer, on his Tryal on Articles for Miſdemeanors only, ought not to be deprived of his Liberty, nor ſequeſtred from Parliament; and is intitled to the Privilege of ſitting within the Bar during the whole time of his Tryal: In all which Particulars, the known Rule of Proceedings in ſuch Caſes may be evaded, ſhould a Peer be brought to his Tryal on ſeveral Articles exhibited againſt him for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, and for High Treaſon, mixed together; and the Commons be admitted to proceed, in order to make good the Articles for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, before Judgment be given upon the Articles for High Treaſon: Their Lordſhips have fully conſidered the Matters offered to them by the Houſe of Commons at the laſt Conference relating to the Proceedings againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and their Lordſhips are fully ſatisfied, that the Reſolution they have taken, and communicated to the Commons on the 24th Inſtant, is juſt and reaſonable; and that the Houſe of Commons are not put under any real Inconvenience thereby, in carrying on their preſent Proſecution: Their Lordſhips have commanded us to let you know, That they do inſiſt on their ſaid Reſolution; *viz.* "That the Commons be not admitted to proceed, "in order to make good the Articles againſt *Robert* Earl "of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* for High Crimes and "Miſdemeanors, till Judgment be firſt given on the Ar- "ticles for High Treaſon."

Reſolved, That the ſaid Report be now taken into Conſideration.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That they have ordered *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to be brought to the Bar of their Houſe, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, To-morrow Morning, being *Saturday* the 29th of this inſtant *June*, at Eleven a Clock, in order to proceed further on the Tryal of the ſaid Earl.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire that their Lordſhips will continue ſitting for ſome time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr. *Yonge* reported, That he had, according to Order, been at the Lords, and delivered the Meſſage directed by this Houſe; and that the Lords gave Anſwer, That they will continue ſitting for ſome time.

Reſolved, That a free Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pelham* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid free Conference.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities, payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in this Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 29° die Junii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Godfry Weckell, *Francis Gauſſen*, *Peter Simond*, *Peter Deviſmer*, and *Peter Vallete*, took the Oaths appointed, in order to their Naturalization.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanrheden*, and others, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Deacle*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Caſwall*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Cox*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Lowther*, Lord *Moleſworth*:

Moleſworth: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Pelham* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a free Conference with their Lordſhips, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference; the Lords anſwered, That they will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal, and Intereſt, on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies, and Payments, as in this Bill are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported; was committed; the Amendments they had made to the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, except One of them, which was diſagreed unto, were, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for appropriating all the Monies granted this Seſſion of Parliament:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for dividing of Annuity-Orders:

And the ſame was twice read; and, by Leave of the Houſe, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; being read;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for impowering the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent in *Scotland* to ſecure, and retain in their Hands, the Sum of 14,000 *l.* Sterling, according to the Articles of Union, for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of coarſe Wool in *Scotland* only.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Colonel *Bladen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 1° *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for, and Settlement upon, *Margaret* the Wife of *James* late Earl of *Panmure*, as ſhe would have been intitled to, in caſe her Huſband was naturally dead, without any Amendment: And alſo,

To the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Roger Stafford* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to *Wollocombe*, according to the Will of *Roger Wollocombe* Eſquire, deceaſed, without any Amendment. Alſo,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That, the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference concerning a Point of Judicature determined by their Lordſhips after the Tryal began, their Lordſhips do not think fit to give a free Conference on the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference, as is deſired by the Houſe of Commons. Alſo,

We are commanded to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have ordered *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* to be brought to the Bar of their Houſe in *Weſtminſter-hall* this preſent *Monday* at Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon, in order to proceed further in the Tryal of the ſaid Earl.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and Courts there, and Court of Requeſts, and Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned;

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of their Lordſhips Meſſage relating to the free Conference deſired by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* do draw up Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference: And they are to withdraw, immediately, into the Speaker's Chambers, and draw up the ſame.

And they withdrew accordingly.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire them to defer their going down into *Weſtminſter-hall* for ſome time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gibbon* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr. *Carter* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, on the Subject-matter of the Lords Meſſage relating to the free Conference deſired by this Houſe, That they had drawn up the ſame accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where it was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

THE Commons having taken into Conſideration your Lordſhips Meſſage; *viz.* That your Lordſhips did not think fit to give a free Conference on the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference, as was deſired by the Commons; and they, being ſtill deſirous, to the utmoſt of their Power, to preſerve a good Correſpondence with your Lordſhips, have aſked this Conference; and have commanded us to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they are very much ſurpriſed to find your Lordſhips deny a free Conference, after your Lordſhips have already agreed to a Conference, deſired by the Commons, on the ſame Sub-

ject-matter; and after your Lordſhips have, on your Parts, alſo deſired a Conference upon the ſame Subject:

That free Conferences are the moſt ancient and eſtabliſhed Methods for adjuſting the Differences that have at any time ariſen between the Two Houſes; and, as the Commons conceive, the only Method to preſerve a good Correſpondence between them on ſuch Occaſions; which, at this time, is of the higheſt Importance; becauſe a Miſunderſtanding on this Account would tend to defeat the Tryal of the Impeachment of the Commons:

That the Commons conceive clearly, that the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference is not a Point of Judicature, but a Point relating only to the Proſecution of the Commons; it having ariſen before any Matter of Judgment had come before your Lordſhips upon the Tryal:

For which Reaſons, the Commons conceive, that your Lordſhips ought not to have denied them a free Conference upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

An ingroſſed Bill for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal, and Intereſt, on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies, and Payments, as in this Act are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal, and Intereſt, on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies, and Payments, as in this Act are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Gibbon* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire them to defer their going down into *Weſtminſter-hall* for ſome time; they gave Anſwer, That they will defer going into *Weſtminſter-hall* for ſome time, as is deſired by the Commons; and will continue ſitting ſome time before they go into *Weſtminſter-hall* this Day.

Mr. *Craggs* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a Conference; the Lords returned Anſwer, That they do agree to a Conference; and have appointed the ſame preſently, in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, upon the Subject-matter of their Lordſhips Meſſage, relating to the free Conference deſired by this Houſe, do manage the ſaid Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. *Carter* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference; and delivered the Reaſons, directed by the Houſe, to the Lords.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire this Houſe to continue ſitting for ſome time.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will continue ſitting for ſome time, as the Lords deſire.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Colonel *Bladen*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire a preſent Conference with this Houſe, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree to meet the Lords at a preſent Conference.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the laſt Conference do manage this Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. *Carter* reported, That the Managers appointed had met the Lords at the Conference; and that the ſame was managed, on the Part of the Lords, by the Lord Privy-Seal; who acquainted the Managers, That the Lords having taken into Conſideration the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference, their Lordſhips had commanded them to acquaint the Commons, That they do inſiſt upon denying a free Conference on the Subject-matter concerning which a free Conference was deſired by the Houſe of Commons.

The Houſe being acquainted by the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, That there was a Meſſage from the Lords;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Meſſengers be called in;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *George Beaumont*, Mr. *Palmer*:	54.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. *Ingram*:	208.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Report of the ſaid Conference be now taken into Conſideration.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords deſire this Houſe will continue ſitting for ſome time.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will continue ſitting for ſome time, as the Lords deſire.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

A Motion being made, That this Houſe doth acquieſce in proceeding on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* in the manner preſcribed by the Lords;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out theſe Words, "in the manner preſcribed "by the Lords," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "according to the Reſolution communicated by the Lords, "the 24th of *June* laſt, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, to the Ma"nagers appointed by the Houſe to make good the Ar"ticles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Earl:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Words "in "the manner preſcribed by the Lords" ſtand Part of the Queſtion;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Queſtion being put, That this Houſe doth acquieſce in the Proceeding on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* in the manner preſcribed by the Lords;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips intend, preſently, to proceed further on the Tyral of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, in *Weſtminſter-hall*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Motion being made, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to inflict ſuch Pains and Penalties upon *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* as his traiterous Practices, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, do deſerve, and as ſhall be thought reaſonable;

And a Debate ariſing thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 2° die Julii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanrheden*, and others, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. 14. After "*Germany*," add "*Chriſtopher* "*Gildemeeſter*, Son of *John Gildemeeſter* by *Helena* his "Wife, born at *Bremen*, in *Germany*; *John Andrew* "*Heyman*, Son of * *Heyman* by *Mary* his Wife, born "at *Seaſen*, in *Germany*; *Godfrey Weckell*, Son of *David* "*Weckell* by *Anna* his Wife, born in the City of *Narva*, "in *Livonia*; *Peter Simond*, Son of *Peter Simond* by *Anna* "his Wife, born at the Cape of *Good Hope*; *Peter De*"*viſme*, Son of *Peter Deviſme* by *Mary* his Wife, born "at *Gony*, in *Picardy*; *Peter Vallete*, Son of *Stephen* "*Vallete* by *Jane* his Wife, born at *Bergerac*, in the Pro"vince of *Gueime*; *Francis Gauſſen*, Son of *John Gauſ*"*ſen* by *Margaret* his Wife, born at *Lunell*, in *Lan*"*guedoc*:"

Preſs 1. L. 30. After "*Remeyer*," add "*Chriſtopher* "*Gildemeeſter*, *John Andrew Heyman*, *Godfrey Weckell*, "*Peter Simond*, *Peter Deviſme*, *Peter Vallete*, *Francis* "*Gauſſen*:"

Preſs 2. L. 9. The ſame Amendment:

L. 37. The ſame Amendment.

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 2. L. * Before "aforeſaid," to inſert "as:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick in *Scotland*, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent.

Ordered, That Colonel *Bladen* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 3° die Julii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the Caſtle of *Cambridge*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes, Misfortunes, malicious and unjuſt Proſecutions, the Petitioners, by long Confinement, and unſpeakable Want, are daily periſhing; having long ſince offered up their All to their unmerciful Creditors; and your Honours, as you have had ſo compaſſionate a Senſe of our Miſeries, as to order a Bill to be brought in to this Honourable Houſe for our Relief, and cauſed it to be twice .... not to let it be abortive; but let a general and grateful Joy appear in All, by your Honours completing what his moſt Sacred Majeſty has moſt graciouſly begun: And the Petitioners ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanrheden*, and others, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

Mr. *Weſt* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Duke of *Mountague*'s Eſtate, for the Intents and Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for ſettling other Eſtates, in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed

directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 14. L. 7. After the Word "applied," inſert "towards the Diſcharge of the ſeveral Debts of 4,000 *l.* "1,200 *l.* and 1,000 *l.* charged upon *Mountagu-houſe*, "and other the Eſtates herein after-mentioned; and that "the Remainder, if any, be diſpoſed of:"

Pr. 17. L. 13. Leave out the Word "moſt;" and, in the ſame Line, after the Word "for," inſert "or to-"wards:"

Pr. 20. L. 12. After the Word "ſame," inſert "and, in the next place, for and towards the Diſcharge "of the aforeſaid Debts of 4,000 *l.* 1,200 *l.* and 1,000 *l.* "and the Intereſt thereof:"

L. 28, 29. After the Word "unfold," leave out the Words following, "after all the Payments "made as aforeſaid:"

Pr. 22. L. laſt, After the Word "happened," inſert "or ſhall hereafter happen:"

Pr. 26. L. 38. After the Word "of," leave out "all "and."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Weſt* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Debate, of *Monday* laſt, upon the Motion then made, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to inflict ſuch Pains and Penalties upon *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* as his traiterous Practices, and other High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, do deſerve, and as ſhall be thought reaſonable:

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, ſetting forth the many great Crimes of which *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* has been impeached by this Houſe; as likewiſe, the Endeavours that have been uſed by the Commons to bring the ſaid Earl to Juſtice; in which Proceedings, the unhappy Differences that have ariſen between the Two Houſes have diſappointed their juſt Expectations; and likewiſe, humbly to pray his Majeſty, That he will except the ſaid Earl out of the Act of Grace, which his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe from the Throne; to the end the Commons may be at Liberty to proceed againſt the ſaid Earl in a Parliamentary Way;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Barrington:* } 180.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Packer:* } 84.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Cowper*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Hor. Walpole*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Mr. *Edgcumbe:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Rogers:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the River of *Thames*, and *Medway*, with an Amendment: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *William Newman* Eſquire to ſell Part of the Eſtate included in his Marriage-Settlement, for Payment of Debts; and to ſettle another Eſtate, in lieu thereof: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect the Lords Journals, in relation to their Proceeding on the Tryal of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*; and to report what they find therein to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who were appointed to be the Managers to make good the Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Earl be the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 4° *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *William Newman* Eſquire to ſell Part of the Eſtate included in his Marriage-Settlement, for Payment of Debts; and to ſettle another Eſtate, in lieu thereof; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better Regulating of Pilots for the Conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and the Iſle of *Thanet*, up the River of *Thames*, and *Medway:*

And the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Preſs 4. L. 22. Leave out from "ſame" to "Pro-"vided," in the 32 Line of the ſame Preſs; and, inſtead thereof, inſert the Clauſe marked A:

"And whereas divers Ships and Veſſels, in bad Wea-"ther, are forced from their Anchors and Cables, and "unreaſonable Sums of Money demanded for Salvage "by ſuch Perſons who take up and carry the ſaid An-"chors and Cables on ſhore, before the Owners can have "ſuch Cables and Anchors reſtored to them; or elſe "they muſt apply themſelves to the Admiralty-Court at "*Dover*; and ſuch Ships and Veſſels muſt either leave "their Cables and Anchors behind them, or ſuffer much "more than the Value thereof, by being delayed in their "Voyage, by the neceſſary Forms of Proceedings, ſhould "they ſtay to have the ſame determined in the ſaid Ad-"miralty-Court: For Remedy whereof, and for prevent-"ing the like Inconveniencies for the future, Be it fur-"ther Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from "and after the 29th Day of *September* 1717, the Lord "Warden of the Cinque-Ports, for the Time being, ſhall "nominate and appoint, by an Inſtrument under his Hand "and Seal, Three or more ſubſtantial Perſons in each of "the Cinque-Ports, Two ancient Towns, and their Mem-"bers, to adjuſt and determine any Difference relating to "Salvage, if any ſuch ſhall ariſe, between the Maſter of "any Veſſel and the Perſon or Perſons bringing ſuch "Cable and Anchor aſhore; which ſaid Perſons the ſaid "Lord Warden is hereby authorized and impowered, "from time to time, to nominate and appoint: And in caſe "any Ship or Veſſel ſhall be forced from her Cables and "Anchors by Extremity of Weather, and leave the ſame "in any Roads within the Juriſdiction of the Cinque-

"Ports;

" Ports; and the Salvage cannot be adjuſted between the " Perſons concerned; that then the ſame ſhall be deter- " mined within the Space of Twelve Hours, by any one " or more of the ſaid Perſons appointed as aforeſaid; " any Cuſtom or Uſage to the contrary in any-wiſe not- " withſtanding:"

The ſaid Amendment, being read a Second time; and, being an intire Clauſe, was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Admiral *Aylmer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That the Writ, iſſued for the electing a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, is not yet delivered to the Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to give an Account of the iſſuing the ſaid Writ.

Ordered, That the Meſſenger to whom the ſaid Writ was delivered, do alſo attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning, to give an Account of the ſending down the ſaid Writ.

The Lord *Caſtlecomer* reported from the Committee who were appointed to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the Reſolution of the Houſe Yeſterday, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt faithful Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, do moſt humbly repreſent to your Majeſty, That, in our Impeachment exhibited againſt *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, we did ſet forth, That he, the ſaid Earl, did traiterouſly adhere to, aid, and abett, the late *French* King, then an Enemy to her late Majeſty; and did begin, and carry on, a clandeſtine and ſeparate Correſpondence and Negotiation with the Miniſters of the ſaid *French* King; in conſequence of which, it is evident, that great Part of the Forces, maintained at the Expence of ſo much *Britiſh* Treaſure, in order to reduce the Power of *France*; as likewiſe great Part of the Subſidies granted by Parliament to foreign Princes, for the ſame End; were, in Reality, made ſubſervient and inſtrumental to awe the good Allies of her Majeſty into a Compliance with the hard Terms dictated by *France*; the unhappy *Catalans* were abandoned; the Emperor, Empire, and King of *Portugal*, were left to treat for themſelves; the Kingdom of *Sicily* was given to the Duke of *Savoy*, as an Inducement, and Reward, to him for quitting the common Cauſe; in direct Defiance and Violation of the Grand Alliance, and of the declared Senſe of moſt of our good Allies, and eſpecially the *Dutch*, who, to this Day, have never aſſented to that Condition of the Treaty of *Utrecht*; a ſhameful and diſhonourable Treaty of Peace was at laſt concluded; by which, impracticable Terms of Trade were impoſed on *Great Britain*; the Demolition of *Dunkirk*, which had been addreſſed for by Parliament, was eluded by a treacherous Connivance at the Making of a new Canal at *Mardyke*; and the Security which was propoſed, by removing the Pretender out of *France*, was in the like manner evaded, by a treacherous Connivance at his reſiding in *Lorrain*.

It is owing to your Majeſty's unwearied Endeavours for the Good of your Subjects, and that juſt Regard which is paid to your Majeſty by foreign Princes and States, that we ſee ourſelves delivered, in a great Degree, from the Effects of theſe pernicious Meaſures, which might otherwiſe have proved fatal to your Kingdoms.

But as we reflect, with equal Gratitude and Admiration, on your Majeſty's being able to retrieve ſuch Miſcarriages, eſpecially in a time which has been diſturbed by publick Tumults and Rebellions; we think it is a great Aggravation of Guilt in thoſe who gave up ſo many National Advantages at a time when they laboured under no ſuch Difficulties at home, and when the continued Succeſſes of a long and glorious War had put them into a Condition of gaining the moſt beneficial Terms from the Enemy.

Your faithful Commons did likewiſe exhibit ſeveral other Charges againſt the ſaid Earl; repreſenting him, in many notorious Inſtances, as a Perſon who had abuſed the Truſt and Confidence which her late Majeſty had repoſed in him; and ſacrificed the Honour of his Sovereign, and the Good of her People, to private Views of Intereſt and Ambition.

Your faithful Commons have not been wanting in their Endeavours to bring the ſaid Earl to Juſtice; but, by reaſon of the unhappy Differences that have, in this Proceeding, ariſen between the Two Houſes, we have found ourſelves diſappointed of our juſt Expectation, and reduced to the Neceſſity either of giving up Rights and Privileges of the higheſt Importance to all the Commons of *Great Britain*, or ſeeing this great Offender eſcape with Impunity for the preſent.

For theſe Reaſons, we do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, That your Majeſty will be pleaſed to except *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* out of the Act of Grace, which your Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe from the Throne; to the end the Commons may be at Liberty to proceed againſt the ſaid Earl in a Parliamentary Way.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council do wait upon his Majeſty, humbly to know his Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 5° *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees the Eſtate of *Thomas Richmond* Eſquire, deceaſed, in the County of *Eſſex*, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Expences, according to the Will of the ſaid *Thomas Richmond*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Eſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for raiſing and paying the Lady *Amelia Butler*'s Portion out of Lands in *Ireland*, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower Commiſſioners in Commiſſions of Bankrupts iſſued ſince the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1706, and on or before the 26th Day of *June* 1716, to make Certificates for Bankrupts; and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, Commiſſioners of the Great Seal, or Two

Judges, to confirm the ſame; notwithſtanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth, and the Fifth, of Queen *Anne*, are expired; and for continuing a Clauſe, in a former Act, for adjuſting Accounts between Bankrupts and their Debtors; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *John Jacob Heldt*, *Theodore Vanreheden*, and others. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Duke of *Mountague*'s Eſtate, for the Intents and Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for ſettling other Eſtates, in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for inlarging the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates: And that Mr. *Lowndes*, and the Lord *William Powlet*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Wyld* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act declaring the Uſes of Two ſeveral Fines, levied by *John Cuffe* Eſquire, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *Joſeph Kelly* Eſquire, deceaſed, and *Maurice Cuffe* Eſquire, and the Heirs of the ſaid *Joſeph Kelly*, of certain Lands and Tythes in the Counties of *Down* and *Cavan*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was committed, That they had examined, and found, That the Orders of the Houſe relating to Notices to be given in *Ireland*, before any private Bill from thence be brought in, had been complied with; and that they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees the Eſtate of *Thomas Richmond* Eſquire, deceaſed, in the County of *Eſſex*, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Expences, according to the Will of the ſaid *Thomas Richmond*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, touching the Election for the Borough of *Milborn-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be received To-morrow Morning.

The Clerk of the Crown, attending according to Order, gave the Houſe an Account of the Iſſuing out of the Writ for the electing a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

Mr. *Robert Briſcoe*, the Meſſenger attending the Great Seal, attending according to Order;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, examined touching his receiving the ſaid Writ, and ſending the ſame to the Sheriff of *Cumberland*.

And then he withdrew.

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe, relating to the ſaid Writ's being not yet delivered to the Sheriff of *Cumberland*;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning.

Ordered, That Mr. *Briſcoe*, the Meſſenger attending the Great Seal, do attend this Houſe on *Tueſday* Morning.

Mr. *Hungerford* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate at *Corſham*, in *Wiltſhire*, in the ſurviving Truſtee and Executor of the laſt Will of *Henry Frederick Thynn* Eſquire, deceaſed, and his Heirs, to make Sale thereof, for the Execution of the Truſts created by his Will, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been waited upon, humbly to know his Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty had been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon at Two a Clock, at his Palace of *St. James*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And that Mr. *Craggs*, and Colonel *Bladen*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 6° *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of the Eſtate of *John Stone* the elder, and *John Stone* the younger, in the County of *Suſſex*, for diſcharging the Incumbrances thereon, in reſpect of the Infancy of One of the Co-heirs of *John Stone* the younger; and for ſecuring the Reſidue of the Money, as therein is mentioned:

And the ſame were twice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 4. Line 31, 32, 32. Leave out "*Robert Heathfeild*, " of *Darking*, in the County of *Surrey*, Tanner, of the " Second Part; and:"

Line 34. Leave out " Third," and inſert " Se- " cond;" and, in the ſame Line, after " Part," inſert " and *Robert Heathfeild*, of *Darking*, in the County of " *Surrey*, Gentleman, of the Third Part."

Ordered, That Mr. *Ingram* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting an Eſtate at *Corſham*, in *Wiltſhire*, in the ſurviving Truſtee and Executor of the laſt Will of *Henry Frederick Thynn* Eſquire, deceaſed, and his Heirs, to make Sale thereof, for the Execution of the Truſts created by his Will, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hungerford* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act declaring the Uſes of Two ſeveral Fines, levied by *John Cuffe* Eſquire, and *Margaret* his Wife, to *Joſeph Kelly* Eſquire, deceaſed, and *Maurice Cuffe* Eſquire, and the Heirs of the ſaid *Joſeph Kelly*, of certain Lands and Tythes in the Counties of *Down* and *Cavan*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wyld* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker reported, That this Houſe did Yeſterday attend his Majeſty, and preſented their Addreſs: To which

which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Will give Directions in relation to the Earl of *Oxford*, as you deſire; and it is with Pleaſure I obſerve the Senſe, expreſſed in your Addreſs, of my Endeavours for the Security, Honour, and Advantage, of theſe Kingdoms.

Reſolved, That the humble Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Majeſty for his Majeſty's moſt gracious Anſwer to their Addreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Lord *William Powlett* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for inlarging the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be now read a Second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John White*, of *Leixlip*, in the County of *Dublin*, Eſquire, had, by * *Fenner*, his Attorney, delivered Declarations in Ejectment for an Eſtate of *Samuel Molyneux* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, at *Lady-town* and *Louth's Town*, in the County of *Kildare*, in *Ireland*; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Hampden*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Election for the Borough of *Milborn-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, and Reſolutions, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Right of Election was agreed to be in the capital Bailiffs, and their Deputies, in the Commonalty, Stewards, and the Inhabitants paying Scot and Lot.

The Poll was,

For the Sitting Member — 27:
For the Petitioner — — 22.

That the Petitioner's Counſel objected to Thirteen of the Sitting Member's Voters; and alleged, They ſhould add Seven to the Petitioner's Poll.

That they called the following Witneſſes;

Joſeph Raymond, and *John Wilkins*: Says, *John Mores* lives at *Sherborne*, and *William Baynton* lives with his Mother Mrs. *Hallett*; and that his Father-in-Law *Samuel Hallett* pays for that ſame Houſe, and votes for it.

John Lewis ſaid, *Richard Lambert* asked Votes for the Sitting Member; and offered the Witneſs Five Guineas to vote for him.

John Bret ſaid, *Guy White* junior ſollicited Votes for the Sitting Member; and asked the Witneſs for his Vote for him, and gave him Five Guineas for it.

John Bowden ſaid, *Guy White* junior gave *Benjamin Cox* Five Guineas for his Vote for the Sitting Member, as both *White* and *Cox* confeſſed to the Witneſs.

Mrs. *Hallet* ſaid, She gave *William Baynton* her Son Five Guineas, which *Guy White* junior had given her for him to vote for the Sitting Member.

Joſeph Raymond ſaid, *Robert Curtis* confeſſed to him, That he had Five Guineas of the Sitting Member's Money for his Vote.

Mr. *Grandy* ſaid, That, ſome time before the Election, he asked *Charles Martin* to vote for Mr. *Medlycot*'s Friend; and he promiſed he would; but, at another time afterwards, told the Witneſs he was engaged for the Sitting Member; and ſaid, He had loſt Five Guineas the laſt Election, by ſtaying for Mr. *Medlycot*'s Friend; and was reſolved not to loſe Five more now.

John Bowden named Four of the Voters before-named, and Four others of the Sitting Member's Voters; who, he ſaid, were treated, the Morning before the Election, at *John Noakes*'s Houſe; who ſollicited Votes for the Sitting Member.

The Two Sub-bailiffs, *Guy White* ſenior, and *John Barrett*, who voted for the Sitting Member, were objected to by the Petitioner's Counſel, as not having qualified themſelves for that Office by receiving the Sacrament, and taking the Oaths required by Law.

That, to add Seven to the Petitioner's Poll; *viz. William Cox*, *John Sprint*, *Richard Willmoth*, *James Medlycot* Eſquire, *Wm. Chamberlain*, *Joſhua Barret*, and *George Baynton*; the following Evidence was produced;

It was proved they all offered their Votes for the Petitioner: And,

It appeared by *Coxe*'s Leaſe, That he is obliged to pay all Rates and Taxes. And,

William Raymond ſaid, *Cox* is an Inhabitant, and a Houſekeeper; and paid him the Poor Rate laſt Year.

Joſeph Raymond ſaid, *John Sprint* is a Houſekeeper, and an Inhabitant; has a Houſe and Land worth Twelve Pounds a Year; was ſtruck out of the Rate Three Years ago, contrary to his own Deſire; and the Sub-bailiff has refuſed him out of Antipathy. And,

It appeared to the Committee, That, in *February* laſt, he made a Purchaſe of Four Acres of Land at *Milbourn-Port*, which coſt him Fifty-three Pounds; and that he had ſeveral times deſired to be put into the Rate, but was refuſed, though his Land was formerly aſſeſſed, and paid the Rates.

William Raymond ſaid, *Richard Willmoth* rents Land to the Value of Twenty Pounds a Year; which Land is rated, and he pays the Rate; though his Brother's Name, of whom he rents the Land, is in the Book.

It was proved, on the Petitioner's Part, and admitted on the other Side, That Mr. *Medlycot* is One of the capital Bailiffs; which capital Bailiffs are by Tenure in Right of their Eſtates; and that Mr. *Medlycot* purchaſed his capital Bailiwick, and has the Lands by which he claims to be ſuch capital Bailiff.

John Wilkins ſaid, *William Chamberlain* has a Houſe at *Milbourn-Port*; Part of which he has lett, and other Part is reſerved to himſelf: That he has Goods there, and is rated, and pays the Rates: And,

That *Joſhua Barret* has a Houſe there; and is rated, and pays the Rates.

Mr. *Grandy* ſaid, *George Baynton* has Land of Inheritance at *Milbourn-Port*, of Seven Pounds a Year, and is rated, and pays Scot and Lot, for it.

That, in Anſwer to what had been objected, the Sitting Member's Counſel inſiſted, That *Guy White* and *John Barrett*,

Barrett, the Sub-bailiffs, are not ſuch Officers as are required by Law to take the Sacrament, or Oaths, to qualify them for their Office; and that the chief Bailiffs, to whom they are Deputies, do not take the Oaths; nor is it requiſite they ſhould.

As to the other Perſons objected to, the Sitting Member's Counſel called the following Witneſſes; *viz.*

Edward Oatbery: Who ſaid, That *John Moores* has Two or Three Houſes at *Milbourn-Port*, and One in his own Poſſeſſion: That he goes to Work at *Sherbourn* in the Day, and returns, and lies at *Milbourn-Port* at Nights: That he pays to Church and Poor at *Milbourn-Port*; and lived there at the time of the Election:

That *William Baynton* has no Reſidence but at *Milbourn-Port*; where he has an Eſtate, and is rated, and pays, to Church and Poor:

That *William Cox* is not, nor ever was, upon the Church or Poor Rate; and the Witneſs was preſent once when Mr. *Medlycot*, his Landlord, upon Payment of his Rent, allowed him the Poor Rate: That *Cox* went off, and lived ſome time at *London:*

That the Pariſhioners ſtruck *John Sprint* out of the Poor Rate Three Years ago; not at his own Deſire, but becauſe he refuſed to pay; having, as he ſaid, a Church of his own, meaning a Meeting-houſe; and has never been rated ſince, though other Houſes of leſs Value than his are rated:

That *William Chamberlain* pays Scot and Lot at *Milbourn-Port*; but has lett his Houſe there to Two Tenants, and himſelf lives at *Sherbourne:*

That *Joſhua Barrett* has Two Houſes at *Milbourne-Port*; which he has lett to Two Tenants, and himſelf does not reſide there.

John Noake ſaid, *William Cox* had let his Houſe to *Pope*, and left the Town Two Months before the Election: That *Cox* paid no Tax or Rate; the Landlord is rated, and *Pope* the Tenant pays the Rates:

That *George Baynton* works Journeywork at *Milbourne-Port*, at weekly Wages; and never was upon the Poor Rate.

The Sitting Member's Counſel objected, That Four of the Petitioner's Voters; *viz. Thomas Travell* Eſquire, *Robert Everet*, *William Acourt*, and *George Man*; who voted as capital Bailiffs; had no Right to vote as ſuch:

And called,

John Noake: Who ſaid, That neither of thoſe Four Perſons had any of the capital Bailiwick Lands; but that all thoſe Lands are in Sir *Thomas Travell*, and Mr. *Medlycott*; and that *George Man* is kept by Charity.

That the Sitting Member's Counſel alſo called,

William Brook: Who ſaid, Colonel *Stanhope*'s Servant offered him Eight Guineas to vote for the Petitioner; but that he voted for the Sitting Member.

John Noake ſaid, That *Robert Baynton*, who voted for the Sitting Member, told him, That Colonel *Stanhope* gave him Money to vote for the Petitioner; and he ſaid, He would petition, if he had but Two Votes: And,

That *Benjamin Cox*, who voted for the Sitting Member, told him, He had Six Guineas to vote for the Petitioner.

Robert Baynton, who voted for the Sitting Member, ſaid, He was offered Seven Guineas, by the Petitioner's Brother, to vote for the Petitioner.

Henry Hallett ſaid, He was preſent when *Samuel Hallett* asked his Son-in-Law, *William Baynton*, to vote for the Petitioner; and *Baynton* anſwering, That he had promiſed Mr. *Harvey*, and would be as good as his Word, *Samuel Hallett* replied, That the Eſquire would lay down a Hundred Guineas upon the Table, and he ſhould take what he would for his Vote: But *Baynton* voted for the Sitting Member.

That the Petitioner's Qualification was objected to:

The Particular given in for ſuch Qualification amounts to 346 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Annum:*

To which the Sitting Member's Counſel objected, That 216 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d. per Annum*, at *Wandſworth*, in *Surrey*, and a Rent-charge of 120 *per Annum* iſſuing out of Lands in *Nottinghamſhire*, are mentioned to be purchaſed by the Petitioner for his Life, the 31th of *May* laſt, for 2,505 *l.*; which they took to be not a valuable Conſideration; and therefore ſuſpected the Purchaſe: They alſo urged, That ſuch a Rent-charge could be no Part of a Qualification, within the Meaning of the Act of Parliament, which requires a landed Intereſt; and that the Eſtate charged therewith might be ſubject to other Reprizes and Incumbrances:

And, as to the *Wandſworth* Eſtate, they called,

Samuel Welden, One of the Tenants thereof, at 12 *l.* a Year: By whoſe Evidence it appeared, That, ſince *Midſummer* laſt, he had Notice to get ready his *Midſummer* Rent, becauſe Mr. *Brand* had ſold that Eſtate to the Petitioner; which Notice came from the Perſon to whom he had always paid his Rent for Mr. *Brand*'s Uſe.

In Anſwer to which, the Petitioner's Counſel called,

Mr. *Frewen*, who ſent that Notice: And he ſaid, That Mr. *Brand* had acquainted him with his having ſold that Eſtate at *Wandſworth* to the Petitioner; and that the Petitioner was to receive the Rents from *Lady-day* laſt; and that the Petitioner had deſired him to continue to receive thoſe Rents for him, as he had before done for Mr. *Brand*; and that he had accordingly made up his Accounts, to Mr. *Brand*, to *Lady-day*.

The Petitioner's Counſel inſiſted, That the Purchaſe-money was a full and valuable Conſideration; the Purchaſe being for Life only, and conſiſting chiefly in old Houſes; and that there could be no Objection to the Rent-charge.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to theſe Reſolutions;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Michael Harvey* Eſquire is not duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Milbourn-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Charles Stanhope* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Milbourne-Port*.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of *Milbourne-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*, by raſing out the Name of *Michael Harvey* Eſquire, and inſerting the Name of *Charles Stanhope* Eſquire, inſtead thereof.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 8 *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown attended; and, according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of *Milbourne-Port*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *William Newman* Eſquire to ſell Part of the Eſtate included in his Marriage-Settlement, for Payment of Debts; and to ſettle another Eſtate, in lieu thereof; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to the Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Mr. *Bacon*, Sir *John Hobart*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Wm. Whitelock*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Plumtre*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Pelham*,

Pelham, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Sir *John Wittewrong*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Smelt*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *Richard Steel*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee have Leave to proceed upon the ſaid Bill upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to iſſue Money for paying the Salaries of the inferior Officers under the Commiſſioners of Inquiry, and for incident Charges, out of any Money granted this Seſſion of Parliament, which ſhall be replaced out of ſuch Money as ſhall ariſe by Sale, or otherwiſe, out of the forfeited Eſtates.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Lord *William Powlett* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 9° *die Julii*;

Anno 3 Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees the Eſtate of *Thomas Richmond* Eſquire, deceaſed, in the County of *Eſſex*, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Expences, according to the Will of the ſaid *Thomas Richmond*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Tuſtnell*, Mr. *Gregory*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Hen. Hobart*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Powlett*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Britiffe*, Mr. *Churchill*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Peirce*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Eſſex*, *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee have Leave to proceed upon the ſaid Bill upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Craggs*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Lord *William Powlett*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Debate of *Friday* laſt, relating to the Writ for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*:

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *John Tiffin*, of *Cockermouth*, do attend this Houſe upon this Day Fortnight;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Nicholas*:	49.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Maynard*:	73.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 10° *die Julii*;

Anno 3 Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Horatio Walpole* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *William Newman* Eſquire to ſell Part of the Eſtate included in his Marriage-Settlement, for Payment of Debts; and to ſettle another Eſtate, in lieu thereof; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Horatio Walpole* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill to inlarge the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to inlarge the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners for the forfeited Eſtates.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. * After "*Britain*," to inſert "with:"

Preſs 2. L * After "manner," to inſert "and:"

Preſs 4. L * To leave out "ſaid:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of the poor confined Debtors within the Priſon of *White Chapell* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That within that Priſon are upwards of Two hundred Men and Women, who, through adverſe Fortune, are now confined, and reduced to extreme Want and Penury, as is ſcarcely preferable to Death itſelf; having no manner of Allowance in that Gaol: That the Petitioners are ready and willing to make their Creditors the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, by their delivering up their All to them; ſo that they may be at Liberty publickly to ſerve their King and Country: And the Petitioners ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Edward Rolt* Eſquire to exchange a certain Parcel of Woodlands, in the County of *Hertford*, with *John Boteler* Eſquire, for other Woodlands, of equal Value, in the ſaid County; and for ſettling the ſame reſpectively, as therein mentioned; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to continue an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for taking and ſtating the Debts due, and growing due, to *Scotland*, by way of Equivalent, in the Terms of the Union; and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick, and the Commiſſioners of the Equivalent; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Office of Sheriffs; and for aſcertaining their Fees, and the Fees for ſuing out their Patents, and paſſing their Accounts; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better enabling Sheriffs to ſue out their Patents, and paſs their Accounts, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the explaining, and making more effectual, the Acts, of the Fifth and Eighth Years of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for amending the Road between *Hockley*, in the County of *Bedford*, and *Stony-Stratford*, in the County of *Bucks*, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for *Margaret* Lady *Nairne*, and her Children, out of her paternal Eſtate, forfeited during the Life of *William Murray*, late Lord *Nairne*, her Huſband, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to make Proviſion for the reſpective Wives and Children of *James* late Earl of *Southeske*; *James* late Lord *Drummond*; the late Sir *Hugh Paterſon*, of *Bannockburn*; and *James Stirling*, late of *Keir*; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways from that Part of *Counters-bridge* which lies in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to the Powder-mills in the Road to *Staines*; and to *Cranford-bridge*, in the ſaid County, in the Road to *Colnebrook*; without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Liberty of exporting *Iriſh* Linen Cloth to the *Britiſh* Plantations in *America*, Duty-free; and for the more effectual Diſcovery of, and proſecuting, ſuch as ſhall unlawfully export Wool, and Woollen Manufactures, from *Ireland*; and for Relief of *John Fletcher*, in reſpect of the Duty by him paid for a Quantity of Salt loſt in the Exportation for *Ireland*; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 11° *die Julii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Tufnell* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting in Truſtees the Eſtate of *Thomas Richmond* Eſquire, deceaſed, in the County of *Eſſex*, to be ſold, for Payment of his Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Expences, according to the Will of the ſaid *Thomas Richmond*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tufnell* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 12° *die Julii*;
Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal, and Intereſt, on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities, payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities, at ſeveral Rates, to be payable, and transferrable, at the Bank of *England*,

and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies, and Payments, as in this Act are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Lint-ſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for redeeming the ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five Pounds *per Cent.* as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions formerly made for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchaſed at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent.*; and for other Purpoſes in this Act mentioned; without any Amendment. And,

The Lords have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for redeeming the yearly Fund of the *South-Sea* Company, being after the Rate of Six Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*; and ſettling on the ſaid Company a yearly Fund, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, redeemable by Parliament; and to raiſe, for an Annuity or Annuities, at Five Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, any Sum, not exceeding Two millions, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for making the ſaid new yearly Fund, and Annuities, to be hereafter redeemable in the time and manner thereby preſcribed; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; be now taken into Conſideration.

And the ſaid Amendments were once read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 2. L. 24. Leave out from "Seventeen" to "and," in the 35 Line of the Third Preſs, and inſert Clauſe marked A:

Clauſe A: "And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Action or Suit for any Penalty, or Forfeiture, contained in this or the ſaid former Act, for wilfully neglecting, or refuſing, to regiſter, or for committing Fraud in ſuch Regiſtry, ſhall be commenced or brought after Two Years after the Offence committed, againſt any Perſon offending therein, who ſhall, before the Commencement of ſuch Action or Suit, have duly regiſtred, according to the Purport of this and the ſaid former Act; which Regiſtry ſuch Perſon is hereby authorized to make, notwithſtanding the Time preſcribed by the ſaid Statutes, or either of them, for making ſuch Regiſtry, be elapſed: And that every Perſon, offending in any of the Matters aforeſaid, ſhall be liable to be ſued, or proſecuted, for ſuch Offence at any time before ſuch Regiſtry made; this, or any other Law or Statute to the contrary, notwithſtanding:"

Preſs 4. L. 6. Leave out from "Act" to "and," in the 28th Line of the ſame Preſs:

Preſs 5. L. 22. Leave out the Word "openly:"

L. 25. After "Incapacity," inſert "and have entered ſuch Claim in open Court at the General Seſſion of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, or Diviſion, wherein ſuch Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, lie, or ariſe:"

L. 29. Leave out from "notwithſtanding" to the End of the Bill, and inſert Clauſes marked B and C:

Clauſe B: "Provided nevertheleſs, That whereas it was, amongſt other things, enacted by the ſaid Act of Parliament, made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of the late King *William* the Third, That, from and after the Tenth Day of *April* which ſhould be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand Seven hundred, every Papiſt, or Perſon making Profeſſion of the Popiſh Religion, ſhould be diſabled, and was thereby made incapable, to purchaſe, either in his or her own Name, or in the Name of any other Perſon or Perſons to his or her Uſe, or in Truſt for him or her, any Manors, Lands, Profits out of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Terms, or Hereditaments, within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that all and ſingular Eſtates, Terms, and any other Intereſts or Profits whatſoever, out of Lands, from and after the ſaid Tenth Day of *April*, to be made, ſuffered, or done, to or for the Uſe or Behoof of any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or upon any Truſt or Confidence immediately, or immediately to or for the Benefit or Relief of any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſhould be utterly void, and of no Effect, to all Intents, Conſtructions, and Purpoſes, whatſoever; it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That the ſaid recited Part of the ſaid Act of Parliament ſhall not be hereby altered or repealed; but the ſame ſhall be and remain in full Force, as if this Act has never been made:"

Clauſe C: "And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the Nine-and-twentieth Day of *September* in the Year of our Lord One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen, no Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Intereſt therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, ſhall paſs, alter, or change, from any Papiſt, or Perſon profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, by any Deed or Will, except ſuch Deed, within Six Months after the Death of the Teſtator, be inrolled in One of the King's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or elſe within the ſame County or Counties wherein the Manors, Lands, and Tenements, lie, by the *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, and Two Juſtices of the Peace, and the Clerk of the Peace, of the ſame County or Counties, or Two of them at the leaſt, whereof the Clerk of the Peace to be One:"

To the Title of the Bill, at the End thereof, add "and for ſecuring Purchaſes made by Proteſtants."

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 13° die Julii;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Patrick Wemys* Eſquire to ſell certain Houſes in *Dublin*, for Payment of Debts; and for ſettling Lands in the County of *Kilkenny*, and elſewhere, to the ſame Uſes to which the Houſes to be ſold were ſettled; be now read the Second time.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Lord *Morpeth*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lee*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Conyers*, the Earl of *Barrymore*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Weſtphalin*, Colonel *Stephens*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Leiſter*, Mr. *Bell*, Sir *John Conway*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr *Offley*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. Serjeant *Reynolds*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Monroe*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *Edward Turnour*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Docminique*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir

Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Elford*, Mr. *Lutwich*, Mr. *Peirce*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Harvey:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee have Leave to proceed upon the ſaid Bill upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring:

The Firſt of the ſaid Amendments, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then Clauſe A, to be inſerted, was twice read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Clauſe be poſtponed.

The reſt of the ſaid Amendments, as far as Clauſe B, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe B, being twice read, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe C being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by inſerting, after the Word "Teſtator," theſe Words, "be "duly proved by the Oaths of the ſubſcribing Witneſſes "to ſuch Deed and Will; and:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be inſerted;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then Clauſe C, being read the Third time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The laſt Amendment, in the Title, being read a Second time, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the poſtponed Clauſe A:

And an Amendment was propoſed to be made therein, by leaving out from the Word "therein" to the End of the Clauſe:

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments, with an Amendment to One of them: To which Amendment they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Portpigham*, alias *Weſtlow*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *Thomas Maynard* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Commiſſary-General of Stores of War, and Proviſions, in the Iſland of *Minorca*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enlarge the Time for making Claims before the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the forfeited Eſtates, without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 15° *die Julii*;

Anno 3° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Earl of *Barrymore* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Patrick Wemys* Eſquire to ſell certain Houſes in *Dublin*, for Payment of Debts; and for ſettling Lands in the County of *Kilkenny*, and elſewhere, to the ſame Uſes to which the Houſes to be ſold were ſettled; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that it appeared to the Committee, that Notice had been given in *Ireland* of the Intention to bring in an Act of Parliament in *Great Britain* this Seſſion; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Barrymore* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Newport*, in the Iſle of *Wight*, in the room of the Right Honourable *James Stanhope* Eſquire, now Lord Viſcount *Stanhope*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Lewes*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of *Thomas Pelham* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Stockbridge*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of *Martin Bladen* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Lymington*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of Sir *Joſeph Jekyll* Knight; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Maſter and Keeper of the Rolls in Chancery.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Aldborough*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *William Jeſſop* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners of Alienation.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Commiſſioner to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Shire of *Fife*, in the room of Sir *John Anſtruther* Baronet; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Shire, hath accepted the Office of Maſter of his Majeſty's Works in *Scotland*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the

the Borough of *Thirſke*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *Ralph Bell* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Cuſtomers of the Port of *Kingſton upon Hull*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Truro*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *Spencer Cowper* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Chief Juſtice of *Cheſter*.

The Houſe being informed, That, among the Papers laid before the Houſe the 14th of *May* and 14th of *June* laſt, relating to the Iſland of *St. Chriſtopher's*, there are ſeveral original Papers, which may be wanted in the reſpective Offices from whence they came;

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do inſpect the ſaid Papers, and take Copies of ſuch of them as appear to be Originals; and that he deliver ſuch Originals back to the reſpective Offices from whence they came.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords have agreed to the Amendment, made to One of their Lordſhips Amendments, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for explaining an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates; and for inlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring; and for ſecuring Purchaſes made by Proteſtants.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. Juſtice *Dormer* and Mr. Juſtice *Eyre*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have accepted, and paſſed, a Bill, intituled, An Act for the King's moſt gracious, general, and free, Pardon, *Nemine contradicente*; and have ſent it down to this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Bill was once read:

And, the Bill being ſigned by his Majeſty, all the Members ſat uncovered while it was read.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch Precedents, and to prepare Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, upon the Meſſage from their Lordſhips to this Houſe with the Bill, intituled, An Act for the King's moſt gracious, general, and free, Pardon:

And it is referred to Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Edgcumb*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Addiſon*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Thompſon*; or any Three of them: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber; and to make their Report with all convenient Speed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had ſearched Precedents, and prepared Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Commons, having this Day received a Meſſage from your Lordſhips, in theſe Words, "That the Lords "have accepted, and paſſed, a Bill, intituled, An Act "for the King's moſt gracious, general, and free, Par-"don, *Nemine contradicente*; and have ſent it down to "this Houſe;" have deſired this Conference to acquaint your Lordſhips, That this Meſſage is not according to the uſual Way of tranſmitting Bills between the Two Houſes; for that neither Houſe does acquaint the other by what Number any Bill before them doth paſs; and the introducing any Alteration in the uſual Method of Proceedings may be of dangerous Conſequence.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords upon the Subject-matter of their Lordſhips Meſſage to this Houſe with the Bill, intituled, An Act for the King's moſt gracious, general, and free, Pardon.

Ordered, That Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported to the Houſe, That he had, according to their Order, been at the Lords, and deſired the ſaid Conference; and that the Lords do agree to a Conference, and appoint the ſame immediately in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee, who were appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offered at the ſaid Conference, do manage the Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and delivered the Reaſons directed by the Houſe to the Lords.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Grey*, and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords deſire a preſent Conference with this Houſe, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree to meet the Lords at a preſent Conference.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the laſt Conference do manage this Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported, That the Managers appointed had met the Lords at the Conference; and that the ſame was managed, on the Part of the Lords, by the Lord Privy-Seal; who acquainted the Managers, That their Lordſhips, in order to preſerve a good Correſpondence with the Houſe of Commons, which they ſhall always endeavour to do as far as lies in their Power, have deſired this Conference upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference; and have commanded us to acquaint you, That the Lords, upon Peruſal of their Journal of the 20th of *May* 1690, do find, that the like Meſſage was then ſent down from the Lords to the Commons, upon the ſame Occaſion, with the Words *Nemine contradicente*, to which the Commons now ſeem to object; and their Lordſhips do not find, that any Notice was then taken thereof by the Commons, nor at any other time; although the ſaid Meſſage was ſent to the Commons on the ſaid 20th Day of *May*, and the Bill was not returned till the 23d of the ſame Month, and the Houſe of Lords continued ſitting on the intermediate Days: And the Lords are of Opinion, that, the Paſſing of Bills of this Nature differing ſo materially in many Circumſtances from the Forms of paſſing other Bills, no Argument can be drawn from thoſe Forms to ſupport the Objection made by the Commons to the Meſſage ſent by the Lords with the Bill, intituled, An Act for the King's moſt gracious, general, and free, Pardon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be now taken into Conſideration.

The ſaid Report was read.

Ordered, That the Committee who managed the laſt Conference do ſearch Precedents, and prepare Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber; and make their Report with all convenient Speed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had ſearched Precedents, and prepared Reaſons to be offered at the ſaid Conference; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Commons, have taken into Conſideration the Reaſons communicated to them by your Lordſhips at the laſt Conference; and being deſirous, on all Occaſions, to preſerve a good Correſpondence with your Lordſhips; have commanded us to acquaint your Lordſhips, That they find, on Peruſal of their Journal of the 20th of *May* 1690, That no ſuch Meſſage was delivered to the Commons on that Day, as is mentioned in your Lordſhips Reaſons: But they find, that the like Meſſage with that communicated by your Lordſhips this Day was delivered to the Commons on the 22d of *May* 1690: Whereupon, the Commons taking Exceptions to the Words *Nemine contradicente*, contained in the ſaid Meſſage, and having appointed a Committee to ſearch Precedents, and to prepare Reaſons to be offered at a Conference with your Lordſhips; and the ſame being prepared; they, on the 23d of *May* 1690, did reſolve, That a Conference ſhould be deſired with your Lordſhips on the ſaid Meſſage; and did immediately order One of their Members to go to your Lordſhips, and deſire the ſaid Conference:

That the Commons conceive, that the different Form of paſſing Bills of this Nature doth very much ſtrengthen the Objection now made by the Commons; for which Reaſons, the Commons do inſiſt on the Reaſons delivered to your Lordſhips at the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral publick and private Bills.

After which, his Majeſty was pleaſed to declare from the Throne, That he had ordered the Lord Chancellor to deliver his Majeſty's Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, in his Majeſty's Name and Words:

And the Lord Chancellor did accordingly read a Speech delivered into his Hands by his Majeſty from the Throne:

And afterwards the Lord Chancellor, by his Majeſty's Command, ſaid;

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is his Majeſty's Royal Pleaſure, That this Parliament be prorogued to *Monday* the Twelfth of *Auguſt* next: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to meet here on *Monday* the Twelfth Day of *Auguſt* next.

Lunæ, 12° die Auguſti;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read for proroguing the Parliament until *Wedneſday* the 11th Day of *September* next.

And the Parliament was prorogued accordingly until *Wedneſday* the 11th Day of *September* next.

Mercurii, 11° die Septembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

THE Houſe being met; and Mr. Speaker being in the Country;

A Meſſage was delivered from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, the Members preſent, with the Clerk, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read for proroguing the Parliament until *Wedneſday* the 9th Day of *October* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Wedneſday* the 9° Day of *October* next.

Mercurii, 9° die Octobris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the Commiſſion was read for proroguing the Parliament until *Thurſday* the 21ſt Day of *November* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Thurſday* the 21ſt Day of *November* next.

By

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS our Parliament ſtands prorogued to the Ninth Day of this inſtant *October*: We, with the Advice of our Privy-Council, do hereby publiſh and declare, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall be further prorogued, on the ſaid Ninth Day of this inſtant *October*, to *Thurſday* the One-and-twentieth Day of *November* next: And we have given Order to our Chancellor of *Great Britain* to prepare a Commiſſion for proroguing the ſame accordingly: And we do hereby further declare our Pleaſure, That the ſaid Parliament ſhall, on the ſaid One-and-twentieth Day of *November*, be held, and ſit, for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commiſſioners of Shires and Burghs, of the Houſe of Commons; are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly, at *Weſtminſter*, on the ſaid One-and-twentieth Day of *November* next.

Given at our Court at *Hampton-Court*, the Eighth Day of *October* 1717, in the Fourth Year of our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Jovis, 21° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers.

And, being returned;

Several Members, returned upon new Writs, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, according to the Laws made for that Purpoſe.

Then a Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended his Majeſty in the Houſe of Peers; where his Majeſty was pleaſed to declare, That he had commanded the Lord Chancellor to declare the Cauſes of his Majeſty's meeting his People in Parliament at this time, as they were contained in a Speech which his Majeſty delivered into the Lord Chancellor's Hands from the Throne:

And his Lordſhip read the ſame to both Houſes; of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent any Miſtakes, obtained a Copy: Which he read to the Houſe; and is as followeth;

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am very glad I have been able to bring the Sitting of Parliament into a more proper and uſual Seaſon of the Year: I hope ſuch an early Meeting will not only be a Benefit to the Publick, but a Convenience to your private Affairs.

As I have always had at Heart the Security and Eaſe of my People, ſo I never kept up any Troops but for their Protection; and have taken every Opportunity to diſband as many as I thought conſiſtent with their Safety: I have reduced the Army to very near One-half ſince the Beginning of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; and leſſened them to ſuch a Number as will neither be a Burden to my good Subjects, nor an Encouragement to our Enemies to inſult them.

You cannot but be ſenſible of the many Attempts which have been ſet on foot to diſturb the Peace of *Europe*, and of theſe Kingdoms: They only pretend not to ſee, who are not afraid of them: But, as no Application has been wanting on my Part to preſerve the publick Tranquillity, I have the Pleaſure to find my good Offices have not been altogether unſucceſsful; and have Reaſon to hope they will, in the End, have their full and deſired Effect.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I queſtion not but you are very well pleaſed to find, that your Endeavours for leſſening the National Debts have, at the ſame time, raiſed the publick Credit; and that whatever was propoſed for that End is actually and completely effected: This Succeſs muſt chiefly be attributed to that juſt and prudent Regard you have ſhewn to Parliamentary Engagements.

It was with the View of procuring and ſettling a laſting Tranquillity, that I demanded the extraordinary Supply which you granted me laſt Seſſion: The Credit which this Confidence repoſed in me hath given us abroad, has already been ſo far effectual, that I can acquaint you, we have a much better Proſpect than we had: I have ordered an Account to be laid before you of the very ſmall Part of that Supply, which, as yet, has been expended: Any further Iſſues that may be made of it ſhall be alſo laid before you; and you may be aſſured, that every Part of it ſhall either be employed for your Service, or ſaved to the Publick.

I have ordered to be laid before you a State of the Deficiencies of the preſent Year, and the ſeveral Eſtimates for the Service of the next; which you will find conſiderably diminiſhed: I rely upon your making the neceſſary Proviſion for them; not doubting of the Continuance of that Zeal for the Good of your Country, which hath been ſo eminently conſpicuous in every Seſſion of this Parliament.

I cannot in Juſtice avoid putting you in mind, that ſeveral Arrears of Pay and Subſidy, incurred before my Acceſſion to the Crown, are claimed by foreign Princes and States: I ſhall order them to be laid before you, to the end you may put them in a Method to be examined, and ſtated; which will very much tend to the Honour and Credit of the Nation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I could heartily wiſh, that, at a time when the common Enemies of our Religion are, by all manner of Artifices, endeavouring to undermine and weaken it both at home and abroad, all thoſe who are Friends to our preſent happy Eſtabliſhment might unanimouſly concur in ſome proper Methods for the greater ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt; of which as the Church of *England* is unqueſtionably the main Support and Bulwark, ſo will ſhe reap the principal Benefit of every Advantage accruing by the Union, and mutual Charity, of all Proteſtants.

As none can recommend themſelves more effectually to my Favour and Countenance than by a ſincere Zeal for the juſt Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties of the People; ſo I am determined to encourage all thoſe who act agreeably to the Conſtitution of theſe my Kingdoms; and, conſequently, to the Principles on which my Government is founded.

The Eyes of all *Europe* are upon you at this critical Juncture: It is your Intereſt, for which Reaſon I think it mine, that my Endeavours for procuring the Peace and Quiet of *Chriſtendom* ſhould take Effect: Nothing can ſo much contribute to this deſirable End as the Unanimity, Diſpatch, and Vigour, of your Reſolutions for the Support of my Government.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, returning the humble Thanks of this Houſe for his moſt gracious Speech from the

the Throne; and for his great Goodneſs in aſſembling his Parliament ſo early in the Year: That this Houſe is highly ſenſible of his Majeſty's Concern for the Welfare of his People, by the ſeaſonable Reductions which he has been pleaſed to make, from time to time, of his Land-Forces: That his Majeſty's unwearied Endeavours to prevent the many Attempts which have been made to diſturb the Peace of *Europe*, and the Quiet of theſe Kingdoms, demand the utmoſt Thanks and Acknowlegements of this Houſe; and that this Houſe will effectually ſupport his Majeſty in ſuch Meaſures as he ſhall judge neceſſary to attain ſo deſirable an End: That his Majeſty's gracious Expreſſions and Aſſurances touching the Supply granted laſt Seſſion, do give the greateſt Satisfaction to this Houſe; and that this Houſe will grant to his Majeſty ſuch Supplies as ſhall effectually provide for the publick Service: That the Commons have the moſt grateful Senſe of the tender Concern which his Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs for the Proteſtant Religion; eſpecially for the Church of *England*, as by Law eſtabliſhed; and are reſolved, on their Part, to conſider of the moſt effectual Methods for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of theſe Kingdoms.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the ſaid Reſolution:

And it is referred to Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Lord *Hinchingbroke*, Lord *Morpeth*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Smith*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Nevill*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Shippen*, Mr. *Long'ville*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Diſton*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That his Majeſty's Speech be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Religion do ſit every *Tueſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances do ſit every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Juſtice do ſit every *Saturday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade do ſit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, of Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Pelham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Monſon*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Lord *Hinchingbrook*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Farrer*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Feilding*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcot*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Coventry*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Bayly*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Lewis*, Lord *Hillesborough*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Nath. Mead*, Mr. *Monroe*, the Earl of *Hertford*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Shippen*, Sir *Richard How*, Mr. *Liddall*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Wm. Lewen*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Strickland*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Sir *Thomas Wheate*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Mr. *Milner*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Sir *Theo. Janſen*, Mr. *Bankes*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Molyneux*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Frankland*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Cholmley*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Deacle*, Mr. *Robarts*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Rolt*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Churchill*, Mr. *Methuen*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Vernon*, Sir *Fiſher Tench*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*: And they are to meet upon *Wedneſday* next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Speaker's Chamber; and to ſit every *Friday*, *Monday*, and *Wedneſday*, in the Afternoon: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to take into Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges; and to proceed upon Double Returns, in the Firſt Place; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe, from time to time: And all Perſons that will queſtion Returns are to do it in Fourteen Days next, and ſo within Fourteen Days next after any new Return ſhall be brought in: And the Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information: And all Members who are returned for Two or more Places are to make their Election by this Day Three Weeks for which of the Places they will ſerve, provided there be no Queſtion upon the Return for that Place: And if any thing ſhall come in queſtion touching the Return, Election, or Matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate: And that all Members returned upon Double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Reſolved, That no Peer of this Realm hath any Right to give his Vote in the Election of any Member to ſerve in Parliament.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall judge any Petition touching Elections to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satisfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

Reſolved, That in caſe it ſhall appear any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected or returned as a Member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt Practices, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath been tampering with any Witneſs, in reſpect of his Evidence to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof; or, directly or indirectly, hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any Perſon from appearing, or giving Evidence; the ſame is declared to be a High Crime and Miſdemeanor; and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear, that any Perſon hath given falſe Evidence, in any Caſe, before the Houſe, or any Committee thereof, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Reſolved, That it is a high Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of *Great Britain* for any Lord of Parliament, or any Lord Lieutenant of any County, to concern themſelves in the Elections of Members to ſerve for the Commons in Parliament.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do, from time to time, take into his Cuſtody any Stranger or Strangers, that he ſhall ſee, or be informed of to be, in the Houſe or Gallery, while the Houſe, or any Committee of the whole Houſe, is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Back-door of the Speaker's Chamber be locked up every Morning at the Sitting of the Houſe; and the Key delivered to the Clerk, to be locked up by him; and that he do not preſume to deliver the ſame to any Perſon whatſoever without Order of the Houſe; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care to clear the Speaker's Chamber every Day before the Door is locked up.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to bring any Stranger or Strangers into the Houſe, or Gallery thereof, while the Houſe is ſitting.

Ordered, That the Conſtables, and other Officers, of *Middleſex* and *Weſtminſter*, do take care, that, from Ten of the Clock in the Morning to Four in the Afternoon, during this Seſſion of Parliament, the Paſſages through the Streets between *Temple-bar* and *Weſtminſter-hall* be kept free and open; and that no Obſtruction be made by Cars, Drays, Carts, or otherwiſe, to hinder the Paſſage of the Members to and from this Houſe: And that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do give Notice of this Order to the Officers aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the Conſtables in Waiting do take care there be no Gaming, or other Diſorders, in *Weſtminſter-hall*, or the Paſſages leading to the Houſe, during the Sitting of Parliament; and that there be no Annoyance by Chairmen, Footmen, or otherwiſe, therein, or thereabouts.

Ordered, That the ſaid Orders be ſent to the High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*; and that he do ſee the ſame put in Execution.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care, that no Footmen be permitted to be within the Lobby of the Houſe, or upon the Stairs leading thereto.

Reſolved, That, notwithſtanding the Oath taken by any Candidate at, or after, any Election, his Qualification may afterwards be examined into.

Reſolved, That the Perſon whoſe Qualification is expreſly objected to in any Petition relating to his Election ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, give to the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons a Paper, ſigned by himſelf, containing a Rental, or Particular, of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereby he makes out his Qualification; of which any Perſon concerned may have a Copy.

Reſolved, That of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof the Party hath not been in Poſſeſſion for Three Years before the Election, he ſhall alſo inſert in the ſame Paper from what Perſon, and by what Conveyance or Act in Law, he claims and derives the ſame; and alſo the Conſideration, if any, paid; and the Names, and Places of Abode, of the Witneſſes to ſuch Conveyance and Payment.

Reſolved, That, if any Sitting Member ſhall think fit to queſtion the Qualification of a Petitioner, he ſhall, within Fifteen Days after the Petition read, leave Notice thereof, in Writing, with the Clerk of the Houſe of Commons; and the Petitioner ſhall, in ſuch caſe, within Fifteen Days after ſuch Notice, leave with the ſaid Clerk of the Houſe the like Account, in Writing, of his Qualification, as is required from a Sitting Member.

Reſolved, That the Four laſt of the ſaid Reſolutions be declared to be Standing Orders of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Penryn*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Hugh Boſcawen*; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Vice-Treaſurer, Receiver-General, and Paymaſter-General, of all his Majeſty's Revenues in the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Oxon*, in the room of Sir *Robert Jenkinſon* Baronet, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Saint Albans*, in the County of *Hertford*, in the room of *William Hale* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Buckingham*, in the room of *Abraham Stanyan* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Clerks in Ordinary of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed by Mr. Speaker: And that he do appoint the Printing thereof: And that no Perſon, but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, preſume to print the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 22° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Lord *Hinchinbrooke* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Majeſty, upon the Reſolution Yeſterday, That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was twice read; and is as follows; *viz.*

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, crave Leave to expreſs our Gratitude to your Majeſty for your moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

Our Minds are filled with the moſt lively Senſe of your Majeſty's Regard to your People, in bringing the Sitting of Parliament into a more proper and uſual Seaſon of the Year; and, as your Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to conſider the Convenience of our private Affairs in this early Meeting, we ſhall endeavour to anſwer your Majeſty's gracious Intentions, by improving it, as much as we are able, to the Benefit of the Publick.

We are highly ſenſible of the Concern your Majeſty has ſhewn for the Welfare of your People, by the Reductions you have been pleaſed to make, from time to time, of the Land-Forces, ſo ſoon as the Poſture of Affairs rendered it ſafe to theſe your Kingdoms: It is our peculiar Happineſs to ſee ourſelves governed by a Sovereign who is not influenced by any Notions of Greatneſs that are inconſiſtent with the Proſperity of his Subjects; and who propoſes to himſelf the Eaſe of his People, as the chief Glory of his Reign.

We acknowlege, with Hearts full of Duty and Gratitude, your Majeſty's unwearied Endeavours to prevent the many Attempts which have been ſet on foot to diſturb the Peace of *Europe*, and the Quiet of theſe Kingdoms; and have the more Reaſon to apprehend the ill Conſequences of ſuch Attempts, ſince there are thoſe, who, as they would be thought to ſee no Danger in them, give us Reaſon to believe, that they would not be troubled at their Succeſs: We are therefore firmly reſolved, in the moſt effectual manner, to ſupport your Majeſty in ſuch Meaſures as your Majeſty, in your great Wiſdom, ſhall judge neceſſary to procure the Eſtabliſhment of the Tranquillity of *Europe*.

We receive with the greateſt Satisfaction your Majeſty's gracious Expreſſions and Aſſurances, touching the extraordinary Supply granted laſt Year; and will chearfully

fully grant your Majeſty ſuch Supplies, as ſhall effectually provide for the publick Service.

It is with unſpeakable Sorrow of Heart that we obſerve the many Artifices which are made uſe of by the common Enemies of our Religion to undermine and weaken it both at home and abroad: And as we have the moſt grateful Senſe of the tender Concern which your Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs for the Proteſtant Religion, and eſpecially for the main Support of it, the Church of *England* as by Law eſtabliſhed; ſo we are reſolved, on our Part, to conſider of the moſt effectual Methods for ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt of theſe Kingdoms.

It is a Pleaſure to us, that the Eyes of all *Europe* are turned upon us at this critical Juncture; ſince we have thereby an Opportunity of ſhewing the World the juſt Confidence we repoſe in your Majeſty, and our unſhaken Reſolutions to ſupport your Government in ſuch manner as ſhall enable your Majeſty to ſettle the Peace of *Chriſtendom*.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Addreſs, by adding, after "Kingdoms," at the End of the laſt Paragraph but One, theſe Words, "ſo far as is "conſiſtent with the Laws made for the Security of the "Church of *England*, which your Majeſty ſo juſtly recom-"mends as the Bulwark of the Proteſtant Intereſt; and "for which your loyal Commons muſt ever have the "higheſt Regard, as it is the trueſt Support of your "Throne:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Words be added to the ſaid Addreſs;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Addreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council do humbly know his Majeſty's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That there are no Returns made of the new Writs which iſſued for the Election of Members to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Boroughs of *Weſtlow* and *Truro*, in the County of *Cornwall*;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon *Monday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 23° die Novembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. Secretary *Addiſon* reported, That he having waited upon his Majeſty, humbly to know his Pleaſure when he will be attended by this Houſe, his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint this Afternoon at Two of the Clock, at his Palace of *St. James's*.

The Clerk of the Crown, attending, according to Order, acquainted the Houſe, That there are no Returns yet made into the Office of the Clerk of the Crown for the Boroughs of *Weſtlow* and *Truro*, in the County of *Cornwall*, purſuant to the Writs which were made out the Fifteenth of *July* laſt.

Ordered, That the Deputy of the High Sheriff of the County of *Cornwall* do attend this Houſe upon *Monday* Morning next.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the County-Gaol of *Winton*, in the County of *Southampton*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in other Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes incident to Mankind, the Petitioners are driven and brought into Confinement, and are daily periſhing for Want; and are not in a Capacity of making Satisfaction to their Creditors; and that the Houſe, in their Two laſt Seſſions, were pleaſed to demonſtrate a compaſſionate Intention towards the Relief of your diſtreſſed Petitioners, by ordering a Bill to be brought in for that Purpoſe; which, though twice read, proved abortive: Therefore the Petitioners, whoſe Hearts are loyal, and devoted to the Service of King *George*, and his illuſtrious Iſſue, humbly implore the Houſe to take their deplorable Circumſtances into their prudent Conſideration; and to order ſuch Relief as in their great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 25° die Novembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Univerſity of *Oxon*, in the room of Sir *William Whitelock* Knight, deceaſed.

The Deputy to the Sheriff of *Cornwall* attending at the Door, according to Order;

And the Houſe being informed, That the Returns for the Boroughs of *Truro* and *Weſtlow* were returned into the Crown-Office;

Ordered, That the ſaid Deputy of the Sheriff of *Cornwall* be diſcharged from any further Attendance.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bereallton*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of *Horatio Walpole* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Surveyor and Auditor-General of all his Majeſty's Revenues ariſing in *America*.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did, on *Saturday*, attend his Majeſty, and preſented their Addreſs: To which his Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer;

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for the repeated Aſſurances you have given me, in this dutiful and loyal Addreſs, of your affectionate Support and Aſſiſtance in the preſent Juncture of Affairs: I expected no leſs from a Houſe of Commons ſo affectionate to my Perſon, and ſo zealous for the publick Welfare.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament:

And the ſame was again read by Mr. Speaker:

And a Motion being made, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Motion.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to congratulate his Majeſty on the Increaſe of the Royal Family, by the Princeſs of *Wales* being happily delivered of a Prince; and to expreſs our great Joy and Comfort in this Bleſſing, which will ſtrengthen the Proteſtant Intereſt of theſe Kingdoms.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a congratulatory Meſſage be ſent to their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of *Wales* on this happy Occaſion.

Ordered, That Sir *John Cope*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Earl of *Hertford*, Lord *Stanhope*, Lord *Morpeth*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Maynard*, Mr. *Cowper*, and Mr. *Carter*, do attend their Royal Highneſſes with the ſaid Meſſage.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 26° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of *Abraham Botefeur* Merchant was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner is a Perſon born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but profeſſing the true Proteſtant Religion; and hath given good Teſtimony of his dutiful and loyal Affections to his Majeſty, and the Good of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*: And praying Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Godfrey* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion made Yeſterday, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That his Majeſty's moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Aiſlabie* reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, congratulating his Majeſty on the Increaſe of the Royal Family, by the Princeſs of *Wales* being happily delivered of a Prince; and expreſſing their great Joy and Comfort in this Bleſſing, which will ſtrengthen the Proteſtant Intereſt of theſe Kingdoms; had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty received the ſame very graciouſly; and returns his Thanks to the Houſe for their Addreſs, and their kind Expreſſions of Duty and Affection to him upon this Occaſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 27° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That a Supply be granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Deficiencies of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Seventeen; and of the Deficiencies of the Parliamentary Funds.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eighteen, with the Half-pay of the Officers of the Navy, and Marines, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charges for Guards, and Gariſons, and Land-Forces, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for Land-Service for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of the Debt of the Navy to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Liſt of the Regimental and Warrant-Officers, that are to be in Half-pay for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe how the Money granted for extraordinary Repairs of the Navy in the Three laſt Years has been laid out.

Ordered, That an Eſtimate of what will be further neceſſary for extraordinary Repairs of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the groſs and net Produce of the ſeveral Funds applicable to the ſinking the Principal, or Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debt; diſtinguiſhing each of the ſaid Funds, and the annual Exceeding, or Deficiency, of them reſpectively, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred Ten to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen; and alſo an Account how much of the ſaid Deficiencies have been made good by Parliament.

Ordered, That an Account be laid before this Houſe how the Money given for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen hath been diſpoſed of; diſtinguiſhed under the ſeveral Heads.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the ſaid ſeveral Accounts, Liſt, and Eſtimates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Motion being made, That the Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without any Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities, be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do, at the ſame time, conſider of the State of the Nation, in relation to the National Debt.

Sir *John Cope* reported, That his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* had been attended with the congratulatory Meſſage of this Houſe; and that his Royal Highneſs was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer;

THE Congratulation of the Houſe of Commons upon the Birth of my Son is extremely acceptable to me; and I cannot but receive with great Satisfaction this freſh Mark of that conſtant Zeal and Affection, which they have ſhewn, upon all Occaſions, to his Majeſty, and his Family.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections, which was appointed to meet this Afternoon, do meet on *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 28° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in *Hereford* County-Gaol, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by reaſon of thoſe numerous and heavy Taxes occaſioned by the late War, and other Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought under Confinement; whereby they ſuffer under unſpeakable Calamities and Miſeries, through which they are ſubject to daily Wants, and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: That this Houſe, in their Three laſt Seſſions, was pleaſed to demonſtrate a compaſſionate Intention towards the Relief of the diſtreſſed Petitioners, by ordering a Bill to be brought in for that Purpoſe; which, though read twice, proved abortive, by reaſon of the more weighty Affairs of the Publick: That his Majeſty hath alſo been pleaſed to grant an Act of Pardon to his rebellious Subjects, and ſet them at Liberty; and alſo, ſince, upon a Petition lately preſented to his Majeſty by the Petitioners Fellow-ſufferers in the *King's-Bench* Priſon, was graciouſly pleaſed to commiſerate the deplorable Condition of ſuch Objects, by giving his Royal Word and Promiſe to the ſaid Petitioners, aſſureing them, that his Majeſty would recommend their Caſe to the Houſe: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Aiſlabie* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That his Majeſty would be pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe the Eſtimates, Accounts, and Liſt, therein mentioned, having been preſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions accordingly.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, the Ordinary Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood the Thirtieth of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

And the Title of the ſaid Eſtimates were read.

The Ordinary Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eighteen is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And the Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood the Thirtieth of *September* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, is as followeth; *viz.*

Navy-Office, 28° *November* 1717. } AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 30th *September* 1717.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars Before this Reign.			Since this Reign.			Total.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Wear and Tear; Ordinary and Extraordinary Repairs:									
Due to pay off, and diſcharge, all the Bills entered on the Courſe of the Navy, for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof; including the Premium of Naval Stores imported from the Plantations — — —	—	—	—	353,189	2	4			
For the Freight of Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards; for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 30th *September* 1717; as alſo to ſeveral Bills of Exchange — —	446	17	8	21,462	6	0			
To his Majeſty's Yards and Rope-yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — —	—	—	—	293,179	0	0	697,551	7	3
For Half-pay to the Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by his Majeſty in Council, on that behalf — — — —	2,935	15	0	26,338	6	3			
Seamens Wages:									
Due to pay the Men unpaid on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the late Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — —	104,073	6	1	19,306	15	4			
To Ships in Sea-pay on the aboveſaid 30th *September* 1717 — — — —	8,000	0	0	296,575	0	0			
To diſcharge, and pay off, all the Bills entered in Courſe for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties to Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — —	—	—	—	3,927	8	2	431,882	9	7
Victualing-Debt, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:									
Due for ſhort Allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off —	81,810	18	5	12,243	2	9			
For Bills in their Courſe; and alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extra-neceſſary Money, and Wages, to the Officers, and Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.*	4,061	5	11	178,688	1	3	276,803	8	4
Sick and Wounded: The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners;									
Due for the Quarters and Cure of ſick and wounded Seamen ſent aſhore from his Majeſty's Fleet; and the Contingencies relating to the ſaid Service — —	357	18	8	4,950	14	7	5,308	13	3
Total —	201,686	1	9	1,209,859	16	8	1,411,545	18	5

Examined *per J. C.* *Cha. Wager*, *Cha. Sergiſon*, *Ja. Acworth*, *R. Burton*, *J. Fawler.*

Memorandum: There was remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 30th *September* 1717, in Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock, as under-mentioned; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the aforeſaid Debt of the Navy; *viz.*

In what Treaſurer's Hands.	In Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.				On the Heads of			Reſerved for ſuch Uſes as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall direct.	Total.
					Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.	Seamens Wages.	Victuals.		
	Memorandum: The Balance of Money, and Tallies, *&c.* in the Hands of the Executors of Sir *Thomas Littleton*, late Treaſurer of the Navy, over and above the Aſſignments made by the Navy-Board on the 30th *September* 1717, ſtood, in this Office, at —— —— —— ——	6,853 14 9							
	More remaining in their Hands of Aſſignments, which had been made by the Navy-Board on the ſaid Treaſurer, and do not appear to have been ſatisfied by him ——	3,919 12 5							
			10,773 7 2						
	But Mr. *Fra. Hawes*, who was Caſhier to the ſaid Treaſurer, has, on behalf of his Executors, certified to have formerly paid to the Lord Chief Baron, and to the Auditors of the Impreſts, *&c.* for Fees and Allowances, for paſſing the Leidgers, ſince the Year 1700, the Sum of —— —— ——	4,945 17 3							
	As alſo, that there has been paid, between the 31ſt *October* and 31ſt *December* 1716, by Warrant from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, the Sum of — —— —— ——	4,068 8 6	9,014 5 9						
	So there remains the Sum of —— —— —— ——		1,759 1 5	1,129 19 0¼	602 14 8¾	26 7 8	— — —	1,759 1 5	
Charles Cæſar Eſquire.	In Money —— —— —— —— ——			7,939 5 1¾	9 11 0	3 4 7	— — —	8,085 18 3	
	In *South-Sea* Stock —— —— —— —— ——			101 18 9¼	— — —	31 18 9	— — —		
Right Honourable *John Aiſlabie* Eſquire.	In Money —— —— —— —— ——			12,875 8 4	29,007 2 11½	12,709 6 0¾	— — —		
	In Tallies on Reverſions of Annuities —— —— —— ——			— — —	— — —	— — —	21,528 0 0		
	on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716 —— —— —— ——			— — —	— — —	— — —	3,188 10 3¼	471,381 18 2¼	
	on Annuities of 4 *l. per Cent. per Annum* —— —— ——			— — —	— — —	— — —	391,907 18 6¼		
	In Money towards the Debt for the ſick and hurt Seamen —— —— —— ——			— — —	165 12 0	— — —	— — —		
			Total —	22,046 11 3¼	29,785 0 8¼	12,770 17 0¾	416,624 8 10	481,226 17 10¼	

Ordered.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimates do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of this Houſe.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Liſt of the reduced Officers, and an Eſtimate of Half-pay for the ſaid reduced Officers, of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, and Marines, *&c.* unprovided for, for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen to the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of the Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibralter*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen:

And the Titles of the ſaid Liſt and Eſtimates were read.

The ſaid Liſt of reduced Officers, and Eſtimate of Half-pay to the ſaid reduced Officers unprovided for, is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

And the other Two Eſtimates are as follows; *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces in *Great Britain*, for the Year 1718.

	Pay of the Troops and Regiments for 365 Days.			Total.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
First Troop of Guards, conſiſting of One hundred and Eighty-one Men, Officers included	16,546	13	4			
Second Troop *ditto*	16,546	13	4			
Third Troop *ditto*	16,546	13	4			
Fourth Troop *ditto*	16,546	13	4			
First Troop of Grenadier-Guards, conſiſting of One hundred Seventy-ſix Men, Officers included	10,743	3	4			
Second Troop *ditto*	10,870	18	4			
Royal Regiment of Horſe-Guards, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of 34 Men in each, Officers included	25,644	5	10			
General *Lumley*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Nine Troops, of 32 Men in each, Officers included	24,823	0	10			
Colonel *Pitt*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Six Troops, of 32 Men in each, Officers included	16,875	3	4			
Major-General *Wade*'s *ditto*	16,875	3	4			
				172,018	8	4
Royal Regiment of Dragoons, conſiſting of Six Troops, of 34 Men in each, Officers included	11,226	15	10			
Colonel *Campbell*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Earl of *Stair*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Colonel *Kerr*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Major-General *Evans*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Colonel *Stanhope*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Brigadier *Bowles*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Brigadier *Honywood*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Brigadier *Gore*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Colonel *Tyrrell*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Sir *Charles Hotham*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Brigadier *Menden*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
Colonel *Moleſworth*'s *ditto*	11,226	15	10			
				157,175	1	8
First Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of 28 Companies, of 59 Men in each, Officers included	44,508	14	2			
Second Regiment of Guards, conſiſting of 18 Companies, of 59 Men in each, Officers included	28,938	8	4			
Third Regiment of Guards *ditto*	28,938	8	4			
Colonel *Kirk*'s Regiment, conſiſting of Ten Companies, of Forty-four Men in each, Officers included	10,502	17	6			
Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Lord *Irwin*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Lord *Shannon*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Harriſon*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Brigadier *Groves*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Mountague*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Lieutenant-General *Macartney*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Major-General *Sabine*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Lieutenant-General *Wills*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Brigadier *Preſton*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Fane*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Brigadier *Stearne*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Handaſyd*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Egerton*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Major-General *Wightman*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
Colonel *Clayton*'s *ditto*	10,502	17	6			
				280,934	8	4
General and Staff-Officers	22,496	7	6			
Gariſons, with Fire and Candle	28,993	14	2			
Contingencies upon Account	20,000	0	0			
				71,490	1	8
Total				681,618	0	0

November 28th, 1717.

J. Craggs.

ESTIMATE of the Charge of his Majeſty's Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year 1718.

	Pay of the Regiments and Companies for 365 Days.	Total.
In the PLANTATIONS.		
Colonel *Lucas*'s Regiment	9,775 18 4	
Four Independent Companies at *New-York*	7,141 16 8	
Colonel *Phillips*'s	9,775 18 4	
One Company at *Bermudas*	1,003 15 0	
Two *ditto* at *Jamaica*	3,653 0 10	
One *ditto* for the Iſland of *Providence*	1,821 19 2	
		33,172 8 4
Gariſons at *Annapolis Royal* and *Placentia*	— — —	2,593 16 8
In *MINORCA.*		
Royal Regiment of Fuſiliers	13,015 5 10	
Brigadier *Stanwix*'s	12,814 10 10	
Major-General *Whetham*'	12,814 10 10	
Lieutenant-General *Sanky*'s	12,814 10 10	
		51,458 18 4
Officers of the Gariſon	— — —	6,154 16 3
In *GIBRALTER.*		
Major-General *Pearce*'s	11,877 14 2	
Lieutenant General *Meredyth*'s	11,877 14 2	
Colonel *Cotton*'s	11,877 14 2	
		35,633 2 6
Officers of the Gariſon, *&c.*	— — —	3,749 12 3½
Proviſions for Colonel *Phillips*'s Regiment, in Gariſon at *Annapolis* and *Placentia*; deducting 4 *d. per Diem* out of the Subſiſtence of each Non-commiſſion Officer, and Private Man, towards that Expence, remains to be borne by the Government	*Per Diem.* 4 5 5	*Per Annum.* 1,558 17 ½
Proviſions for the Three Regiments in Gariſon at *Gibraltar*	— — —	13,551 9 5
	Total —	147,873 0 10½
For Ordnance-Stores for ſupplying the Gariſon to be formed in the Iſle of *Providence*, for the Security of that, and all the *Bahama* Iſlands	— — —	1,946 3 10
For Proviſions for the Independent Company to gariſon the Iſland of *Providence*	— — —	912 10 0
November 28th, 1717.	Total —	150,731 14 8½

J. Craggs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt, and Eſtimates, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a State of the Supplies for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

An Account of the Deficiency of ſeveral Funds payable at the Exchequer: And,

An Account of the Deficiency of the Grants for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

And the Titles of the ſaid State, and Accounts, were read:

And the ſaid State, and Accounts, are as follow; *viz.*

A STATE

A STATE of the Supplies for the Year 1717.

The Services.				Sums granted.			Paid in Part.			Remains.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
For Wages, Victual, Wear and Tear, and Ordnance Sea-Service, for 10,000 Men, for 13 Months	520,000	0	0									
For the Ordinary of the Navy, incl. Half-pay	226,799	5	3									
For extraordinary Works and Repairs of the Navy, and for furniſhing Sea-Stores	200,761	0	0									
				947,560	5	3	610,042	16	3½	337,517	8	11½
For Ordnance Land-Services	—	—	—	73,077	9	3	38,000	0	0	35,077	9	3
For Guards, Gariſons, *&c. Anno* 1717	959,943	1	10½									
For Forces in *America*, for the ſame Year	34,742	14	2									
For Forces in *Minorca*, for the ſame Year	57,029	14	7									
For Forces in *Gibraltar*, for the ſame Year	37,192	14	9½									
For Half-pay to Officers of Land-Forces and Marines, for the ſame Year	85,000	0	0									
To the Pay of 28 Companies of Invalids, for the ſame Year	26,894	8	4									
For Proviſion of the Gariſon of *Gibraltar*, for the ſame Year	13,551	9	5									
To complete the Pay of Six Battalions of Foot, hired from the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and Duke of *Sax-Gotha*	24,188	3	10									
To make up the full Pay of the General Officers, *&c.* during the time they ſerved in *North Britain*	4,131	3	9									
For extraordinary Forage, Proviſions, *&c.* of the Forces in their March from *Sterling* into the Highlands, *&c.*	10,000	0	0	1,273,910	9	6	1,039,476	18	9¾	234,433	10	8¼
To replace the like Sum iſſued out of appropriated Revenues of *North Britain* to the Duke of *Argyle*	10,000	0	0									
For the Pay and Bounty-money upon the Diſbanding of the Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, from the 25th of *December* 1716, to 31ſt *March* 1717	1,175	12	6									
To *ditto* of One Lieutenant, One Enſign, Five Non-commiſſioned Officers, and 40 private Men, from 25th of *July* 1715, to 15th *March* 1716	1,206	16	0									
For Subſiſtence of the Rebel Priſoners taken at *Preſton*, to 31ſt of *December* 1716	3,775	9	10									
For Subſiſtence, and Contingencies, of the Rebel Priſoners, for the Year 1717	1,500	0	0									
For Subſiſtence of 353 Rebel Priſoners, ſubſiſted by the Magiſtrates of *Glaſcow*, to the 25th of *June* 1715	736	8	5									
For Half-pay for Officers of *Douglas* and *Wood*'s Regiments, late in the Service of the States-General, from 25th *April* 1717 to 24th *December* following	2,842	12	0									
To enable his Majeſty to concert Meaſures with foreign Princes				250,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	247,000	0	0
To enable the Treaſurer of the Navy to make good the Deficiency of the *South-Sea* Company's Fund at *Chriſtmas* 1717				166,502	5	7¼	43,490	17	6½	123,011	8	1¼
To the Commiſſioners for taking, examining, ſtating, and determining, the Debts of the Army				6,500	0	0	3,250	0	0	3,250	0	0
To make good Loſſes and Damages by Riots				5,579	15	3½	5,579	15	3½	—	—	—
				2,723,130	4	11¼	1,742,840	7	11¼	980,289	17	0

Examined, 28th *November* 1717,

per W. Lowndes.

An Account of the Deficiency of the Grants for the Year 1717.

The Supplies granted in Parliament, *Anno* 1717, are,	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	Dr.	When voted.	The Uſes.	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	Cr.	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
The Land-Tax of iij *s. per Libra'* —	1,410,000	0	0		5 *March* 1716	For Wages, Victual, Wear, and Tear, and Ordnance Sea-Service, for 10,000 Men	520,000	0	0				
The Malt-Act, *ult.* 143,494 *l.* 10 *s.* 1 *d.* transferred — —	556,505	9	11		D°	For the Ordinary of the Navy, incl. $\frac{7}{9}$ Pay — — —	226,799	5	3				
				1,966,505 9 11	7	For extraordinary Works and Repairs of the Navy, and for furniſhing Sea-Stores — — — — —	200,761	0	0				
											947,560	5	3
The Produce of the Funds for the *South-Sea* Company in the Year to end at *Chriſtmas* 1717, over and above the Sum which was eſtimated from the Produce of former Years, may be about — — —				107,211 8 $1\frac{1}{4}$	D°	For Ordnance Land-Services — — — — —					73,077	9	3
				2,073,716 18 $0\frac{1}{2}$	5	For Guards, Gariſons, *&c. Anno* 1717 — — —	959,943	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$				
Deficiency of the Grants —				649,413 6 11	7	For Forces in *America*, for the ſame Year — — —	34,742	14	2				
				£. 2,723,130 4 $11\frac{1}{4}$	D°	For Forces in *Minorca*, for the ſame Year — — —	57,029	14	7				
					D°	For Forces in *Gibraltar*, for the ſame Year — —	37,192	14	$9\frac{1}{2}$				
					3d *April* 1717	For Half-pay to Officers of Land-Forces and Marines, for the ſame Year —	85,000	0	0				
					D°	For the Pay of 28 Companies of Invalids, for the ſame Year — —	26,894	8	4				
					D°	For Proviſions of the Gariſon of *Gibraltar*, for the ſame Year — —	13,651	9	5				
					D°	To complete the Pay of Six Battalions of Foot, hired from the Biſhop of *Munſter*, and Duke of *Sax-Gotha* — — —	24,188	3	10				
					D°	To make up the full Pay of the General Officers during the time they ſerved in *North Britain* — — — —	4,131	3	9				
					D°	For extraordinary Forage, Proviſions, *&c.* of the Forces in their March from *Sterling* into the Highlands, *&c.* — — —	10,000	0	0				
					D°	To replace the like Sum iſſued out of appropriated Revenues of *North Britain* to the Duke of *Argyle* — — —	10,000	0	0				
					D°	For the Pay and Bounty-money upon the Diſbanding of the Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, from the 25th of *December* 1716 to 31th *March* 1717 — — — — —	1,175	12	6				
					D°	For D° of One Lieutenant, One Enſign, Five Non-commiſſioned Officers, and 40 private Men, from 25th *July* 1715 to 15th *March* 1716 — —	1,206	16	0				
					D°	For Subſiſtence of the Rebel Priſoners taken at *Preſton*, to 31th *December* 1716	3,775	9	10				
					D°	For Subſiſtence, and Contingencies, of the Rebel Priſoners, for the Year 1717	1,500	0	0				
					D°	For Subſiſtence of 353 Rebel Priſoners, ſubſiſted by the Magiſtrates of *Glaſcow* to 25th *June* 1715 — — — —	736	8	5				
					21 *June*	For Half-pay for Officers of *Douglas* and *Wood*'s Regiments, late in the Service of the States-General, from 25th *April* 1717 to 24th of *December* following	2,842	12	0				
											1,273,910	9	6
					13 *April*	To enable his Majeſty to concert Meaſures with foreign Princes — —					250,000	0	0
					9 *March*	To make good Loſſes and Damages by Riots — — —					5,579	15	$3\frac{1}{2}$
					D°	To enable the Treaſurer of the Navy to make good the Deficiency of the *South-Sea* Company's Fund at *Chriſtmas* 1717 — — — — —					166,502	5	$7\frac{3}{4}$
					Act iij° *Georgii*	To the Commiſſioners for taking, examining, ſtating, and determining, the Debts of the Army —					6,500	0	0
										£.	2,723,130	4	$11\frac{1}{4}$

Examined by me, *W. Lowndes.*
28 *November* 1717.

AN

AN Account of the Deficiency of several Funds payable at the Exchequer.

Upon the annual Sum of 135,000 *l.* granted for the Lottery, *Anno* 1710, there is wanting to satisfy the said Lottery at *Michaelmas* 1717			174,138 0 0
Upon the annual Sum of 160,000 *l.* to the *East-India* Company, for the Year ended at			
Michaelmas 1714	27,364 15 4		
Michaelmas 1715	27,314 16 7		
Michaelmas 1716	8,764 18 9½		
Michaelmas 1717	60,046 4 1		
			123,490 14 9½
Upon the Duty on Hops, besides Interest			8,590 16 8½
Upon the Loans on Malt 1716, besides Interest			92,063 7 0
			398,282 18 6

Examined, 28 *November* 1717,

per W. Lowndes.

Ordered, That the said State, and Accounts, do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 29° *die Novembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

MR. *Lowndes* presented to the House, pursuant to their Address to his Majesty, a State of the Supplies for the Year One thousand Seven hundred Seventeen; with the particular Sums paid, and the Complements to the Sums voted:

And the Title thereof was read.

The said State is as follows;

AN

A STATE of the Supplies for the Year 1717; with the particular Sums paid, and the Complements to the said Sums voted.

The Services.				Sums voted not to be exceeded.			Paid in Part.			Complements to the Sums voted.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*									
For Wages, Victual, Wear and Tear, and Ordnance Sea-Service, for 10,000 Men, for 13 Months	520,000	0	0									
For the Ordinary of the Navy, incl. Half-pay	226,799	5	3	947,560	5	3	610,042	16	3½	337,517	8	11½
For extraordinary Works and Repairs of the Navy, and for furnishing Sea-Stores	200,761	0	0									
For Ordnance Land-Services				73,077	9	3	38,000	0	0	35,077	9	3
For Guards, Garisons, *&c. Anno* 1717				959,943	1	10½	807,736	12	0½	152,206	9	10
For Forces in *America*, for the same Year				34,742	14	2	27,042	10	4	7,700	3	10
For Forces in *Minorca*, for the same Year				57,029	14	7	44,417	1	3	12,612	13	4
For Forces in *Gibralter*, for the same Year				37,192	14	9½	29,018	8	10	8,174	5	11½
For Half-pay to Officers of Land-Forces, and Marines, for the same Year				85,000	0	0	81,613	17	3	3,386	2	9
To the Pay of 28 Companies of Invalids, for the same Year				26,894	8	4	5,801	16	0	21,092	12	4
For Provision of the Garison of *Gibralter*, for the same Year				13,551	9	5	12,320	9	6¼	1,230	19	10¼
To complete the Pay of Six Battalions of Foot, hired from Bishop . . *Munster*, and Duke of *Sax-Gotha*				24,188	3	10	24,188	3	10	—	—	—
To make up the full Pay of the General Officers, *&c.* during the time they served in *North Britain*				4,131	3	9	4,131	3	9	—	—	—
For extraordinary Forage, Provisions, *&c.* of the Forces in their March from *Sterling* into the Highlands, *&c.*				10,000	0	0	—	—	—	10,000	0	0
To replace the like Sum issued out of appropriated Revenues of *North Britain* to the Duke of *Argyle*				10,000	0	0	—	—	—	10,000	0	0
For the Pay and Bounty-money upon the Disbanding of the Three Independent Companies in *North Britain*, from the 25th of *December* 1716 to 31 *March* 1717				1,175	12	6	—	—	—	1,175	12	6
For *Ditto* of One Lieutenant, One Ensign, Five Non-commissioned Officers, and 40 private Men, from 25th *July* 1715 to 15 *March* 1716				1,206	16	0	1,206	16	0	—	—	—
For Subsistence of the Rebel Prisoners taken at *Preston*, to 31th *December* 1716				3,775	9	10	—	—	—	3,775	9	10
For Subsistence, and Contingencies, of the Rebel Prisoners, for the Year 1717				1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	—	—	—
For Subsistence of 353 Rebel Prisoners subsisted by the Magistrates of *Glascow* to 25th *June* 1715				736	8	5	500	0	0	236	8	5
For Half-pay for Officers of *Douglas* and *Wood*'s Regiments, late in the Service of the States-General, from the 25th of *April* 1717 to the 24th *December* following				2,842	12	0	—	—	—	2,842	12	0
To enable his Majesty to concert Measures with foreign Princes				250,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	247,000	0	0
To make good Losses and Damages by Riots				5,579	15	3½	5,579	15	3½	—	—	—
To enable the Treasurer of the Navy to make good the Deficiency of the *South-Sea* Company's Fund at *Christmas* 1717				166,502	5	7¾	43,490	17	6½	123,011	8	1¼
To the Commissioners for taking, examining, stating, and determining, the Debts of the Army				6,500	0	0	3,250	0	0	3,250	0	0
				2,723,130	4	11¼	1,742,840	7	11¼	980,289	17	0

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid State do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe their Return, with the Accounts of prohibited *Eaſt-India* Goods, and Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia*, in purſuance of Clauſes in ſeveral Acts of Parliament.

And then the Commiſſioners withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read; *viz.*

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt India* Goods remaining in the Warehouſe at *Saint Hellen's* at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; what brought in ſince that time; what exported; as alſo, what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt India* Goods remaining in the Warehouſes at *Leaden-hall* at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; what brought in ſince that time; what exported; as alſo, what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt India* Goods remaining in the King's Warehouſe at the Cuſtom-houſe at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; what brought in ſince that time; what exported; as alſo, what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of the prohibited *Eaſt India* Goods remaining in the reſpective Warehouſes of the Out-ports at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen; what brought in ſince that time; what exported; as alſo, what remained at *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Port of *London* from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of the Naval Stores imported from *Ruſſia* into the Ports commonly called the Out-ports from *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Numbers of Men in each particular Regiment contained in the Eſtimate of the Charge of Guards and Gariſons laid before this Houſe; and what the whole Number of Men in all the ſaid Regiments amount to.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe what Land-Forces have been diſbanded ſince the Beginning of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; and at what times they were diſbanded; diſtinguiſhing the Officers, and private Men; and what the Saving on the diſbanding the ſaid Troops doth amount to.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty thouſand Pounds granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for the Contingencies for the Land-Forces, and all Warrants and Directions for iſſuing Money thereupon, be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Eſtimate be laid before this Houſe of the Charge of the General and Staff Officers for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen; diſtinguiſhing the Quality and Number of the ſaid General and Staff Officers particularly.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings Two Pence granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons of *Great Britain*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty-three thouſand Nine hundred Twenty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings Six Pence Halfpeny granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for General and Staff Officers.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Aſh* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen for Land-Service:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year 1718.

Land-Service.

The Ordinary of the Office, compriſing Salaries, Rents, Repairs of Store-houſes, Barracks, Platforms, Carriages, Stores for Gariſons, and other incident Charges										£. 38,835	s. 7	d. 6
The Eſtabliſhments of *Maon*, *Gibraltar*, *Annapolis*, *Placentia*, and *North Britain*										6,962	3	9
The Half-pay of the Officers and Chaplain, who have ſerved well in the Trains of Artillery in *Flanders*, *Spain*, and on ſeveral Expeditions										2,230	1	8
							£.	s.	d.			
For building Barracks —	in *North Britain*						9,300	0	0			
	at *Portſmouth*						2,000	0	0			
For the Fortifications —	at *Maon*						8,000	0	0			
	at *Gibraltar*						2,000	0	0			
For Repairs and Barracks at	*Placentia* and *Annapolis*						1,000	0	0			
										22,300	0	0
						£				73,327	12	11

Tho. Erle, *M. Richards*,

T. Wheate, *Edw. Aſhe*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the Lord *Percy Seymour* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Writ, upon the Vacancy of *Nicolas Lechmere* Eſquire, for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was duly iſſued: That ſuch Writ was not ſent by a proper Meſſenger; but, by indirect Means, concealed, and unduly delayed, for ſeveral Days before it was delivered to the Sheriff of the ſaid County; yet the Petitioner was fairly and duly elected by a Majority of legal and undoubted Votes; and was returned; notwithſtanding which, Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* Baronet, a Minor, under the Age of Twenty-one

one Years, and uncapable of being elected, or returned, did, by many indirect Practices, procure ſeveral Perſons to vote for him; and did likewiſe prevail with the Bailiff, contrary to Law, and the Statute in that behalf made, to return the ſaid Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* by another Indenture, as duly elected by a Majority; the ſaid Bailiff refuſing to allow the Petitioner a Scrutiny, though ſeveral times demanded: And praying to be relieved.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Day of *January* next;

The Queſtion was put, That that Queſtion be now put;

And it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Queſtion being put;

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Day of *January* next.

A Petition of Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* Baronet was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, at the late Election of a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, the Petitioner, and the Lord *Peircy Seymour*, ſtood Candidates: That the Petitioner had an undoubted Majority of legal Votes, who voted for the Petitioner; and were allowed by *Thomas France*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough; notwithſtanding which, and although the ſaid Lord *Peircy Seymour*, by himſelf, his Agents and Servants, was guilty of notorious Bribery, and undue Practices, in the ſaid Election; yet the ſaid Bailiff thought fit to make a Double Return of the Petitioner, and the Lord *Peircy Seymour*, for the ſaid Borough; to the manifeſt Injury of the Petitioner: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be alſo heard, at the Bar of this Houſe, upon *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Day of *January* next.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 30° die Novembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Aiſlabie* acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That his Majeſty would be pleaſed to give Directions, That the Accounts and Eſtimate therein mentioned might be laid before this Houſe, having been preſented to his Majeſty, his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions accordingly.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for naturalizing *Abraham Boetefeur* Merchant: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *John Cope* reported, That her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of *Wales* had been attended with the congratulatory Meſſage of this Houſe; and that her Royal Highneſs was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer;

I Take this Congratulation of the Houſe of Commons very kindly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 2° die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Number of Men in each particular Regiment contained in the Eſtimate of Guards and Gariſons laid before the Houſe; and what the whole Number of Men in all the ſaid Regiments amounts to: And alſo,

An Account of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty-three thouſand Nine hundred Twenty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings Six Pence Halfpeny granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for General and Staff Officers: And alſo,

An Eſtimate of the Charge of the General and Staff Officers for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen; diſtinguiſhing the Quality and Number of the ſaid General Officers particularly: And alſo,

An Account of the Diſpoſition of Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings Two Pence granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Gariſons, and for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons, in *Great Britain*: And alſo,

An Account of the Sum of Two thouſand Seven hundred Fifty-eight Pounds granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons in *Great Britain*, included in the Sum of Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings Two Pence granted in the laſt Seſſion for Gariſons, and Fire and Candle, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts and Eſtimate were read:

And the ſaid Accounts and Eſtimate are as follow; *viz.*

AN Account of the Number of Men in each particular Regiment contained in the Eſtimate of Guards and Gariſons laid before the Houſe; and what the whole Number of Men in all the ſaid Regiments amount to.

	Regiments.	Numbers.	
Horſe.	1ſt Troop of Guards	181	
	2d Troop of Guards	181	
	3d Troop of Guards	181	
	4th Troop of Guards	181	
	1ſt Troop of Grenadiers	176	
	2d Troop of Grenadiers	177	
	Royal Regiment of Horſe	310	
	General *Lumley*'s	292	
	Colonel *Pitt*'s	196	
	Major-General *Wade*'s	196	
			2,071

Dragoons.

	Regiments.	Numbers.	
Dragoons.	Royal Regiment of Dragoons	207	
	Colonel *Campbell*'s	207	
	Lieutenant-General *Carpenter*'s	207	
	Earl of *Staire*'s	207	
	Colonel *Kerr*'s	207	
	Major-General *Evans*'	207	
	Colonel *Stanhope*'s	207	
	Brigadier *Bowles*'s	207	
	Brigadier *Honywood*'s	207	
	Brigadier *Gore*'s	207	
	Colonel *Tyrrell*'s	207	
	Sir *Charles Hotham*'s	207	
	Brigadier *Munden*'s	207	
	Colonel *Moleſworth*'s	207	
			2,898
Foot.	1ſt Regiment of Guards	1,669	
	2d Regiment	1,072	
	3d Regiment	1,072	
	Colonel *Kirk*'s	445	
	Lieutenant-General *Seymour*'s	445	
	Lord *Irwin*'s	445	
	Lord *Shannon*'s	445	
	Colonel *Harriſon*'s	445	
	Brigadier *Grove*'s	445	
	Colonel *Montague*'s	445	
	Lieutenant-General *Macartney*'s	445	
	Major-General *Sabine*'s	445	
	Lieutenant-General *Wills*'s	445	
	Brigadier *Preſton*'s	445	
	Colonel *Fane*'s	445	
	Brigadier *Stearne*'s	445	
	Colonel *Handaſyd*'s	445	
	Colonel *Egerton*'s	445	
	Major-General *Wightman*'s	445	
	Colonel *Clayton*'s	445	
			11,378
The whole Number of Men in all the ſaid Regiments amounts to			16,347

J. Craggs.

AN Account of the Diſpoſition of the 23,929 *l.* 8 *s.* 6 ½ granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for General and Staff Officers.

	Per Annum.		
Captain General and Commander in Chief	—	—	—
Two Aids de Camp	365	0	0
Secretary to the Captain-General	182	10	0
Three Generals, at 1,200 *l. per Annum* each	3,600	0	0
Secretary to the Generals	182	10	0
Five Lieutenants-General, at 970 *l. per Annum* each	4,850	0	0
Six Majors-General, at 485 *l. per Annum* each	2,910	0	0
Eleven Brigadiers, at 365 *l. per Annum* each	4,015	0	0
Four Aids de Camp to his Majeſty	800	0	0
Paymaſter-General	365	0	0
Secretary to the Forces	365	0	0
Commiſſary-General of the Muſters 1 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 ¼ *d. per Diem*; whereof 150 *l.* a Year to be paid out of the Days Pay allowed by the Eſtabliſhment to *Chelſea* Hoſpital: To the Deputy-Commiſſary-General 1 *l.* 3 *s.*: To Six Deputy-Commiſſaries, 10 *s.* each *per Diem:* To One Deputy-Commiſſary in *North Britain*, 10 *s. per Diem:* One Deputy at *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, 2 *s.* 6 *d. per Diem:* One for *Scilly*, 1 *s.* 4 *d. per Diem:* And Two Clerks, at 2 *s.* 6 *d.* each	2,177	16	8
Two Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army, at 750 *l.* each	1,500	0	0
Secretary to the Comptrollers	300	0	0
Adjutant-General	365	0	0
Quartermaſter-General	365	0	0
Deputy-Quartermaſter-General	182	10	0
Chaplain-General, from the 25th of *June* 1717 incl. to 24th *December* foll. incluſive	61	0	0
Judge-Advocate-General, for himſelf, 15 *s.*; and for his Clerk, 2 *s.* 6 *d.*; and for his Deputy at *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, 2 *s.* 6	365	0	0
Clerk of the Courts-Martial in *North Britain*	136	17	6
Phyſician-General	182	10	0
Surgeon-General	182	10	0
Apothecary-General	182	10	0
	23,635	14	2
Saved	293	14	4½
Granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for General and Staff Officers	23,929	8	6½

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AN Eſtimate of the Charge of the General and Staff Officers for the Year 1718; diſtinguiſhing the Quality and Number of the ſaid General Officers particularly.

	Per Diem.			*Per Annum.*		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Captain-General and Commander in Chief						
Two Aids de Camp, each 10 *s.*	1	0	0	365	0	0
Secretary to the Captain-General		10	0	182	10	0
Four Aids de Camp to his Majeſty, at 200 *l. per Annum* each	2	3	10	800	0	0
Two Generals, at 1,200 *l. per Annum* each	6	11	6	2,400	0	0
Secretary to the Generals		10	0	182	10	0
Five Lieutenants-Generals, at 970 *l. per Annum* each	13	5	9	4,850	0	0
Six Majors-General, at 485 *l. per Annum* each	7	19	$5\frac{1}{2}$	2,910	0	0
Eleven Brigadiers, at 365 *l. per Annum* each	11	0	0	4,015	0	0
Paymaſter-General	1	0	0	365	0	0
Secretary to the Forces	1	0	0	365	0	0
Commiſſary-General of the Muſters 1 *l.* 5 *s.* $8\frac{3}{4}$ *d. per Diem*; whereof 150 *l.* a Year to be paid out of the Days Pay allowed by the Eſtabliſhment to *Chelſea* Hoſpital: To the Deputy-Commiſſary-General, Mr *Gumley*, 1 *l.* 3 *s.*: To Six Deputy-Commiſſaries, 10 *s.* each *per Diem*: One Deputy-Commiſſary in *North Britain*, 10 *s.* *per Diem*: One Deputy at *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* *per Diem*: One for *Scilly*, 1 *s.* 4 *d.* *per Diem*: And Two Clerks, at 2 *s.* 6 *d.* each	5	19	4	2,177	16	8
Two Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army, at 750 *l. per Annum* each	4	2	$2\frac{1}{4}$	1,500	0	0
Secretary to the Comptrollers		16	$5\frac{1}{4}$	300	0	0
Adjutant-General	1	0	0	365	0	0
Quartermaſter-General	1	0	0	365	0	0
Deputy-Quartermaſter-General		10	0	182	10	0
Chaplain-General		6	8	121	13	4
Judge-Advocate-General, for himſelf, 15 *s.*; for his Clerk, 2 *s.* 6 *d.*; and for his Deputy at *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, 2 *s.* 6 *d.*	1	0	0	365	0	0
Clerk of the Courts-Martial in *North Britain*		7	6	136	17	6
Phyſician-General		10	0	182	10	0
Surgeon-General		10	0	182	10	0
Apothecary-General		10	0	182	10	0
	61	12	8	22,496	7	6

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AN Account of the Diſpoſition of Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Gariſons, and for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons, in *Great Britain.*

The Charge of his Majeſty's Gariſons.

		Per Diem.			For 365 Days.		
Berwick.	The Pay of the Governor of the Town and Caſtle of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and for the Support of his Barony, as Governor of the ſaid Town	16	$5\frac{1}{4}$		300	0	0
	The Lieutenant-Governor	10	0		182	10	0
	Town-Major	4	0		73	0	0
	Chaplain	6	8		121	13	4
	One Maſter-Gunner	2	0		36	10	0
	Six other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	6	0		109	10	0
	Surgeon	2	6		45	12	6
		2	7	$7\frac{1}{4}$	868	15	10
Blackneſs Caſtle.	Governor and Captain	16	$5\frac{1}{4}$		300	0	0
	One Lieutenant	4	0		73	0	0
	One Serjeant	1	6		27	7	6
	Two Corporals, each 12 *d.*	2	0		36	10	0
	One Drummer	1	0		18	5	0
	One Gunner	1	6		27	7	6
	Fifteen Soldiers, each 8 *d.*	10	0		182	10	0
		1	16	$5\frac{1}{4}$	665	0	0
Calſcott Caſtle.	The Governor	2	6		45	12	6
	One Maſter-Gunner	2	0		36	10	0
	Three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3	0		54	15	0
		7	6		136	17	6

Carliſle.

		Per Diem.	For 365 Days.
Carliſle.	The Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	4 0	73 0 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
		19 0	346 15 0
Cheſter.	The Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
		1 5 0	456 5 0
Clifford's Fort near *Tynmouth.*	One Maſter Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Four other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	4 0	73 0 0
		6 0	109 10 0
Cinque-Ports.	Lord Warden	1 7 $4\frac{3}{4}$	500 0 0
	Lieutenant of *Dover* Caſtle	10 0	182 10 0
	Chaplain to the Lord Warden	2 0	36 10 0
	For the Pay of the Captains, Officers, and Gunners, of *Arcliff* Bulwark, *Mote*'s Bulwark; and to *Dover*, *Sandown*, *Deal*, *Sandgate*, and *Walmore*, Caſtles	2 2 0	766 10 0
	To the Captain of *Sandgate* £. 40		
	To the Captain of *Deal* Caſtle £. 20		
	To the Captain of *Sandown* £. 20		
	To the Captain of *Walmore* Caſtle £. 20		
		5 $5\frac{3}{4}$	100 0 0
		4 6 $10\frac{1}{2}$	1,585 10 0
Dunbarton Caſtle.	Governor and Captain	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	One Lieutenant	4 0	73 0 0
	One Serjeant	1 6	27 7 6
	Two Corporals, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	One Drummer	1 0	18 5 0
	One Gunner	1 6	27 7 6
	Fifteen Soldiers, each 8 *d.*	10 0	182 10 0
		1 16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	665 0 0
Edinburgh Caſtle.	Governor and Captain	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Deputy-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Major	5 0	91 5 0
	One Lieutenant	4 0	73 0 0
	One Enſign	3 0	54 15 0
	Two Serjeants, each 18 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
	Two Corporals, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Two Drummers, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Sixty Soldiers, each 8 *d.*	2 0 0	730 0 0
	Chaplain	2 6	45 12 6
	Chirurgeon	2 6	45 12 6
	Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 1 *s.* 6 *d.*	4 6	82 2 6
	Gunſmith	1 6	27 7 6
		4 18 $5\frac{1}{4}$	1,796 10 0
Graveſend and *Tilbury.*	The Governor	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Chaplain	2 0	36 10 0
	Chirurgeon	2 6	45 12 6
	Two Maſter-Gunners, each 2 *s.*	4 0	73 0 0
	Ten other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	10 0	182 10 0
		2 4 $11\frac{1}{4}$	820 2 6
Guernſey.	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Chaplain	6 8	121 13 4
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Four other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	4 0	73 0 0
		1 2 8	413 13 4

		Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*
Hull, and the Blockhouſe.	The Governor	16 5¼	300 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Town-Major	4 0	73 0 0
	Chaplain	6 8	121 13 4
	Chirurgeon	2 6	45 12 6
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Six other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	6 0	109 10 0
		2 7 7¼	868 15 10
Hurſt Caſtle.	The Governor	5 0	91 5 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
		10 0	182 10 0
Holy Iſland.	Two Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
Jerſey.	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Chaplain	2 0	36 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Eight other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	8 0	146 0 0
		1 2 0	401 10 0
Landguard Fort.	The Governor	5 0	91 5 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	4 0	73 0 0
	Chaplain	2 0	36 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Six other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	6 0	109 10 0
		19 0	346 15 0
St. Maw's.	The Captain, or Keeper	6 0	109 10 0
	His Deputy	1 6	27 7 6
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	One other Gunner	1 0	18 5 0
		10 6	191 2 6
Pendennis Caſtle.	The Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	For Repairs of the King's Houſe	2 2¼	40 0 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Two other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
		16 2¼	295 10 0
Plymouth, and *Saint Nicholas* Iſland.	Governor	3 10 7¾	1,289 2 6
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Fort-Major	4 0	73 0 0
	Chaplain	6 8	121 13 4
	Two Maſter-Gunners, each 2 *s.*	4 0	73 0 0
	Eighteen other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	18 0	329 8 0
		5 13 3¾	2,067 15 10
Portland Caſtle.	The Governor	3 0	54 15 0
	Porter	0 8	12 3 4
	Under-Porter	0 6	9 2 6
	Three Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
		7 2	130 15 10
Portſmouth.	The Governor	16 5¼	300 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Town-Major	4 0	73 0 0
	Chaplain	6 8	121 13 4
	Town-Adjutant, and Surveyor of the Works	5 0	91 5 0
	Surgeon	2 6	45 12 6
	Store-keeper, to be Clerk of the Reports, and Marſhal	2 6	45 12 6
	Porter	1 0	18 5 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Twenty-three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	1 3 0	419 15 0
		3 13 1¼	1,334 3 4

Sheerneſs.

		Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*
Sheerneſs.	The Governor	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Fort-Major	4 0	73 0 0
	Chaplain	2 0	36 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Thirteen other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	13 0	237 5 0
	Surgeon, who is to take care of the Sick and Wounded there, at the Old Dock, at *Chatham*, and the Forts on the River *Medway*	2 6	45 12 6
		2 9 $11\frac{1}{4}$	911 7 6
Scilly Iſland.	The Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Eight other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	8 0	146 0 0
		1 0 0	365 0 0
Scarborough Caſtle.	The Governor	0 $10\frac{1}{2}$	16 0 0
	Two Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
		2 $10\frac{1}{2}$	52 10 0
Sterlin Caſtle.	Governor, and Captain	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Deputy-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	One Lieutenant	4 0	73 0 0
	One Enſign	3 0	54 15 0
	Two Serjeants, each 18 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
	Two Corporals, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Two Drummers, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Sixty Soldiers, each 8 *d.*	2 0 0	730 0 0
	Chaplain	2 6	45 12 6
	Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 18 *d.*	4 6	82 2 6
	Gunſmith	1 6	27 7 6
		4 10 $11\frac{1}{4}$	1,659 12 6
Tynmouth Caſtle.	The Governor	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	3 0	54 15 0
		1 11 $5\frac{1}{4}$	573 15 0
Tower of *London.*	To the Conſtable and Chief Governor	2 14 $9\frac{1}{2}$	1,000 0 0
	The Lieutenant	1 18 $4\frac{1}{4}$	700 0 0
	Deputy-Lieutenant	16 $5\frac{1}{4}$	300 0 0
	Chaplain	6 8	121 13 4
	Tower-Major	4 0	73 0 0
	Surgeon	2 6	45 12 6
	Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Four other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	4 0	73 0 0
	The Gentleman-Porter	1 4	24 6 8
	Forty Yeomen Warders, each 1 *s.* 6 *d.*	2 6 8	851 13 4
	Phyſician	1 $1\frac{1}{8}$	20 0 0
	Apothecary	0 $6\frac{1}{4}$	10 0 0
	Gentleman-Gaoler	1 $1\frac{1}{8}$	20 0 0
	The Water-Pumper	0 $7\frac{7}{8}$	12 0 0
	The Yeoman-Porter for Oil and Candles for the Gates	0 $10\frac{1}{2}$	16 0 0
	The Scavenger	0 4	6 0 0
	The Clock-keeper and Bell-ringer	0 $2\frac{5}{8}$	4 0 0
	For Repairs, and Intelligence, and ſweeping the Chimnies	1 $3\frac{3}{4}$	24 0 0
	For Fuel for the Warders	0 $4\frac{3}{4}$	6 13 4
		9 3 $3\frac{1}{4}$	3,344 9 2
Upnor. — *Upnor.*	Two Maſter-Gunners, each 2 *s.*	4 0	73 0 9
	Six other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	6 0	109 10
Cockham-Wood.	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Four other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	4 0	73 0 0
Gillingham.	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Four other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	4 0	73 0 0
Howneſs.	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Three other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	3 0	54 15 0
		1 7 0	492 15 0

Fort

		Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*
Fort *William.*	Governor	16 5¼	300 0 0
	Deputy-Governor	10 0	182 10 0
	Store-keeper and Marſhal	2 6	45 12 6
	Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Two other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Smith	1 6	27 7 6
	Wright	1 6	27 7 6
		1 15 11¼	655 17 6
Windſor.	The Governor	3 4 9½	1,182 10 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	4 0	73 0 0
	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Two other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
		3 12 9½	1,328 10 0
No. Yarmouth.	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Two other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
		4 0	73 0 0
Iſle of *Wight.*	The Governor	1 7 4½	500 0 0
	Lieutenant-Governor	1 0 0	365 0 0
	Sandown Fort. Captain	2 6	45 12 6
	Sandown Fort. Twelve Warders, each 8 *d.*	8 0	146 0 0
	Sandown Fort. One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Sandown Fort. Two other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	2 0	36 10 0
	Yarmouth Caſtle. Captain	4 0	73 0 0
	Yarmouth Caſtle. One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Yarmouth Caſtle. Four other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	4 0	73 0 0
	* *Carisbrook* Caſtle. Captain	10 0	182 10 0]
	* *Carisbrook* Caſtle. One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	* *Carisbrook* Caſtle. Four other Gunners, each 1 *s.*	4 0	73 0 0]
	Cowes Caſtle. Captain	4 0	73 0 0
	Cowes Caſtle. Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	Cowes Caſtle. Two other Gunners, each 12 *d.*	2 0	36 10 0
		4 15 10½	1,750 2 6
Surveyor of the Guards.	The Perſon who looks after the Repairs of the Horſe-Guards in and about *St. James*'s Park, and the Tilt-yard	2 6	45 12 6
St. James's Park Gunners.	One Maſter-Gunner	2 0	36 10 0
	To the other Gunners that do Duty there	5 6	100 7 6
		7 6	136 17 6
Fire-maſter.	Fire-maſter to the Grenadiers	3 0	54 15 0
Meſſengers.	Meſſenger to the Secretary to the Forces	1 7¾	30 0 0
	Meſſenger to the Paymaſter-General	1 7¾	30 0 0
		3 3½	60 0 0
Drum-Major-General.	To the Drum-Major-General	1 7¾	30 0 0
Provoſt-Marſhal-General.	Provoſt-Marſhal-General	5 0	91 5 0
	Three Men who are to attend the Judge-Advocate-General, at 1 *s.* 6 *d.* each	4 6	82 2 6
		9 6	173 7 6
Barrack-maſter.	Barrack-maſter to the *Savoy*	3 3½	60 0 0
	Total	1 10 8¾	560 12 6

* Theſe Three Articles are ſupplied from the Account which was preſented to the Houſe.

Regulation

Regulation of Fire and Candle for the ſeveral Guards and Barracks in the Gariſons hereunder mentioned.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For *Berwick*	54	—	—
Blackneſs Caſtle	10	—	—
Calſhot Caſtle	10	—	—
Carliſle	36	—	—
Cheſter	30	—	—
Cinq-Ports	18	—	—
Dunbarton Caſtle	10	—	—
Edinburgh Caſtle	20	—	—
Graveſend and *Tilbury*	73	—	—
Guernſey	40	—	—
Hull, and the Blockhouſe	237	—	—
Hurſt Caſtle	18	—	—
Jerſey Iſland	63	—	—
Landguard Fort	18	—	—
St. Maws	10	—	—
Pendennis Caſtle	18	—	—
Plymouth	91	—	—
St. Nicholas Iſland, and *Mount Batten*	36	—	—
Portland Caſtle	10	—	—
Portſmouth	500	—	—
Sheerneſs	91	—	—
Scilly Iſland	18	—	—
Scarborough Caſtle	10	—	—
Sterlin Caſtle	20	—	—
Tynmouth Caſtle	18	—	—
Tower of *London*	127	—	—
Upnor	20	—	—
Fort *William*, for Frigates, Boats, Bedding, Firing, and Candle	150	—	—
Windſor	18	—	—
North Yarmouth	10	—	—
Iſle of *Wight*	54	—	—
For the Horſe-Guards, in the Whole	350	—	—
For the Foot-Guards, in the Whole	450	—	—
For the Guards that do Duty at *Edinburgh*, and the *Cannongate*	120	—	—
Total	2,758	—	—

Abſtract.

Gariſons, &c.	*Per Diem.*			For 365 Days.		
Berwick	2	7	7¼	868	15	10
Blackneſs	1	16	5¼	665	0	0
Calſhot Caſtle	0	7	6	136	17	6
Carliſle	0	19	0	346	15	0
Cheſter	1	5	0	456	5	0
Clifford's Fort	0	6	0	109	10	0
Cinq-Ports	4	6	10½	1,585	10	0
Dunbarton Caſtle	1	16	5¼	665	0	0
Edinburgh Caſtle	4	18	5¼	1,796	10	0
Graveſend and *Tilbury*	2	4	11¼	820	2	6
Guernſey	1	2	8	413	13	4
Hull, and the Blockhouſe	2	7	7¼	868	15	10
Hurſt Caſtle	0	10	0	182	10	0
Holy Iſland	0	2	0	36	10	0
Jerſey Iſland	1	2	0	401	10	0
Landguard Fort	0	19	0	346	15	0
St. Maws	0	10	6	191	12	6
Pendennis Caſtle	0	16	2¼	295	10	0
Plymouth, and *St. Nicholas* Iſland	5	13	3¾	2,067	15	10
Portland Caſtle	0	7	2	130	15	10
Portſmouth	3	13	1¼	1,334	3	4
Sheerneſs	2	9	11¼	911	7	6
Scilly Iſland	1	0	0	365	0	0
Scarborough Caſtle	0	2	10½	52	10	0
Sterlin Caſtle	4	10	11¼	1,659	12	6
Tynmouth Caſtle	1	11	5¼	573	15	0
Tower of *London*	9	3	3¼	3,344	9	2
Upnor, &c.	1	7	0	492	15	0
Fort *William*	1	15	11¼	655	17	6
Windſor	3	12	9½	1,328	10	0
North Yarmouth	0	4	0	73	0	0
Iſle of *Wight*	4	15	10½	1,750	2	6
Other ſmall Payments	1	10	8¾	560	12	6
Fire and Candle for the Gariſons	7	11	1½	2,758	0	0
Sum total granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Gariſons, and for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons, in *Great Britain*——	77	7	8¼	28,245	9	2

December the 2d, 1717.

AN Account of the Diſpoſition of the Sum of 2,758 *l.* granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons in *Great Britain*, included in a Sum of 28,245 *l.* 9 *s.* 2 *d.* granted in the ſaid Seſſion for Gariſons, and for Fire and Candle, for the Year 1717.

	Per Annum. *l.*	*s.*	*d.*
For *Berwick*	54	—	—
Blackneſs Caſtle	10	—	—
Calſhot Caſtle	10	—	—
Carliſle	36	—	—
Cheſter	30	—	—
Cinq-Ports	18	—	—
Dunbarton Caſtle	10	—	—
Edinburgh Caſtle	20	—	—
Graveſend and *Tilbury*	73	—	—
Guernſey	40	—	—
Hull, and the Blockhouſe	237	—	—
Hurſt Caſtle	18	—	—
Jerſey Iſland	63	—	—
Landguard Fort	18	—	—
St. Maw's	10	—	—
Pendennis Caſtle	18	—	—
Plymouth	91	—	—
St. Nicholas Iſland, and *Mount Batten*	36	—	—
Portland Caſtle	10	—	—
Portſmouth	500	—	—
Sheerneſs	91	—	—
Scilly Iſland	18	—	—
Scarborough Caſtle	10	—	—
Sterlin Caſtle	20	—	—
Tynmouth Caſtle	18	—	—
Tower of *London*	127	—	—
Upnor	20	—	—
Fort *William*, for Frigates, Boats, Bedding, Firing, and Candle	150	—	—
Windſor	18	—	—
North Yarmouth	10	—	—
Iſle of *Wight*	54	—	—
For the Horſe-Guards, in the Whole	350	—	—
For the Foot-Guards, in the Whole	450	—	—
For the Guards that do Duty at *Edinburgh*, and the *Cannongate*	120	—	—
Total — £.	2,758	—	—

J. Craggs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts, and Eſtimate, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Sloper* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of what Land-Forces have been diſbanded ſince the Beginning of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; and at what times they were diſbanded; diſtinguiſhing the Officers, and private Men; and what the Saving on the diſbanding the ſaid Troops doth amount to: And alſo,

An Account of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty thouſand Pounds granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Contingencies for the Land-Forces, and all Warrants and Directions for iſſuing Money thereupon, ſo far as the ſame hath been yet diſpoſed of:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts and Warrants do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts and Warrants are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of *Henry Gorges*, of *Eye*, in the County of *Hereford*, Eſquire, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, together with *George Caſwall*, of the City of *London*, Banker, ſtood Candidates for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*, at the laſt Election of a Member to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough: That the ſaid *George Caſwall* did, by himſelf, and his Agents, openly and notoriouſly treat and bribe great Numbers of the Electors; by which their Votes were influenced; as alſo by virtue of large Sums of Money given by the ſaid *George Caſwall*, and his Agents, to moſt of the ſaid Voters, at his former Election; for which Reaſon this Honourable Houſe declared the ſaid Election void; by means whereof, and other indirect and corrupt Practices, he the ſaid *George Caſwall* hath again procured himſelf to be returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament; in Prejudice of the Petitioner, and in Violation of the Rights and Privileges of the ſaid Borough: That the ſaid *George Caſwall* is not qualified to ſit as a Member in this Honourable Houſe, not having a ſufficient Eſtate; nor had, at the time of his Election, 300 *l. per Annum*, as required by an Act of Parliament, made in the Ninth Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe in their great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of *William Churchill* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Bookſeller, Bookbinder, and Stationer, to his Majeſty.

The Order of the Day, for the Call of the Houſe, being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Ordinary Eſtimate of his Majeſty's Navy

Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 3° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of *Thomas Gage* and *Samuel Edwin* Eſquires was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, the Petitioners, and Sir *John Trevelyan*, and *James Milner* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates: That, at the ſaid Election, *John Jones* and *George James* pretended to act as Conſtables of the ſaid Borough; and, as ſuch, to preſide at the ſaid Election as the Returning Officers; which they had no Right to do; and their Actings and Doings were contrary to, and in Violation of, the ancient Rights and Uſage of the ſaid Borough: That notwithſtanding the Petitioners had a Majority of legal Votes, yet the ſaid Sir *John Trevelyan*, and Mr. *Milner*, although not qualified within the late Act, made in the Ninth Year of the late Queen *Anne*, for ſecuring the Freedom of Parliament, by the farther Qualifying of Members to ſit in the Houſe of Commons; by Bribery, and other indirect Practices, having procured the Votes of ſeveral of the Burgeſſes, got themſelves to be returned; in Wrong of the Petitioners: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Ten thouſand Men be allowed for Sea-ſervice for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen; beginning from the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Four Pounds *per* Man *per* Month, be allowed for maintaining the Ten thouſand Men for Thirteen Months, including the Ordnance for Sea-ſervice.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Two hundred twenty-four thouſand Eight hundred Fifty-ſeven Pounds Fourteen Shillings Eleven Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Ordinary of the Navy for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, including Half-pay.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Houſe was, according to Order, called over:

And the Names of ſuch as made Default to appear were taken down.

Ordered, That the Names of ſuch as made Default be now called over.

And they were called over accordingly:

And ſeveral of them were excuſed, upon account of Sickneſs; and thoſe who were not excuſed, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put upon them, ordered to attend at certain times appointed for them, as followeth; *viz.*

Ordered, That *James Jennings* Eſquire; Sir *Thomas Lee*, Sir *John Wittewronge*, Sir *Henry Bunbury*; *Francis Robarts*, *John Weſt*, Eſquires; Sir *John Hobart*; *John Knight*, *George Pitt*, Eſquires; Sir *William Robinſon*; the Earl of *Montrath*; *Harry Mordaunt* Eſquire; Sir *Richard Child*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Sir *Thomas Saunders Sebright*; *William Grimſton* Eſquire; Sir *Thomas Colepepyr*, Sir *Jeffery Palmer*; *James Winſtanley*, *Robert Britiffe*, *George England*, Eſquires; Sir *John Walter*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*; *Humphrey Walcott*, *Joſeph Erle*, *George Pitt*, Eſquires; Sir *Edward Ernely*; *John Pargiter Fuller* Eſquire; the Lord *Shannon*; *Francis Eyles* Eſquire; and Sir *Thomas Reade*; do attend this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

Ordered, That Sir *William Carew*; *Edward Herle*, *John Trelawny*, *Philip Raſhleigh*, *Shilſton Calmady*, *James Montague*, *Richard Coffin*, *Samuel Trefuſis*, Eſquires; Sir *Edmund Prideaux*, Sir *Nicolas Morice*, Sir *John Coryton*; *Samuel Rolle*, *Gilfrid Lawſon*, Eſquires; Lord *James Cavendiſh*; Sir *William Courtenay*, Sir *Copleſtone Warwick Bampfylde*; *John Bampfylde*, *Francis Drewe*, *Stephen Northleigh*, Eſquires; Sir *John Rogers*; *Chriſtopher Harris*, *William Northmore*, Eſquires; Sir *Arthur Chicheſter*; *John Rolle* Eſquire; Sir *William Pole*; *Richard Reynell*, *John Fownes*, *Thomas Bere*, *George Trenchard*, *Henry Trenchard*, *John Henley*, *William Okeden*, Eſquires; *Henry* Lord *Downe*; *William Thompſon* Eſquire; Sir *William Lowther*; *Thomas Maſter*, *William Dowdeſwell*, Eſquires; Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns*; *John Bigg*, *Charles Cecill*, *Charles Bertie*, *Thomas Lewis*, Eſquires; Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*; *Thomas Cartwright*, *Charles Parker*, *William Wilmer*, *Francis Willoughby*, *John Digby*, *Corbet Kynaſton*, *William Foreſter*, *Richard Harnage*, *William Pynſent*, *James Smith*, *George Dodington*, Eſquires; Sir *John Trevelyan*; *William Stephens*, *Clement Corrance*, Eſquires; Sir *Harvey Elwes*, Sir *Richard Farington*; *Thomas Miller*, *William Knight*, *John Morley Trevor*, *William Peytoe*, Eſquires; Sir *Thomas Samuel*; *Samuel Swift*, *Gray James Grove*, *Reynolds Calthorpe*, *John Richmond* alias *Webb*, *John Ivory Talbott*, Eſquires; and Sir *James Long*; do attend the Service of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That *John Eden*, *John Hedworth*, *Thomas Wentworth* junior, *Thomas Wentworth*, *Cholmley Turner*, *Sidney Wortley* alias *Montague*, *Richard Shuttleworth*, *Henry Fleetwood* Eſquires; Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*; *James* Earl of *Barrymore*; *Thomas Liſter* Eſquire; Sir *Thomas Johnſon*; *Edward Norris* Eſquire; Sir *John Tyrwhitt*; *Francis Delavall* Eſquire; *Daniel* Lord *Finch*; *Walter Chetwynd*, *Arthur Ingram*, *Arthur Ingram*, *Owin Meyrick*, Eſquires; Sir *Edward Williams*; *Stephen Parry*, *John Griffith*, *Thomas Wynne*, *John Roberts*, Eſquires; Sir *Roger Moſtyn*, Sir *Charles Keymiſs*, Sir *Edward Stradlinge*; *Richard Vaughan*, *John Pugh*, Eſquires; Sir *Arthur Owen*; *Thomas Ferrers*, *John Barlow*, and *Thomas Lewis*, Eſquires; do attend the Service of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* Fortnight.

Ordered, That Sir *Alexander Cumming* junior, Sir *James Campbell*; *Alexander Abercromby* Eſquire; Sir *Robert Gordon*; *John Campbell* Eſquire; Sir *William Johnſtone*; *Alexander Ferguſſen*, *John Baird* junior, Eſquires; Sir *George Warrender*, Sir *John Anſtruther*; *Philip Anſtruther*, *John Middleton*, Captain *William Douglas*,

James Lockhart, *Daniel Campbell*, Eſquires; Sir *James Cuninghame*; *James Moodie* junior, *Alexander Murray*, *George Douglas*, *Henry Cuningham*, Lieutenant-General *Charles Roſſe*, *John Pringle*, Eſquires; and Colonel *Patrick Vanſe*; do attend the Service of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Ninth Day of *January* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 4° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Abraham Botefeur took the Oaths appointed, in order to his Naturalization.

The Houſe being acquainted, That Mr. *Burnet*, from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Branches of the Cuſtoms, applicable to the Payment of the National Debt, from *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Nine to *Chriſtmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Sixteen.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of *Edward Harley* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Harley*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the laſt Election for a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Biſhop's-Caſtle*, in the County of *Salop*; had a Majority of legal Votes; but that *Charles Maſon* and *Richard Harneage* Eſquires did, by themſelves, and their Agents, *John Homes*, of *Hiſſington*, *Chriſtopher Wittingham*, *Edmund Morris*, *John Jones*, *Morris Pugh*, *Richard Colebach*, and *Humphry Thomas*, by Bribes, and other indirect and illegal Practices, procure themſelves to be returned: That the ſaid *Charles Maſon* was not qualified, at the time of the Election, as the Law requires, to be elected a Member; his Eſtate, at the time of his Election, being under Extent to the Crown, and liable to other great Incumbrances: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the ſaid *Edward Harley* Eſquire, commonly called Lord *Harley*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the laſt Election for a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *New Radnor*, and the other Boroughs in that County: That a great Majority of the legal Voters appeared, and tendered their Votes for the Petitioner; but Mr. *Samuel Burton*, Bailiff of the ſaid Borough, refuſed to admit them, and returned *Thomas Lewis* Eſquire, junior; who is not qualified, as the Law requires, to ſerve for a Borough; and that the ſaid Mr. *Burton*, *Thomas Lewis* ſenior, Eſquire, and *William James*, of *Ceven-Keece*, have pretended to make ſome Hundreds of illegal Burgeſſes, and polled them for Mr. *Lewis*, contrary to the known Practice and Uſage of the ſaid Borough; declaring, at the time of making the ſaid Burgeſſes, it was to exclude the Petitioner: That the ſaid Bailiff did not give Four Days Notice of the Election, as the Law requires: That Mr. *Burton*, *Thomas Lewis* ſenior, Eſquire, Mr. *William Chamberlain*, Deputy-Sheriff, and One of the Coroners of the ſaid County, and others their Agents, by Menaces, Bribes, and Threats, have endeavoured to influence the Electors to give their Votes againſt the Petitioner: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Philip Freke*, and *Thomas Edwards* junior, Eſquires, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Right of Election of Members of Parliament for the City of *Briſtol* is veſted in the Freemen and Freeholders of the ſame City: That the Petitioners, together with Sir *William Daines*, and *Joſeph Earle*, Eſquire, were Candidates at the laſt Election there: That the Petitioners were duly choſen by a great Majority, which the Sheriffs did declare on caſting up the Poll-books: That, after the ſaid Election, an Indenture, importing that the Petitioners were duly elected, was, by Mr. *Taylor*, One of the Sheriffs, faſtened and ſealed to the Writ for the Electing of Members there; notwithſtanding all which, the ſaid Sheriffs have, unduly and maliciouſly, returned the ſaid Sir *William Daines*, and *Joſeph Erle*; the Indenture before-mentioned having, by undue Practice, been ſevered from the ſaid Writ: And praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors now in the common Gaol for the County of *Hertford*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of their ſuffering Brethren in the ſeveral Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by Loſſes and Misfortunes incident to Mankind, are brought under Confinement; and, having no Allowance from the Gaol, rely only on the Charity of well-diſpoſed Chriſtians: And praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to the Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral poor inſolvent Debtors, Priſoners in *Norwich* Caſtle, in the Name of themſelves, and many others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of their long Confinement, and having neither Friends, nor other Support, but the County-Allowance, are utterly ruined by the Law executed on them: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Members who made Default Yeſterday to appear upon the Call of the Houſe, and who have particular Days appointed them for attending the Service of the Houſe, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, if they do not reſpectively attend at the Times appointed.

Ordered, That no Member of this Houſe do preſume to go out of Town, without Leave of the Houſe.

Ordered, That no Leave be asked for any Member to go out of Town, but between the Hours of One and Two of the Clock.

A Bill for the Naturalization of *Abraham Botefeur* Merchant was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Plumtree*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Monroe*, Colonel *Moreton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Monſon*, Sir *William Windham*, Mr. *Papillon*,

pillon, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Mr. *Heath*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Windſor*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Wallis*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bankes*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Hutchenſon*, Mr. *Trevanion*, Mr. *Hern*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Robert Davers*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing, and puniſhing, the Stealing, or unlawful Killing, of Cattle, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Pagett*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *York*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *Tho. D'Ath*, Mr. *Harvey*, Lord *Guernſey*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Nevill*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Surry*, *Bucks*, *Hertford*, *Eſſex*, and *Suſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without any Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon To-morrow Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Guards, Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Forces in the Plantations, *Minorca*, and *Gibraltar*, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen, for Land-Service, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Charge of the General and Staff Officers for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Eighteen; diſtinguiſhing the Quality and Number of the ſaid General Officers particularly; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty thouſand Pounds granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Contingencies for the ſaid Land-Forces, and all Warrants and Directions for iſſuing Money thereupon, ſo far as the ſame hath been yet diſpoſed of, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Diſpoſition of Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings Two Pence granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Guards and Gariſons, and for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons, in *Great Britain*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Diſpoſition of the Twenty-three thouſand Nine hundred Twenty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings Six Pence Halfpeny granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for General and Staff Officers be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Sum of Two thouſand Seven hundred Fifty-eight Pounds granted the laſt Seſſion of Parliament for Fire and Candle for the Gariſons in *Great Britain*, included in a Sum of Twenty-eight thouſand Two hundred Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings Two Pence granted in the ſaid Seſſion for Gariſons, and Fire and Candle, for the Year One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Number of Men in each particular Regiment contained in the Eſtimate of Guards and Gariſons laid before the Houſe; and what the whole Number of Men in all the ſaid Regiments amount to; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of what Land-Forces have been diſbanded ſince the Beginning of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, and at what times they were diſbanded; diſtinguiſhing the Officers, and private Men; and what the Saving on the diſbanding the ſaid Troops doth amount to; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Liſt of the reduced Officers, and Eſtimate of Half-pay to the ſaid reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, and Marines, *&c.* unprovided for, for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth of *December* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen, to the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thou.... Seven hundred Eighteen, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That Exceptions having been taken to ſome Words ſpoken in the Committee by *William Shippen* Eſquire, a Member of the Houſe, the Committee had directed him to report the Words to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Farrer* reported the Words accordingly; and they are as follow; *viz.*

That *William Shippen* Eſquire, ſpeaking of the King's Speech, ſaid theſe Words;

"That the Second Paragraph of the King's Speech "ſeemed rather to be calculated for the Meridian of *Ger-* "*many* than *Great Britain*:"

"That the King is a Stranger to our Language and "Conſtitution."

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Then Mr. *Shippen* was heard in his Place.

And withdrew.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Words ſpoken by *William Shippen* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, are highly diſhonourable to, and unjuſtly reflecting on, his Majeſty's Perſon and Government;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Benſon*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*:	175.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Wrightſon*:	81.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *William Shippen* Eſquire be, for his ſaid Offence, committed Priſoner to his Majeſty's *Tower* of *London*: And that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrants accordingly.

Mr. *Farrer* acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the ſaid Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 5 die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors now in his Majeſty's Gaol the Caſtle of *Lancaſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That as his Sacred Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed, the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, to grant an Act of Grace to his criminal and rebellious Subjects; ſo they hope, that will be a Motive to induce this Honourable Houſe to take their deplorable and miſerable Condition into their compaſſionate and charitable Conſideration: That they are both ready and willing to aſſign over all their Effects to their Creditors, ſo that they might have their Liberty: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners for the Duties upon Hides, *&c.* attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Old and New Duties on Houſes, from *Lady-day* One thouſand Seven hundred Ten to *Michaelmas* One thouſand Seven hundred Seventeen: And alſo,

An Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Years ended the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717; and an Eſtimate of the groſs and net Produce from the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1717 to *Michaelmas* following; excluſive of *Scotland*, and the Duties on imported Skins:

And then the Commiſſioners withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read:

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners for the Duties upon Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Revenue ariſing by Licences granted to Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into the Court of Requeſts, and other Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 6 die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Cardigan*, in the room of *Lewis Pryſe* Eſquire, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Words reported, the Fourth Inſtant, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, to be ſpoken by *Wm. Shippen* Eſquire, be printed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 7° die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners for the Duties upon Salt attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Duties of Twelve Pence *per* Buſhel on Salt for the *South-Sea* Company, and Two Shillings Four Pence *per* Buſhel for the *Eaſt-India* Company, from *Lady-day* 1710 to *Michaelmas* 1717.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners for licenſing Hackney Coaches and Chairs attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Duties on Hackney Coaches and Chairs, applicable to the ſinking the Principal, and Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debt, from the Commencement of the ſaid Duties reſpectively, to *Michaelmas* 1717.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *John Anſtis* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Garter Principal King at Arms.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Number of effective Men to be provided for, for Guards and Gariſons in *Great Britain*, and for *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, for the Year 1718, be Sixteen thouſand Three hundred Forty-ſeven, Commiſſion and Non-commiſſion Officers included.

2. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Six hundred eighty-one thouſand Six hundred Eighteen Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for defraying the Charge of the ſaid Sixteen thouſand Three hundred Forty-ſeven effective Men for Guards and Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, for the Year 1718.

3. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Seven hundred Sixty-ſix Pounds Five Shillings be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Gariſons in the Plantations in *America* for the Year 1718.

4. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Fifty-ſeven thouſand Six hundred Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings Seven Pence be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Gariſons in *Minorca* for the Year 1718.

5. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Thirty-nine thouſand Three hundred Eighty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Nine Pence Halfpeny be granted to his Majeſty, for maintaining his Majeſty's Forces and Gariſon in *Gibraltar* for the Year 1718.

6. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Thirteen thouſand Five hundred Fifty-one Pounds Nine Shillings Five Pence be granted to his Majeſty, for Proviſions for the Gariſon in *Gibraltar* for the Year 1718.

7. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of One thouſand Five hundred Fifty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings One Peny be granted to his Majeſty, for Proviſions for the Gariſons at *Placentia* and *Annapolis* for the Year 1718.

8. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Two thouſand Eight hundred Fifty-eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings Ten Pence be granted to his Majeſty, for Ordnance Stores, and Proviſions, for the Independent Company in the Iſlands of *Babama* and *Providence*, for the Year 1718.

9. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred thirty thouſand Three hundred Sixty-one Pounds Five Shillings Five Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Charge of Half-pay to the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, and Marines, for the Year 1718.

10. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Seventy-three thouſand Three hundred Twenty-ſeven Pounds Twelve Shillings Eleven Pence, be granted to his Majeſty, for the Charge of the Office of Ordnance for the Land-Service for the Year 1718.

11. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty-nine thouſand Six hundred Forty-five Pounds Eight Shillings Nine Pence Farthing, be granted to his Majeſty, to enable the Treaſurer of the Navy to make good the Payments which at, or before, the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1718, may be demanded of him, purſuant to an Act of Parliament for completing the Funds of Six hundred eight thouſand Pounds *per Annum* payable to the *South-Sea* Company.

12. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Five hundred eighty-one thouſand One hundred Ninety-ſix Pounds Eight Shillings, be granted to his Majeſty, to make good the Deficiency of the Grants for the Year 1717.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Jefferyes*:	125.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Benſon*:	170.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That the Number of effective Men to be provided for, for Guards and Gariſons in *Great Britain*, and for *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, for the Year 1718, be Sixteen thouſand Three hundred Forty-ſeven, Commiſſion and Non-commiſſion Officers included.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

And they were brought in accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed.

The Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth, Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Ninth Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Reſolution be re-committed.

The Three laſt of the ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 9° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

RESolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Debt to the Sufferers of *Nevis* and *St. Chriſtopher's*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, in the room of *Owen Buckingham* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election,

Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for victualing his Majeſty's Navy.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of the Number of Half-pay Officers, which have been provided for in the Regiments raiſed ſince the Firſt Day of *June* 1715; and what other Perſons have had Commiſſions in the ſaid Regiments, who were not Half-pay Officers; and an Account of ſuch Officers who are now upon the Liſt for Half-pay, and are otherwiſe provided for; and an Account of ſuch Officers as are on the Liſt for Half-pay, and who had not any Commiſſion in the Army before the Firſt Day of *June* 1715.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Report made by Mr. *Neil*, who was appointed Surveyor-General of the Iſland of *Minorca*; and all Accounts relating to the Revenues and Profits of the ſaid Iſland; with all the Charges and Incumbrances thereupon; may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 10° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the Priſon of *Newgate*, in the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That many of the Petitioners have been reſtrained from precious Liberty many Years; whereby their Families have been ruined, and they themſelves but Shadows of Men, and the deſpicableſt Objects of Mankind; and thoſe of the Petitioners, whoſe Misfortunes are of a later Date, have nothing in their View but the wretched Precedents before-mentioned; unleſs his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to give them Redemption: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Relief of themſelves, and the reſt of their diſtreſſed Brethren within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Names of the Members who made Default to appear upon the Call of the Houſe, and who were ordered to attend the Service of the Houſe this Day, were called over:

And moſt of them appeared; and ſome of them were excuſed.

The Name of *George Pitt*, of *Shroton*, Eſquire, being called over;

And his Excuſe not being allowed of;

Ordered, That the ſaid *George Pitt*, of *Shroton*, Eſquire, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Six hundred and Fifty thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for defraying the Charge of Sixteen thouſand Three hundred Forty-ſeven effective Men for Guards and Gariſons, and other his Majeſty's Land-Forces, in *Great Britain*, *Jerſey*, and *Guernſey*, for the Year 1718.

The ſaid Reſolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 11° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe being informed, That the Secretary of the Truſtees for the Repair of the Breach in the River of *Thames* at *Dagenham* and *Havering* attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to the Act of Parliament, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the ſpeedy and effectual preſerving the Navigation of the River of *Thames*, by ſtopping the Breach in the Levels of *Havering* and *Dagenham*, in the County of *Eſſex*; and for aſcertaining the Coal-meaſure; the Account of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Truſtees from *Chriſtmas* 1716 to *Michaelmas* 1717.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Papers relating to the Revenues of his Majeſty's Iſland of *Minorca*:

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in, or near, the ſeveral Pariſhes in which the

the Road from the City of *London*, to the ſeveral Towns of *Croydon*, *Sutton*, and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surry*, do lie; and alſo of ſeveral Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, Carters, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Roads; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Roads, by reaſon of the Multitude of Paſſengers, and heavy Carriages, frequently paſſing to and from the Towns aforeſaid, are become ruinous, and great many Parts thereof ſo very bad, that the ſame, in the Winter-ſeaſon, are very dangerous to ſuch who have Occaſion to travel the ſaid Roads, and almoſt impaſſable: That although the Inhabitants of the Pariſhes, in which the ſaid Roads lie, have, from time to time, been at very great Expences in repairing and amending the ſame, yet the ſaid Roads are ſo very bad, that the ſame cannot, by the Laws now in Force, be effectually amended and repaired, without the Aid of an Act of Parliament: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the ſaid Roads.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matters thereof; and report the Matter of Fact, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Liddell*, Mr. *Baylie*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Sir *Nath. Mead*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Clayton*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Heathcott*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Suſſex*, *Surry*, and *Kent*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 12° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes, of the Ninth Inſtant, having been preſented to his Majeſty, That his Majeſty would be pleaſed to give Directions, That the Debt to the Sufferers of *Nevis* and *St. Chriſtopher's*; and alſo that the Report made by Mr. *Neil*, and Accounts relating to the Iſland of *Minorca*; may be laid before this Houſe; his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſame ſhould be done accordingly.

Mr. Comptroller alſo acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of the Ninth Inſtant, having been preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account may be laid before this Houſe of the Number of Half-pay Officers, which have been provided for in the Regiments raiſed ſince the Firſt Day of *June* 1715; and what other Perſons have had Commiſſions in the ſaid Regiments who were not Half-pay Officers; and an Account of ſuch Officers who are now upon the Liſt for Half-pay, and are otherwiſe provided for; and an Account of ſuch Officers as are on the Liſt of Half-pay, and who had any Commiſſion in the Army before the Firſt Day of *June* 1715; and that his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſay, He would give Directions the ſame ſhould be done with as much Expedition as the Nature thereof would admit.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Scheme and Eſtimate of the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy for the Year 1718: And alſo,

An Account of the Rebuildings, and extraordinary Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extraordinary Works performed at his Majeſty's Yards, in the Year 1715: And alſo,

An Account of the Rebuildings, and extraordinary Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extraordinary Works performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, in the Year 1716:

And the Titles of the ſaid Eſtimate and Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate and Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtimate and Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being informed, That ſeveral of the Commiſſioners for the Duties on ſtamped Vellom, Parchment, and Paper, and Rates on Monies with Clerks, *&c.* attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the groſs Sums received on Account of the Stamp-duties, with the net Produce thereof, from the Twenty-fifth of *March* 1710 to *Michaelmas* 1717: And alſo,

Groſs and net Produce of the Rates on Monies with Clerks, *&c.* from the Commencement, *May* 1710, to *Michaelmas* 1717.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Three Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year 1718, upon Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty for

for the Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Word "Three," in order to inſert the Word "Two:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Word "Three" ſtand Part of the ſaid Reſolution;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Sum of Three Shillings in the Pound, and no more, be raiſed, in the Year 1718, upon Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Penſions, Offices, and perſonal Eſtates, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*; and that a proportionable Ceſs, according to the Ninth Article of the Treaty of Union, be laid upon that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Lowndes*, and Mr. *Charles Stanhope*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Names of the Members who made Default to appear upon the Call of the Houſe, and who were ordered to attend the Service of the Houſe this Day, were called over:

And many of them appeared; and ſeveral were excuſed.

The Name of Sir *William Carew* Baronet being called over;

And the Queſtion being put, That Sir *William Carew* be excuſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Yonge:* } 128.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Baker:* } 78.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Name of *Gilfred Lawſon* Eſquire being called over;

And the Queſtion being put, That *Gilfred Lawſon* Eſquire be excuſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Bladen*, Mr. *Chetwynd:* } 122.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Heron*, Sir *Tho. Sebright:* } 122.

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker declared with the Yeas; to the end Mr. *Lawſon* might have a further Day given him.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lawſon* do attend the Service of this Houſe upon this Day Sevennight.

The Name of *William Northmore* Eſquire being called over;

And his Excuſe being not allowed of;

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Northmore* Eſquire be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Name of *John Rolle* Eſquire being called over;

And his Excuſe being not allowed of;

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Rolle* Eſquire be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Name of *William Okeden* Eſquire being called over;

And the Queſtion being put, That he be excuſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Stanhope:* } 125.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Tho. Conyers*, Mr. *Hill:* } 119.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Name of Sir *William Lowther* Baronet being called over;

And his Excuſe not being allowed of;

Ordered, That the ſaid Sir *William Lowther* Baronet be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Name of the Honourable *Charles Cecill* Eſquire being called over;

And no Excuſe being offered for him;

Ordered, That the ſaid *Charles Cecill* Eſquire be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Name of *Charles Bertie* Eſquire being called over;

And his Excuſe being not allowed of;

Ordered, That the ſaid *Charles Bertie* Eſquire be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without any Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 13° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Surry*, in the room of the Honourable *Thomas Onſlow* Eſquire, now Lord *Onſlow*, called up to the Houſe of Peers.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors confined in the County-Gaol for *Wilts*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the ſeveral Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That their deplorable Circumſtances are unexpreſſible; and have not wherewithal to ſatisfy their Creditors; and, through a long Impriſonment, are become a poor, diſtreſſed, and miſerable, Company; and muſt inevitably periſh, unleſs relieved by the Houſe: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in, and paſs, this Seſſion of Parliament, for the Relief of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax, to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati,

Sabbati, 14° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Sir *Juſtinian Iſham* have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That *Henry Gorges* Eſquire be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Leominſter*, in the County of *Hereford*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the ſaid Petition.

A Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax, to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Number of Half-pay Officers, which have been provided for in the Regiments raiſed ſince the Firſt Day of *June* 1715: And alſo,

An Account of what Perſons have Commiſſions in the Regiments raiſed ſince the Firſt Day of *June* 1715, who were not Half-pay Officers on the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Craggs* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That, as to the other Accounts relating to the Half-pay Officers, addreſſed for by this Houſe, it will take up a very conſiderable time to prepare an Account of that Nature; and that it will not be practicable to prepare them in the manner deſired by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account may be laid before this Houſe of what Warrants have been granted for diſpenſing with the taking the Oath required to be taken by Officers in Half-pay, that they are not otherwiſe provided for.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Direction, That the Proceedings of the Board of General Officers appointed laſt Year to inſpect the Liſts of Half-pay may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 16° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes, of *Saturday* laſt, relating to the Half-pay Officers, have been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the Account and Proceedings thereby deſired be laid before this Houſe.

Mr. *Lowndes* acquainted the Houſe, That, ſince the Papers relating to the Revenues of *Minorca* were laid before the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, there hath come to his Hands an Eſtimate of the Charges and Appropriations of the Royal Revenues of *Minorca*; which he preſented to the Houſe:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Eſtimate is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Naturalization of *Abraham Boetefeur*, Merchant, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that they had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718;

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of what Warrants have been granted for diſpenſing with the taking the Oaths required to be taken by Half-pay Officers, that they are not otherwiſe provided for: And alſo,

An Account of the Proceedings of the Board of General Officers appointed laſt Year to inſpect the Liſt of Half-pay; in Two Books: And alſo,

Inſtructions for the Board of General Officers appointed to examine the reduced Officers upon Half-pay:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts and Inſtructions were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts and Inſtructions do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts and Inſtructions are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 17° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors, now in the Sheriff's Ward at *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they are in a moſt miſerable and deplorable

plorable Condition, having not wherewith to keep them from ſtarving; and being willing to part with all they have, to ſatisfy their Creditors, if they will accept of the ſame: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Petitioners Deliverance out of Priſon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Sir *William Lowther* Baronet, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Ordered, That *Charles Bertie* Eſquire, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Fox*, from the Exchequer, attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the publick Debts at the Exchequer: And alſo,

An Account of what Principal and Intereſt is due on *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher* Debentures to *Michaelmas* 1717.

And then he withdrew.

The Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe attended at the Door;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Two Papers; *viz.*

Exciſe: The Three Nine Pences additional Three Pence, Low Wines, and Sweets; Eſtimate of the groſs Produce from *Lady-day* 1710 to the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1710; the groſs Produce from the ſaid Twenty-fourth of *June* 1710 to the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1717, in diſtinct Years; with an Eſtimate from the ſaid Twenty-fourth of *June* 1717 to *Michaelmas* following; and the net Produce, or Payments into the Exchequer, accordingly, for the whole time: And alſo,

Duties on Candles, Soap, Paper, *&c.*; printed Silks, *&c.*; Gilt and Silver Wire, and Starch; groſs and net Produce of the ſaid Duties from their ſeveral Commencements to *Midſummer* 1717; and an Eſtimate of the groſs and net Produce of the ſaid Duties from *Midſummer* 1717 to *Michaelmas* 1717, applicable to the ſinking the Principal, or Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debt.

And then they withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners for ſtating the Debts due to the Army do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Debentures or Certificates have been made out by them, on account of any Claims, Debts, or Demands, whatſoever.

Ordered, That Dr. *John Hoadley* be deſired to preach before this Houſe at *Saint Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*, on the Thirtieth of *January* next: And that Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Craggs*, and the Lord *William Powlet*, do acquaint him therewith.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718, was committed, the Amendments they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Sir *James Bateman*, Sir *Philip Parker*, Governor *Harriſon*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Theo. Janſen*, Mr. *Biſs*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in or near the ſeveral Pariſhes in which the Road from the City of *London* to the ſeveral Towns of *Croydon*, *Sutton*, and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surry*, do lie; and alſo of ſeveral Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, Carters, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Roads; was committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 18° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Guilford*, in the County of *Surry*, in the room of *Denzill Onſlow* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Out-ranger of his Majeſty's Foreſt of *Windſor*.

A Petition of Sir *George Mathew* Knight, Sir *Richard Hublon* Knight, *John Stafford*, *Peter Hambly*, *Thomas Clarke*, *Miles Barnes*, and *Joſeph Jackſon*, of *London*, Merchants, in behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Merchants, late ſeparate Traders to the *Eaſt-Indies* by Licence, purſuant to ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that behalf made, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſeparate Trade to the *Eaſt-Indies* was eſtabliſhed by ſeveral Acts of Parliament; but, in a particular manner, by one Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*; which ſeparate Trade expired at *Michaelmas* 1714, and was always excluſive and independent of the *Eaſt-India* Company: That, during the Continuance of the ſaid ſeparate Trade, great Quantities of *Eaſt-India* Goods, as well rated as unrated, were imported into this Kingdom; and the ſame were entered at the Cuſtom-houſe by themſelves, or Agents; and Securities given for the Payment of the Cuſtoms and Duties of the ſame, as uſual; which were afterwards duly paid as they were required, according to the conſtant and ancient Method uſed and practiſed for that Purpoſe: That all Perſons concerned in the ſaid ſeparate Trade ſold the ſaid Goods at the Candle; and, in the Sale thereof, had always a ſpecial Regard to the Duties for the ſame; thoſe being the Meaſure or Standard of their Profit or Loſs; and, after ſuch Sales, from time to time, adjuſted, paid, divided, accounted, and balanced, the net Produce of their reſpective Trades and Dealings among all Perſons intereſted therein: That, long after the Expiration of the ſaid ſeparate Trade; *viz.* in *Eaſter* Term 1715; the Attorney-General hath exhibited a great many Informations, in the ſaid Court of Exchequer, againſt the ſaid Traders, to compel them to pay further and greater Sums of Money than they all along paid during the Continuance of the ſaid ſeparate Trade, on Account of the Duties of the ſaid unrated *Eaſt-India* Goods, according to a new algebraick Method of Computation; although they had, long before that time, paid the Duties demanded of them for the ſaid Goods, in Diſcharge of the Security by

them given for the ſame: That many againſt whom the Informations are laid were Agents for other Perſons in entering the ſaid unrated Goods, and Dealers; being many of them dead, and inſolvent; ſo that if ſuch Proſecutions ſhould be carried on, and Recoveries had againſt the ſaid Traders, and many others, for thoſe new-demanded Cuſtoms, many Families muſt inevitably be ruined; and will occaſion many endleſs Law-ſuits: And praying, That the Houſe will take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and graciouſly interpoſe on the Petitioners behalf, in ſuch manner as to them ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace, of the ſeveral Counties of *Kent* and *Surry*, and other Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the ſaid Counties, living in or near the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes lying in the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George*, *Southwark*, in the ſaid County of *Surry*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, being the *Tunbridge* Road, in the ſaid County of *Kent*; and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Highways; whoſe Names are ſubſcribed to the ſaid Petition; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet* aforeſaid to the ſaid Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, and to *Lewiſham* Church aforeſaid, are, by reaſon of the many heavy Loads and Carriages of Goods, Stage and Hackney Coaches, Paſſengers, and Droves of Cattle, paſſing through the ſaid Highways, become ſo very founderous and ruinous, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, it is dangerous to all Perſons who have Occaſion to paſs through the ſaid Highways: That the Inhabitants of the Towns and Pariſhes in which the ſaid Highways lie have, from time to time, been at great Expences in repairing and amending the ſame; yet they are ſo very bad, that they are almoſt impaſſable: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for repairing and amending the Highways aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Colonel *Fane*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Duckminique*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Sir *Gregory Page*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Hen. Oxenden*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Hungerford Hoskyns*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Aſh*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Freman*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Wallop*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Curzon*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Kent*, *Surrey*, *Suſſex*, and the Cinque-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Names and Qualities of the ſeveral Officers who have had Commiſſions, ſince the Firſt of *October* 1714, in any of the Regiments of Foot, Horſe, or Dragoons, then in being; diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the ſaid Officers as, at the Times of ſuch Commiſſions, were on the *Britiſh*, or on the *Iriſh*, or on any other, Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay, reſpectively; and ſuch of the ſaid Officers as were on no Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the Names and Qualities of ſuch Officers as are in the Liſt of Half-pay Officers delivered to this Houſe, for the Year 1718; and which were not on the Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay in the Year 1714; diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the ſaid Officers as have been reduced out of any Regiments, and ſuch as have been added by Warrants from his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the yearly Amount of the Half-pay of the Officers added by Warrants from his Majeſty ſince the Eſtabliſhment of One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of the yearly Amount of the Half-pay of ſuch Officers as have had Commiſſions ſince the Firſt of *October* One thouſand Seven hundred Fourteen; and who, at the time of their reſpective Commiſſions, were on no Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 19° *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for the Naturalization of *Abraham Boetefeur*, Merchant, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the Naturalization of *Abraham Boetefeur*, Merchant.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax, to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of Yeſterday, relating to the Half-pay of the reduced Officers, have been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give Directions for the Accounts therein mentioned to be laid before this Houſe.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That ſuch of the Members of this Houſe as were ordered to attend their Service in Parliament this Day, do attend upon *Thurſday* the Ninth Day of *January* next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* the Eleventh Day of *January* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without any Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 20 *die Decembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the very many poor and diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in his Majeſty's Borough of *Leiceſter*, and County-Gaol of *Leiceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are, by a long and tedious Confinement, reduced to extreme Poverty, and unable to pay their Creditors; but are willing and deſirous to ſurrender the Whole of their Effects into the Hands of their Creditors; many of them being almoſt ſtarved through Want: And praying, That an Act may paſs for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors of the County-Gaol of *Cumberland*, in the City of *Carliſle*, in the ſaid County, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement; whereby they are daily periſhing for Want, and not able to make Satisfaction to th ir Creditors: And praying, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for diſcharging ſuch inſolvent Debtors as are now in Gaol; and who were actual Priſoners the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* 1716: And that Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *William Lowther*, and Mr. *Freman*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the County-Gaol of the City of *Litchfeild*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, for many Years paſt, have been bound up in Miſery; and, having parted with their All for their Queen and Country, humbly hope this Honourable Houſe will hearken to their ſorrowful Sighings: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in Priſon in the City of *Coventry*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement, where they ſuffer under unſpeakable Calamities and Miſeries; through which they are daily periſhing for Want, and not in a Capacity to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That *George Pitt*, of *Shroton*, Eſquire, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

A Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Suſſex*, Gentlemen, Conſtables, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Lewes*, and Places adjoining, in the ſaid County; as alſo the Farmers, Graſiers, Stage Coachmen, Drovers of Cattle, and others, in and near the ſame Place; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners being informed of a Petition preſented to the Houſe by the Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in or near the ſeveral Pariſhes, in which the Road from the City of *London* to the ſeveral Towns of *Croydon*, *Sutton*, and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surry*, do lie; praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the repairing and amending the ſame; the Petitioners beg Leave to repreſent to this Honourable Houſe; That it will be a very great Hardſhip to them, as well to this Part as to the County in general, to be obliged to contribute towards the Amendment of the Roads mentioned in the ſaid Petition; in regard that the Roads, for above Forty Miles leading towards *London*, are far worſe, and incapable of being amended; great Part of the worſt of which lies in the ſaid County of *Surry*: And praying the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in or near the ſeveral Pariſhes, in which the Road from the City of *London* to the ſeveral Towns of *Croydon*, *Sutton*, and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surry*, do lie; and alſo of ſeveral Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, Carters, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Roads; was referred; be received.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the County of *Berks*, and the ſeveral Coachmen, Waggoners, and other ſubſcribing Perſons, uſing and traveling the Roads between *Maidenhead*, and the Towns of *Reading*, in the ſaid County, and *Henly*, in the County of *Oxon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Roads leading from *Maidenhead* to *Twiford* and *Henley* are become ſo very ruinous and deep, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, they are almoſt impaſſable; and are dangerous to all Perſons, Coaches, Horſes, and Cattle, traveling through the ſame: That the ſeveral Pariſhioners have uſed their Endeavours, in the Summer-ſeaſons, to repair and amend the ſaid Roads; but, for want of ſufficient Gravel, and other Conveniencies, lying near thereto, are not able, of themſelves, to effect the ſame, in reſpect of the great Charge required to fetch ſuch Gravel, and Conveniencies, and the Quantities neceſſary for that Purpoſe, without the Aſſiſtance of the Houſe: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the better repairing and amending the ſaid Roads.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Sloper*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Colonel *Blakeſton*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *Hum. Briggs*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Roger Hill*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Medlycot*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Liddall*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Wild*, Sir *Richard How*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Mr. *Smith*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Berks*, *Bucks*, *Southampton*, *Oxon*, *Glouceſter*, and *Hertford*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen and Freeholders, at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held at *Leeds*, in and for the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, the Tenth Day of *October* laſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Weſt Riding is a very populous Part of the Country; and dealeth much in the Cloth-trade, and in Coal, Lime, and other things; which occaſions the Contracting of many ſmall Debts; the Recovery whereof, at Common Law, is very chargeable and expenſive; and many Families have been thereby ruined, and the Trade much obſtructed: That the Petitioners are humbly of Opinion, the ſaid Grievance might be remedied, if an Act of Parliament was obtained for Recovering of ſmall Debts within the ſaid Riding, in a more ſummary Way than is provided for by the Laws now in being:

And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *John Cope*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Boteler*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Yonge*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Lockhart*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lade*, the Maſter of the Rolls, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Sir *Hen. Aſhburſt*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*; and all the Members that ſerve for the County of *York*; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *Nicolas Carew* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, and others, living in, or near, the ſeveral Pariſhes in which the Road from the City of *London* to the ſeveral Towns of *Croydon*, *Sutton*, and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*, do lie; and alſo of ſeveral Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, Carters, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Roads; was referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered .. in at the Clerk's Table.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſame be now read.

And the ſame was read accordingly; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Petitioners, in order to prove the Allegations in the ſaid Petition, called,

Mr. *James Plume*, Mr. *John Evans*, Mr. *Samuel Ruſh*, Mr. *Tho. Burrow*, Mr. *Geo. Maggott*, and Mr. *Wm. Overman:* Who ſaid, from their own Knowlege, That the Roads leading through the Pariſhes of *Saint George's*, *Lambeth*, and *Newington*, are become very ruinous, and almoſt impaſſable; to the great Danger and Hazard of the Lives of thoſe that paſs through the ſame; and that frequently Coaches, and other Carriages, are overturned, by reaſon of the Badneſs of the ſaid Roads:

They further acquainted the Committee, That it was out of the Power of the ſaid Pariſhes to repair, and keep up, the ſaid Roads, without the Aid of an Act of Parliament; for that they had examined into the Rates for repairing the Highways, which had been juſtly applied; but fell ſhort of what was neceſſary to repair the ſaid Roads:

And the Pariſh of *Lambeth*, by an Account ſtated and proved, hath expended, over and above their Statute-work, ſince the Year 1712, the Sum of 1,425 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.* beſides a Fine againſt the Pariſh for 200 *l.*; and, at this time, Nine Indictments againſt them.

And Mr. *John Edwards* proved the Statute-work done in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*; and, in the laſt Four Years, 596 *l.* 6 *s.* 11 *d.* was raiſed, being the Six Pence in the Pound.

And Mr. *Edward Oliver* proved the Statute-work done in the Pariſh of *Newington*; and the laſt Year they raiſed 60 *l.* which was much more than the Six Pence in the Pound.

Captain *Hynd*, Mr. *Blamſon*, and Mr. *Wilkinſon*, gave the Committee an Account as to the Pariſhes of *Stretham* and *Croydon*, and particularly that of *Stretham*, That, inſtead of Six Days Work, they had done Nine and Ten; and it was the Cuſtom of the ſaid Pariſh to raiſe Money by voluntary Subſcriptions, in lieu of the Six Pence in the Pound, which far exceeded their Pound-rate; and the Reaſon why they did ſo was, becauſe the Pariſh is ſmall, the Poor many, and the Gravel at leaſt Three Miles diſtant from the Road.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſted*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey:* And that Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Thomas Pelham*, and Mr. *Lade*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Repreſentations made by the Officers of the Mint to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* the Tenth Day of *January* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 21° die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of *Elizabeth* Counteſs Dowager of *Kildare*, *Thomas* Lord *Coningsby*, in behalf of his Two Infant Daughters by the Lady *Frances* his late Wife, and of the Lady *Catharine Jones*; which ſaid *Elizabeth* Counteſs of *Kildare*, Lady *Frances Coningsby*, and Lady *Catharine Jones*, were the Daughters and Co-heireſſes of *Richard* late Earl of *Ranelagh*, deceaſed; and alſo of *John Barnes*, *Abraham Harriſon*, and *Robert Petre*, in behalf of themſelves, and other Creditors of the ſaid Lord *Ranelagh*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid *Richard* late Earl of *Ranelagh*, in his Life-time, did, for ſeveral Years, in the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, and her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, execute the Office of Paymaſter-General of the Forces of this Kingdom; but died before his final Accounts of that Office were paſſed; and that, at the time of his Death, he the ſaid Earl was conſiderably indebted to the ſaid Petitioners, and ſeveral other Perſons, his Creditors, in ſeveral Sums of Money: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Houſes at *Chelſea* and *Cranborn*, and .. the Pariſh of *Saint Martin in the Feilds*, together with the Lands and Goods thereunto belonging, for Payment of his Debts and Legacies.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the

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Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, and Mr. *Jeſſop*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That *John Rolle* Eſquire, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody; paying his Fees.

Ordered, That *William Northmore* Eſquire, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody; paying his Fees.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That the Repreſentations made to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, relating to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom, might be laid before this Houſe, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſaid Repreſentations be laid before this Houſe.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Charge of the Rebuildings, and extraordinary Repairs, of the Navy for the Year 1717:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of what Money has been iſſued for the Service of the Navy out of the Funds granted by Parliament for the Service of the Years 1716 and 1717; and to what Uſes the ſaid Money has been applied; diſtinguiſhed under the ſeveral Heads thereof.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That an Account be laid before this Houſe of all Ships in Sea-pay which have been employed in the Years 1716 and 1717; in what Stations; with the ſeveral Complements, or Number of Men borne, or muſtered, in the ſaid Ships.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That a Liſt of the Names and Qualities of the Officers on the *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay for the Year 1714, and of ſuch as were added thereto before the Firſt of *June* 1715, may be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the Liſt of Officers who have had Commiſſions ſince the Firſt of *October* 1714 in the Regiments then on Foot in *Great Britain*, which his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to direct to be laid before this Houſe, may be diſtinguiſhed into ſuch who have had Commiſſions on Vacancies by Death, or Diſplacing, and ſuch who have had Commiſſions on Vacancies by the voluntary Reſignation of others.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Papers concerning the Gold and Silver Coins:

And the Title thereof was read.

Which Papers are as follow; *viz.*

In Obedience to his Majeſty's Command, upon an Addreſs of this Honourable Houſe, I do humbly preſent the ſeveral Papers hereunder mentioned;

An atteſted Copy of a Report made by Sir *Iſaac Newton*, Maſter of the Mint, dated the 21ſt *November* 1711, concerning the Gold and Silver Coins.

A Report made by him, dated the 23th *November* 1717, with an Account annexed of the Gold and Silver Monies coined in his Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower* of *London*, from the 1ſt Day of *January* 1701 to the 20th of *November* 1717.

21ſt *December* 1717. *W. Lowndes.*

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

IN Obedience to your Lordſhips Order of Reference of *Auguſt* 12th, that I ſhould lay before your Lordſhips a State of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom in Weight and Fineneſs, and the Value of Gold in proportion to Silver, with my Obſervations and Opinion; and what Method may be beſt for preventing the Melting down of the Silver Coin; I humbly repreſent, That a Pound Weight Troy of Gold, Eleven Ounces fine, and One Ounce Allay, is cut into 44½ Guineas; and a Pound Weight of Silver, Eleven Ounces Two Peny Weight fine, and Eighteen Peny Weight Allay, is cut into 62 Shillings; and, according to this Rate, a Pound Weight of fine Gold is worth Fifteen Pounds Weight Six Ounces Seventeen Peny Weight and Five Grains of fine Silver, reckoning a Guinea at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 6 *d.* in Silver-money; but Silver in Bullion, exportable, is uſually worth 2 *d.* or 3 *d. per* Ounce more than in Coin; and if, at a Medium, ſuch Bullion of Standard-allay, be valued at 5 *s.* 4½ *d. per* Ounce, a Pound Weight of fine Gold will be worth but 14 *lb. wt.* 11 *oz.* 12 *dwt.* 9 *gr.* of fine Silver in Bullion; and, at this Rate, a Guinea is worth but ſo much Silver as would make 20 *s.* 8 *d.* When Ships are lading for the *Eaſt-Indies*, the Demand of Silver for Exportation raiſes the Price to 5 *s.* 6 *d.* or 5 *s.* 8 *d. per* Ounce, or above; but I conſider not thoſe extraordinary Cales.

A *Spaniſh* Piſtole was coined for 32 Rials, or Four Pieces of Eight Rials, uſually called Pieces of Eight, and is of equal Allay, and the Sixteenth-part of the Weight thereof; and a Doppio Moeda of *Portugal* was coined for Ten Cruſados of Silver, and is of equal Allay, and the Sixteenth-part of the Weight thereof: Gold is therefore in *Spain* and *Portugal* of Sixteen times more Value than Silver of equal Weight and Allay, according to the Standard of thoſe Kingdoms; at which Rate, a Guinea is worth 22 *s.* 1 *d.*: But this high Price keeps their Gold at home in good Plenty, and carries away the *Spaniſh* Silver into all *Europe*; ſo that at home they make their Payments in Gold, and will not pay in Silver without a Premium: Upon the Coming in of a Plate Fleet the Premium ceaſes, or is but ſmall; but as their Silver goes away, and becomes ſcarce, the Premium increaſes, and is moſt commonly about Six *per Cent.*; which being abated, a Guinea becomes worth about 20 *s.* 9 *d.* in *Spain* and *Portugal*.

In *France*, a Pound Weight of fine Gold is reckoned worth Fifteen Pounds Weight of fine Silver: In raiſing or falling their Money, their King's Edicts have ſometimes varied a little from this Proportion in Exceſs, or Defect; but the Variations have been ſo little, that I do not here conſider them: By the Edict of *May* 1709, a new Piſtole was coined for Four new Lewiſſes, and is of equal Allay, and the Fifteenth-part of the Weight thereof, except the Errors of their Mints; and, by the ſame Edict, fine Gold is valued at Fifteen times its Weight of fine Silver; and, at this Rate, a Guinea is worth 20 *s.* 8½ *d.*: I conſider not here the Confuſion made in the Monies in *France* by frequent Edicts to ſend them to the Mint, and give the King a Tax out of them: I conſider only the Value of Gold and Silver in proportion to one another.

The Ducats of *Holland*, and *Hungary*, and the Empire, were lately current in *Holland* among the common People, in their Markets, and ordinary Affairs, at Five Guilders in Specie, and Five Stivers; and commonly changed for ſo much Silver-monies in Three Guilder-pieces and Guilder-pieces, as Guineas are with us for 21 *s.* 6 *d.* Sterling; at which Rate, a Guinea is worth 20 *s.* 7½ *d.*

According to the Rates of Gold to Silver in *Italy*, *Germany*, *Poland*, *Denmark*, and *Sweden*, a Guinea is worth about

about 20 *s.* and 7 *d.* 6 *d.* 5 *d.* or 4 *d.*; for the Proportion varies a little within the ſeveral Governments in thoſe Countries: In *Sweden*, Gold is loweſt in proportion to Silver; and this hath made that Kingdom, which formerly was content with Copper Money, abound of late with Silver, ſent thither, I ſuſpect, for Naval Stores.

In the End of King *William*'s Reign, and the Firſt Year of the late Queen, when foreign Coins abounded in *England*, I cauſed a great many of them to be aſſayed in the Mint; and found by the Aſſays, that fine Gold was to fine Silver in *Spain*, *Portugal*, *France*, *Holland*, *Italy*, *Germany*, and the Northern Kingdoms, in the Proportions above-mentioned; Errors of the Mints excepted.

In *China* and *Japan*, One Pound Weight of fine Gold is worth but Nine or Ten Pounds Weight of fine Silver; and in *Eaſt-India* it may be worth Twelve; and this low Price of Gold in proportion to Silver carries away the Silver from all *Europe*.

So then, by the Courſe of Trade and Exchange between Nation and Nation in all *Europe*, fine Gold is to fine Silver as $14\frac{4}{7}$, or 15, to One; and a Guinea, at the ſame Rate, is worth between 20 *s.* 5 *d.* and 20 *s.* 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; except in extraordinary Caſes, as when a Plate Fleet is juſt arrived in *Spain*, or Ships are lading here for the *Eaſt-Indies*; which Caſes I do not here conſider: And it appears by Experience, as well as by Reaſon, that Silver flows from thoſe Places where its Value is loweſt in proportion to Gold, as from *Spain* to all *Europe*, and from all *Europe* to the *Eaſt-Indies*, *China*, and *Japan*; and that Gold is moſt plentiful in thoſe Places in which its Value is higheſt in proportion to Silver, as in *Spain* and *England*.

It is the Demand for Exportation which hath raiſed the Price of exportable Silver about 2 *d.* or 3 *d.* in the Ounce above that of Silver in Coin; and hath thereby created a Temptation to export, or melt down, the Silver Coin, rather than give 2 *d.* or 3 *d.* more for foreign Silver; and the Demand for Exportation ariſes from the higher Price of Silver in other Places than in *England* in proportion to Gold; that is, from the higher Price of Gold in *England* than in other Places in proportion to Silver; and therefore may be diminiſhed, by lowering the Value of Gold in proportion to Silver: If Gold in *England*, or Silver in *Eaſt-India*, could be brought down ſo low as to bear the ſame Proportion to one another in both Places, there would be here no greater Demand for Silver, than for Gold to be exported to *India*; and if Gold were lowered only ſo as to have the ſame Proportion to the Silver-money in *England* which it hath to Silver in the reſt of *Europe*, there would be no Temptation to export Silver rather than Gold to any other Part of *Europe*: And to compaſs this laſt, there ſeems nothing more requiſite than to take off about 10 *d.* or 12 *d.* from the Guinea; ſo that Gold may bear the ſame Proportion to the Silver Money in *England*, which it ought to do by the Courſe of Trade and Exchange in *Europe*; but if only 6 *d.* were taken off at preſent, it would diminiſh the Temptation to export, or melt down, the Silver Coin; and, by the Effects, would ſhew hereafter, better than can appear at preſent, what further Reduction would be moſt convenient for the Publick.

In the laſt Year of King *William*, the Dollars of *Scotland*, worth about 4 *s.* 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* were put away in the North of *England* for 5 *s.* and at this Price began to flow in upon us: I gave notice thereof to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury; and they ordered the Collectors of Taxes to forbear taking them; and thereby put a Stop to the Miſchief.

At the ſame time, the Lewidors of *France*, which were worth but Seventeen Shillings and Three Farthings apiece, paſſed in *England* at 17 *s.* 6 *d.*: I gave notice thereof to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury; and his late Majeſty put out a Proclamation, That they ſhould go but at 17 *s.*; and thereupon they came to the Mint; and 1,400,000 *l.* were coined out of them: And if the Advantage of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in a Lewidor ſufficed at that time to bring into *England* ſo great a Quantity of *French* Money, and the Advantage of Three Farthings in a Lewidor to bring it to the Mint, the Advantage of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in a Guinea, or above, may have been ſufficient to bring in the great Quantity of Gold which hath been coined in theſe laſt Fifteen Years, without any foreign Silver.

Some Years ago, the *Portugal* Moedors were received in the Weſt of *England* at 28 *s.* apiece: Upon Notice from the Mint that they were worth only about 27 *s.* 7 *d.* the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ordered their Receivers of Taxes to take them at no more than 27 *s.* 6 *d.*: Afterwards, many Gentlemen in the Weſt ſent up to the Treaſury a Petition, that the Receivers might take them again at 28 *s.* and promiſed to get Returns for this Money at that Rate; alleging, that when they went at 28 *s.* their Country was full of Gold, which they wanted very much: But the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, conſidering, that at 28 *s.* the Nation would loſe 5 *d.* apiece, rejected the Petition: And if an Advantage to the Merchant of 5 *d.* in 28 *s.* did pour that Money in upon us, much more hath an Advantage to the Merchant of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in a Guinea, or above, been able to bring into the Mint great Quantities of Gold, without any foreign Silver; and may be able to do it ſtill, till the Cauſe be removed.

If Things be let alone till Silver Money be a little ſcarcer, the Gold will fall of itſelf; for People are already backward to give Silver for Gold, and will, in a little time, refuſe to make Payments in Silver without a Premium, as they do in *Spain*; and this Premium will be an Abatement in the Value of the Gold; and ſo the Queſtion is, Whether Gold ſhall be lowered by the Government, or let alone till it falls of itſelf, by the Want of Silver Money.

It may be ſaid, that there are great Quantities of Silver in Plate; and if the Plate were coined, there would be no Want of Silver Money: But I reckon, that Silver is ſafer from Exportation in the Form of Plate than in the Form of Money, becauſe of the greater Value of the Silver and Faſhion together; and therefore I am not for coining the Plate, till the Temptation to export the Silver Money, which is a Profit of 2 *d.* or 3 *d.* an Ounce, be diminiſhed; for as often as Men are neceſſitated to ſend away Money for anſwering Debts abroad, there will be a Temptation to ſend away Silver rather than Gold, becauſe of the Profit, which is almoſt Four *per Cent.*; and, for the ſame Reaſon, Foreigners will chooſe to ſend hither their Gold rather than their Silver.

Mint-Office, 21ſt *September* 1717. } All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted to your Lordſhips great Wiſdom.

Iſaac Newton.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

IN Obedience to your Lordſhips Order of Reference of the 19th Inſtant, That an Account be laid before your Lordſhips of all the Gold and Silver coined in the laſt Fifteen Years; and how much thereof hath been coined out of Plate upon publick Encouragements; and what Copper Money hath been newly coined; it is humbly repreſented, that ſince *Chriſtmas* 170$\frac{1}{2}$ to the 19th Inſtant, there hath been coined in Gold 7,127,835 Pounds in Tale, reckoning 44$\frac{1}{2}$ Guineas to a Pound Weight Troy, and 21 *s.* 6 *d.* to a Guinea; and in Silver 223,380 Pounds Sterling, reckoning 3 *l.* 2 *s.* to a Pound Weight Troy; and that Part of this Silver, amounting to 143,086 Pounds Sterling, was coined out of *Engliſh* Plate, imported upon publick Encouragement in the Years 1709 and 1711; and another Part, amounting to 13,342 *l.* was coined out of *Vigo* Plate in the Years 1703 and 1704; and another Part, amounting to 45,732 *l.* was coined from Silver extracted from our own Lead-ore; and the reſt, amounting to 21,220 *l.* was coined chiefly out of old Plate melted down by Goldſmiths; and ſome of it out of Pieces of Eight.

The Graver of the Mint hath been hard at Work, ever ſince the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, in making the Emboſſments and Puncheons for the Halfpence and Farthings,

and taking off a few Dyes from them: The Making of an Emboſſment, and a Puncheon, for Halfpence, takes up the Time of about Six Weeks; and there have been Two Emboſſments, and Two Puncheons, made for the Halfpence, and One for the Farthings; and now theſe are finiſhed, and ſome Dyes are made from the Puncheons, it will take up a little time to examine the Copper, and ſettle the beſt Method of preparing, ſizing, nealing, and cleaning it, and making it fit for the Mint; this being a Manufacture different from that of coarſe Copper, and more difficult, and not yet practiſed in *England*; and as ſoon as this Method is fixed, we ſhall begin to coin in Quantity.

All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted to your Lordſhips great Wiſdom.

Mint-Office, *November* 23. 1717. *Iſ. Newton.*

Gold and Silver Monies coined in his Majeſty's Mint in the *Tower* of *London*, from the 1ſt of *January* 170½ to the 20th *November* 1717.

	Gold Monies.			Silver Monies.			Silver Monies from Plate.		
	l. wt.	*oz.*	*d. wt.*	*l. wt.*	*oz.*	*d. wt.*	*l. wt.*	*oz.*	*d. wt.*
1702 ——	3,642	—	—	114	6	—			
1703 ——	34	2	—	718	—	—			
1704 ——	——	—	—	4,007	—	—			
1705 ——	104	—	—	429	7	15			
1706 ——	537	—	—	932	—	—			
1707 ——	607	—	—	1,174	—	—			
1708 ——	1,010	—	—	3,751	—	—			
1709 ——	2,468	—	—	2,223	7	15	23,199	4	4
1710 ——	3,716	—	—	817	—	—			
1711 ——	9,324	—	—	1,810	5	2	22,957	6	18
1712 ——	2,855	—	—	1,784	8	—			
1713 ——	13,137	—	—	2,333	—	—			
1714 ——	29,526	—	—	1,566	—	—			
1715 ——	39,090	—	—	1,643	—	—			
1716 ——	23,765	—	—	1,650	—	—			
1717 ——	15,186	—	—	948	—	—			
	145,001	2	—	25,901	10	12	46,156	11	2

Memorandum: That 3,602 *l. wt.* 5 *oz.* 7 *d. wt.* Part of the 4,007 *l. wt.* of Silver coined in the Year 1704, was Silver melted from wrought Plate brought in by the Commiſſioners for Prizes after the Expedition from *Vigo*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

A Petition of ſeveral of the principal Inhabitants of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, and the adjacent Counties, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſand poor Families, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under very great Hardſhips, by the evil Practice of the continual Engroſſers and Foreſtallers of Fleſh of all Kinds, both alive and dead, deſigned for the Service of the ſaid Cities and Suburbs; by which means, all manner of Proviſions of that Nature are enhanced in their Prices; to the Ruin of many of his Majeſty's Subjects, whoſe Families are ſo numerous, that they cannot ſupport them: That, by theſe Practices, the fair Traders is ruined, and the Graſier and Breeder is alſo prejudiced: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon *Monday* the Thirteenth of *January* next.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move the Houſe, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation to forbid all Perſons to utter, or receive, any of the Pieces of Gold called Guineas, at any greater or higher Rate than One-and-twenty Shillings for each Guinea; and ſo proportionably for any greater or leſſer Pieces of coined Gold.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation, to forbid all Perſons to utter, or receive, any of the Pieces of Gold called Guineas, at any greater or higher Rate than One-and-twenty Shillings for each Guinea; and ſo proportionably for any greater or leſſer Pieces of coined Gold.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe, as are of his Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* the Fourteenth Day of *January* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the State of the Nation, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to take off the Obligation, and Encouragement, for coining Guineas, for a certain Time: And that Mr. *Smith*, Mr. Attorney-General, the Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Lowther*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 23° die Decembris;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Lord *Moleſworth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborn*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the poor Debtors in his Majeſty's Priſon of *Southgate*, in the City of *Exon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have offered to deliver up all to their Creditors, provided they might thereby gain their Enlargement from their miſerable Confinement; which has reduced them to the utmoſt Streights and Neceſſities; and, if any longer confined, muſt inevitably periſh: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in *Ouze-bridge* Gaol, in the City of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Priſoners are not only ſpoiled in Trade, their Families reduced to open Calamity, but themſelves in a periſhing Condition, by a long and expenſive Impriſonment: That they being Subjects to ſo good and gracious a Sovereign, who has made glad the Hearts of his Enemies by his late Act of Pardon; and alſo eſtabliſhed a National Tranquillity: And praying to be relieved from their Confinement.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That *Thomas Wentworth* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Six Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſſes of *Saturday* laſt have been preſented to his Majeſty; and as to thoſe which relate to the Navy, and the Half-pay Officers, his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to give Directions, That the Accounts therein mentioned ſhall be laid before this Houſe; and as to the Addreſs relating to Gold Coins, That his Majeſty has been pleaſed to order a Proclamation to be iſſued, to forbid all Perſons to utter, or receive, any of the Pieces of Gold called Guineas, at any greater or higher Price than One-and-twenty Shillings for each Guinea; and ſo proportionable for any greater or leſſer Pieces of coined Gold.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Browning* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax, to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do write circular Letters to the Sheriffs and Stewards of the ſeveral Counties of *Great Britain*, requiring the Attendance of the Members of this Houſe upon *Monday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next; and that this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Members, whoſe Excuſes ſhall not be allowed of, as ſhall not then attend the Service of the Houſe.

Which Letter is as follows; *viz.*

Sir, *December* 23d, 1717.

THE Houſe of Commons having ordered a Call of their Members on *Monday* the 13th Day of *January* next, and reſolved to proceed with all Severity againſt ſuch of them as ſhall not then attend the Service of the Houſe, and whoſe Excuſes ſhall not be allowed of, I am commanded to require you immediately to ſummon the Repreſentatives of your County, and of the Boroughs within the ſame, to attend their Service in Parliament on *Monday* the ſaid Thirteenth Day of *January* next: And you are to give an Account of this, and what you have done thereupon, to,

Sir,
Your humble Servant,
Sp. Compton.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons: And that Mr. Sollicitor-General, the Lord Mayor of *London*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Thomas Scawen*, Mr. *Heyſham*, and Mr. *Godfrey*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners for inquiring into the forfeited Eſtates do lay before this Houſe a Particular of all the Claims which have been hitherto entered before them.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Mr. *Incledon*, Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to a Bill, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, by a Land-Tax, to be raiſed in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year 1718.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe do adjourn until *Monday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Chetwynd*, Colonel *Bladen*:	90.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Sir *Wm. Pole*:	45.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And then the Houſe adjourned accordingly till *Monday* the Thirteenth Day of *January* next.

Lunæ, 13° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Serjeant at Arms attending the Houſe, being called upon, gave an Account, That he having ſent One of his Meſſengers to take into Cuſtody, according to the Order of the Houſe, the Honourable *Charles Cecill* Eſquire, his Meſſenger had acquainted him, That Mr. *Cecill* has been indiſpoſed, and was not in a Condition to undertake a Journey to *London*: And,

Mr.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he had received a Letter from Mr. *Cecill*, with a Certificate from the Miniſter of the Pariſh, and from the Apothecary that attended him in his Illneſs, to the ſame Effect.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Cecill* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Mr. *Treby* preſented to the Houſe the Report of ſuch of the Commiſſioners of Inquiry as have been appointed to execute the ſeveral Truſts and Powers in relation to *England*, and any other Parts whatſoever, except *Scotland*, contained in a late Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon To-morrow Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without any Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities.

A Motion being made, That this Houſe will not alter the Standard of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom in Fineneſs, Weight, or Denomination;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made, by inſerting, after "that," theſe Words, "it is the Opinion of," in order to alter the Queſtion, That the Standard be not altered:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree to the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion being put according to the Motion made;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will not alter the Standard of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom in Fineneſs, Weight, or Denomination.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, be received upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Hearing the Matters of the Petitions of the Lord *Percy Seymour*, and Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* Baronet, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, which was appointed to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Inſtant, be heard upon the Eighteenth Inſtant.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That it being his Majeſty's Pleaſure, That the Parliament ſhould be adjourned until *Thurſday* the Sixteenth Day of *January* inſtant, his Majeſty deſires, That this Houſe will adjourn itſelf until *Thurſday* the Sixteenth of *January* inſtant.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned unto *Thurſday* the Sixteenth of *January* inſtant.

Jovis, 16° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Coventry*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Hungerford Hoskins*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Sir *Arthur Owen*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Yonge*, Colonel *Townſend*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *Charles Hotham*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Wilmer*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Heathcote*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiff, Burgeſſes, Gentry, and principal Inhabitants, of the Town of *Northampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Town of *Northampton* is an ancient Corporation; and was, ſome Years ſince, almoſt totally conſumed by Fire; to the utter Ruin of the Inhabitants; and ſeveral Fires have, of late Years, happened in the ſaid Town; which, after very great Loſſes, have been with much Difficulty extinguiſhed, by reaſon of the Want of Water; ſo that, if any Fire breaks out again in the ſaid Town, it would, in all human Probability, be again conſumed to Aſhes: And praying, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſupplying the ſaid Town with Water.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Wilmer*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Wentworth*, Mr. *Younge*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Monſon*, Sir *Bryan Broughton*, Mr. *Nevill*, Sir *Wm. Johnſton*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Yorke*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Levinz*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Carteret*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Halſey*, Brigadier *Sutton*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Bracebridge*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Northampton*, *Oxford*, and *Warwick*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of his Majeſty's Ships employed in the Year 1716; in what Stations; with their Numbers of Men: And alſo,

An Account of his Majeſty's Ships employed in the Year 1717; in what Stations; with their Numbers of Men:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John Trunch*, a menial Servant of the Honourable *Horatio Townſhend* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, has been arreſted at the Suit of *Robert Dennett* Eſquire, by *William Halkens*, *John Deal*, and *Solomon Ellies*; in which Action *Champion Branſill* is the Attorney; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Complaint be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

Mr. Attorney-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain Time therein mentioned: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Lowndes*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolution, which they had directed to be reported to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1718, be further continued, and charged upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made, or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the Twenty-third Day of *June* 1718 to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1719.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That, towards the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which, by former Acts of Parliament, have Continuance to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1718, be further continued, and charged upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made, or imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, from the Twenty-third Day of *June* 1718 to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* 1719.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolution: And that Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, and Mr. *Charles Stanhope*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters: And that Mr. *Gyles Erle*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Ward*, and Mr. *Conyers*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *Richard Steele* preſented to the Houſe an additional Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*:

And the Title of the ſaid Report was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Houſe being informed, That ſome of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the groſs and net Produce of the Duty on Hops from the Firſt of *June* 1711, at which time it commenced, to the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1717; with an Eſtimate of the groſs and net Produce from the ſaid Twenty-fourth of *June* 1717 to *Michaelmas* 1717, applicable to the ſinking the Principal, or Payment of the Intereſt, of the National Debts.

And then they withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of the poor confined Debtors in the Priſon of *Ludgate* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by Loſſes in Trade, and other Misfortunes, are confined; and have lain many Years in a ſtarving Condition; and are unable to pay their Debts: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for their Relief, and all other inſolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Account of the Names and Qualities of the ſeveral Officers, who have had Commiſſions, ſince the Firſt of *October* 1714, in any of the Regiments of Foot, Horſe, or Dragoons, then in being; diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the ſaid Officers as, at the times of ſuch Commiſſions, were on the *Britiſh*, or on the *Iriſh*, or on any other, Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay, reſpectively; and ſuch of the ſaid Officers as were on no Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay; as likewiſe diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the ſaid Officers, who had Commiſſions on Vacancies by Death, or Diſplacing; and ſuch who had Commiſſions on Vacancies, by the voluntary Reſignation of others: And alſo,

An Account of the Names and Qualities of ſuch Officers as are in the Liſt of Half-pay Officers, delivered to the Parliament, for the Year 1718; and which were not on the Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay in the Year 1714; diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the ſaid Officers as have been reduced out of any Regiments, and ſuch as have been added by Warrants from his Majeſty: As alſo, an Account of the yearly Amount of the Half-pay of the Officers added by the ſaid Warrants, ſince the Eſtabliſhment of 1714: And alſo,

A Copy of a Letter from the Duke of *Bolton*, relating to the Liſt of Half-pay Officers:

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts and Copy were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts, and Copy of the ſaid Letter, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts, and Copy of the ſaid Letter, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Nation, in regard to the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Maſter and Wardens of the Goldſmiths Company do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantity of Silver of the new Standard has been ſtamped at *Goldſmiths-hall* in the laſt Three Years.

Ordered, That the Maſter and Wardens of the Goldſmiths Company do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantity of Silver of the old Standard was ſtamped at *Goldſmiths-hall* the laſt Three Years the ſaid old Standard was in Uſe.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Charge of the Coinage of Gold and Silver, reſpectively, for the laſt Seven Years.

Ordered, That the Touch-warden of the Goldſmiths Company, and the Aſſay-maſter at *Goldſmiths-hall*, do attend this Houſe on *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do attend this Houſe on *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Bullion, or foreign Coin, has been entered for Exportation, from *Lady-day* 1710 to this time.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Bullion, or foreign Coin, has been ſhipped off from *Lady-day* 1710 to this time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Call of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 17° *die Januarii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue, and make perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for Preſerving of all Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions: And that Sir *Arthur Kay*, and Mr. *Wrightſon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, of the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, paſſed in the 12th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for making more effectual an Act, paſſed in the 7th and 8th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act for Erecting of Hoſpitals and Work-houſes in the City of *Briſtol*, for the better employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; by which ſaid Act, the Mayor and Aldermen of *Briſtol* for the Time being, and their Succeſſors for ever, have Power to raiſe and levy, annually, ſuch further Sum or Sums of Money, in the ſaid recited Act ordered, as ſhall not, together with the Sum of 2,376 *l.* 16 *s.* 5, exceed the Sum of 3,500 *l.* in any one Year, for the better employing and maintaining the Poor of the ſaid City; relieving the caſual Poor; and Payment of the Debts of the Corporation-Poor: But the Corporation of the Poor, who have annually received all the ſaid 3,500 *l.* raiſed by the ſaid Act, refuſe to take care of, or provide for, any caſual Poor; or to paſs them forward; or relieve them during the time they are neceſſitated to remain here; they being forced to beg in the Streets; to the great Scandal of the Inhabitants: That the Petitioners find the ſaid Corporation under great Difficulties, by ſeveral Perſons refuſing to take upon them the Office of Guardian of the Poor, when legally elected: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the further explaining and amending ſeveral Acts relating to the Officers and Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid City, not only to take care of, and provide for, all ſuch Poor as immediately belong to them; but alſo to relieve ſuch caſual Poor as may come, or be hereafter ſent, to the ſaid City, purſuant to the Laws of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *Erle*, and Sir *William Daines*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of *Ferdinando Shimpton*, *Chriſtopher Ingby*, *John Chrichton*, *Robert Chritchton*, *Joſeph Weſt*, *Joſhua Morris*, *Charles Paynter*, and *William Hackwell*, on behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Manufacture of *Engliſh* Bone-lace hath, by the Induſtry of the Petitioners, and others, been greatly improved of late Years; whereby many Thouſands of poor Perſons, and thoſe of very tender Years, are enabled to get their Livings: That ſeveral Perſons have, of late, taken upon themſelves to proſecute and inform againſt the Petitioners, on Pretence that they ought to have Licences, according to an Act, made in the 9th and 10th Years of King *William* the Third, for licenſing Hawkers, Pedlars, *&c.*; and, by means thereof, have been put to great Expence, and hindered from carrying on their Trades; although they apprehend they ought not to be deemed Hawkers and Pedlars, within the Intent of the ſaid Act; and the ſame appears to have been ſo reſolved by a Committee of this Houſe, to whom the Petition of *Edward Hooton* was, on or about the 13th Day of *March* 1698, referred: And praying to be relieved therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the County of *Berks*; and alſo of ſeveral Juſtices of Peace, and Freeholders, in the County of *Southampton*; and alſo of the ſeveral Coachmen, Waggoners, and others, uſing and travelling the Roads between *Reading* and *Shinfeild*, and *Reading* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſaid Counties; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Roads leading from *Reading* to *Shinfeild*, and *Reading* to *Heckfeild*, are become ſo very ruinous and deep, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, they are almoſt impaſſable; and are very dangerous to all Perſons travelling through the ſame: That the Pariſhioners, for Want of ſufficient Gravel, Stones, and other Conveniencies lying near thereto, are not able, of themſelves, to amend the ſame: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the better repairing and amending the ſaid Roads.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Sloper*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *John Cope*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Mr. *Diſton*, Colonel *Morgan*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Roberts*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Dodd*, Lord *Harry Pawlett*, Mr. *Wild*, General *Erle*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Denton*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Rich. Farington*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, General *Wade*, Mr. *Barington*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Lade*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Berks*, *Southampton*, and *Wilts*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Or-

der, a Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being informed, That the Lord *Middleton*, Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, deſired to know the Senſe of the Houſe, whether he is incapacitated to ſit, in reſpect of his being continued in a Commiſſion for *Ireland*; which Commiſſion has been renewed ſince his Election, but is an Office of no Profit;

Whereupon the Act 6° *Annæ Reginæ*, *Cap.* 7. *Sect.* 26. was read;

And the Senſe of the Houſe appearing to be, That he was not within the Meaning of that Act; his Lordſhip came into the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for the regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; That they do prepare, and bring into the ſaid Bill, a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to puniſh Mutiny and Deſertion.

Mr. Sollicitor-General preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick;

The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Reports into Conſideration accordingly:

And the ſaid Reports were read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Reports be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reports be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning with the Double Return for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Briſcoe*, the Meſſenger attending the Great Seal, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 18° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Sir *Richard Sandford* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an Account of the Charge of the Coinage of Gold and Silver, reſpectively, for the laſt Seven Years:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as followeth; *viz.*

An Account of the Charge of the Coinage of Gold and Silver, reſpectively, for the laſt Seven Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1710 to *Chriſtmas* 1717.

Years.	Gold Monies coined. Weight Troy.		Gold Monies coined. Charge of Coinage.			Silver Monies coined. Weight Troy.		Silver Monies coined. Charge of Coinage.		
	l. wt.	*oz.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l. wt.*	*oz.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
1711 —	9,324	—	3,030	6	—	24,768	—	1,806	—	—
1712 —	2,855	—	927	17	6	1,784	8	130	2	7½
1713 —	13,137	—	4,269	10	6	2,333	—	170	2	3½
1714 —	29,526	—	9,595	19	—	1,566	—	114	3	9
1715 —	39,090	—	12,704	5	—	1,643	—	119	16	0½
1716 —	23,765	—	7,723	12	6	1,650	—	120	6	3
1717 —	15,186	—	4,935	9	—	948	—	69	2	6
Total —	132,883	—	43,186	19	6	34,692	8	2,529	13	5½

Rich. Sanford,
Iſ. Newton,
M. Bladen.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coin of this Kingdom.

A Petition of the Merchants and Traders in the City of *Briſtol* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, from this and divers other Ports, great Quantities of Cyder are yearly exported, and the Produce thereof returned in ſuch Merchandizes as pay conſiderable Duty; and greatly encourage the Navigation of this Kingdom: That there is a Duty of Six Shilling and Eight Pence *per* Hogſhead, by former Laws to be paid by the Retailer; and, for ſome Years paſt, a further Duty of Four Shillings *per* Hogſhead on all made for Sale within *Great Britain*, to be paid by the Firſt Buyer, or Retailer thereof: That the Petitioners apprehended, by the ſaid Laws, it was not intended the Exporters ſhould be chargeable with any Duty; but, of late, ſeveral Proſecutions have been brought againſt divers Perſons, in the Name of the Attorney-General, for the ſaid Duties; although the Cyder was actually exported; which if it had been entered, and the ſaid Duties paid, the Perſons exporting ought to have a Debenture, or Drawback, for the whole Duty; but are refuſed any Debenture for the Duty of Four Shillings *per* Hogſhead; the not Allowing of which is a great Diſcouragement to Trade in general: And praying to be relieved, by taking off the Diſcouragements to Exportation.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder,

Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, ſhall be read a Second time.

Sir *Thomas Palmer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Report from the Commiſſioners appointed to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army:

And the Title of the ſaid Report was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Report is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Cadogan* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of Peace, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the County of *Berks*; and of the ſeveral Coachmen, Waggoners, and other ſubſcribing Perſons, uſing and travelling the Roads between *Maidenhead*, and the Towns of *Reading* and *Henley*, in the County of *Oxon*..... the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the 20th of *December* laſt, have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find, upon the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, That the ſaid Roads are very bad, and, in many Places, are impaſſable in the Winter-ſeaſon; and that, by the Badneſs and Narrowneſs thereof, great Miſchiefs have happened:

That the Pariſhes, in which the ſaid Roads lie, have been indicted, on account of the Badneſs of the ſaid Roads; but the Juſtices, upon Examination of the Matter, finding the Inhabitants had done their Duty, thought fit to diſcharge the ſaid Indictments: And it appeared alſo to the Committee, that the ſaid Pariſhes have conſtantly done their Statute-work; and ſome Inhabitants much more than they were obliged to do; notwithſtanding which, by reaſon of the many heavy Carriages that paſs and repaſs through the ſaid Roads, many Parts of which lying very low, and Materials lying at a great Diſtance from ſome of the ſaid Pariſhes, the ſaid Roads are ſo bad and ruinous, during the Winter-ſeaſon eſpecially, that they cannot, by the Laws now in Force, be effectually amended by the ſaid Pariſhes.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunninglane* End, in the Road to *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley upon Thames*, in the County of *Oxon*: And that Mr. *Cadogan* and Mr. *Neville* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of the Merchants and Traders in Cyder, in the City of *Briſtol*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of *Ferdinando Shimpton*, *Chriſtopher Ingby*, *John Critchton*, *Robert Chritchton*, *Joſeph Weſt*, *Joſhua Morris*, *Charles Paynter*, and *William Hackwell*, on behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee have Power to receive a Clauſe of Credit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee have Power to receive a Clauſe for renewing Exchequer-Bills, and Lottery-Tickets or Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed.

A Petition of the Maltſters, or Maltmakers, in the Town or Borough of *Andover*, in the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying, That the Maltſters in the Country, that make Malt for Sale, may pay an equal Duty with thoſe Maltſters that live in Towns where Officers are placed to ſurvey them every Day.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

The Houſe being moved, That Sir *Wilfrid Lawſon* Baronet be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*; he deſiring not to conteſt the Matter of the Return, or the Merits of the Election; admitting that he was a Minor, under the Age of Twenty-one Years, at the time of the Election; and that he cannot maintain a Majority of Votes;

And the Clerk of the Crown attending with the Indentures of Return annexed to the Precept and Writ;

The Indentures of Return, and the Indorſement upon the Precept, were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Hæc Indentura fact' apud burgum de Cockermouth, in comitat' Cumbriæ, octavo die Julii, anno regni Domini noſtri Georgii, Dei gra', Magnæ Britanniæ, Franc', et Hiberniæ, Regis, Fidei Defenſor', &c. tertio, annoque Domini milleſimo ſeptingenteſimo decimo ſeptimo, inter Henricum Blencow ar', vic' com' Cumbriæ præd', ex una parte, et Thoma' France ballivum burgii de Cockermouth præd', Thoma' Jefferſon cl. Ricardu' Baynes gen', Ferdinando Latus ar', Johannem Gill, Philippu' Stanley, Ricardu' Croſthwaite, Johannem Clocker, Ricardu' Waller, Benjamin' Bowes, Johannem Wood ſen', Johannem Wood jun', Ricardum Borranſkell, Samuel' Hollaway ſen', Ricardu' Jackſon, Henricu' Orr, Johannem Inman, Daniel' Fryer, Jonathan' Watſon, John Bowes, Jacobu' France ſen', Johannem Winder, Ricardu' Johnſon, Jonathan' Hodgſon, Willielmum Sowerby, Thomam Stanger, Thomam Holloway, Joſephu' Simpſon, Willielmum Meales, Timotheu' Taylor, Samuel' Hodgſon, Henricu' Ramſey, Petru' Winder, Willielmum Holloway, Johannem Iredale, Thoma' Laburne, Thoma' Plaſkett, Johannem Ribton, Johannem Blakelin, Johannem Tiffin, Samuel' Buttermer, Johannem Cuppadge, Willielmum Rothery, Jacobu' Fearon, Johannem Dobinſon, Johannem Leathes, gen', et divers' al' burgens' burgii præd', ex altera parte: Teſtat' quod virtute præcept' a prædicto vic' com' eid' ballivo direct' pro election' un' burgens' pro burgo de Cockermouth præd', loco Nicolai Lechmere ar', qui quoddam officiu' lucri a dicto Domino Rege acceperit, pro præſenti parliament' dicti Domini Regis inchoat' apud civitat' Weſtm', decimo ſeptimo die Martii, anno regni dicti Domini Regis primo; quod quidem parliament' abinde per ſeparal' adjournament' et prorogationes, uſque ad et in viceſimum diem Februarii ult' præterit' adjournat', prorogat', et continuat' fuit, et ibidem modo tent' eſt, præd' Thomas France, ballivus et burgens' burgii præd', in plena curia burgii præd', apud Guildhall tent' ibidem prædicto octavo die Julii, anno tertio ſuprad', libere et indifferenter, juxta forma' ſtatuti inde edit' et provis', elegerunt Wilfrid Lawſon bar', eſſen' burgens' burgii præd', ad parliament' in eodem præcept' ſpecificat', qui plenam et ſufficien' poteſtat' pro ſe et co'itat' burgii præd' habet ad faciend' et conſentiend' hiis, quæ in dicto parliament' præd' de communi conſilio dict' regni Magnæ Britanniæ contigerint ordinari ſuper negotiis in brevi

brevi Domini Regis vic' comit' præd' direct' et ſpecificat': In cujus rei teſtimoniu' tam præd' vic' com' præd' quam præd' ballivus et burgens' burgii præd', hiis indenturis ſigilla ſua alternatim appoſuer' die et anno primo ſupradict'.

8vo *Julii*, 3° *Georgii Regis*, 1717. } An Indenture, made at the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, between *Henry Blencow* Eſquire, Sheriff of the County aforeſaid, of the one Part; and *Thomas France* Gentleman, Bailiff of the Borough aforeſaid, *Peter Gregory* Clerk, *John Langton*, and others therein named, Burgeſſes of the Borough aforeſaid, of the other Part; witneſſing, That, by virtue of a Precept from the ſaid Sheriff to the Bailiff directed, for the Election of a Burgeſs in the ſtead of *Nicolas Lechmere* Eſquire, who was lately elected for the ſame Borough, for the preſent Parliament, begun at *Weſtminſter*, 17° *Martii*, *primo Georgii*, That the ſaid *Nicolas Lechmere* have accepted of a Place of Profit; by means whereof the Borough became deſtitute of One of the Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament: And therefore the ſaid Bailiff and Burgeſſes, in his ſtead, in full Court, have elected *Percy Seymour* Eſquire, commonly called the Lord *Seymour*, One of the Burgeſſes of the ſaid Borough, to ſerve in Parliament inſtead of the ſaid Mr. *Lechmere*.

Indorſement upon the Precept of the Sheriff of *Cumberland*, for electing a Member for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, as follows;

Executio iſtius præcepti patet in quadam ſchedula huic præcepto annex'; cumque per idem præceptu' mihi præcipitur ad eligend' un' burgens' burgi infraſcript', idoneu' et diſcretum; attamen ex quo poſt captionem vocum ſive ſuffragior' omniu' et ſingulorum electorum comparentiu' in plena curia ejuſdem burgi, tent' apud le Guildhall pro eodem burgo die et anno in indenturis annex' ſpecificat', ad eligend' un' burgens' pro burgo prædict', octogint' et quatuor elector' præd' pro Percy Seymour ar', communit' cat' Lord Percy Seymour, ac nonagint' elector' præd' pro Wilfrido Lawſon bar' ſuffragia deder'; cumque adtunc et ibidem allegat', ac per teſtes fide dignos probat' fuit, quod præd' Wilfridus Lawſon adtunc infans infra ætat' viginti unius annorum exiſtebat, et adhuc exiſtit; ideo in un' indentura annex' nomen præfat' Percy Seymour, ac in altera indentura annex' nomen præfat' Wilfridi Lawſon, inſeri feci.

Thomas France, Bailiff.

Ordered, That Sir *Wilfrid Lawſon* Baronet be at Liberty to withdraw his ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the Lord *Percy Seymour* be at Liberty to withdraw his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the ſaid Borough.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do amend the Return for the ſaid Borough, by taking off the Indenture by which the ſaid Sir *Wilfrid Lawſon* is returned.

And the Clerk of the Crown took off the ſaid Indenture accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do eraſe the Indorſement upon the Precept, and make the uſual Indorſement thereupon.

And he altered the ſame accordingly.

The Houſe being moved, That the Clauſe in the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act for the further regulating Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; and for the preventing irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs, and other Officers, in the electing and returning ſuch Members; which declares, That any Minor, under the Age of Twenty-one Years, is incapable of being elected a Member to ſerve in Parliament.....

The ſame was read accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, take the ſaid Clauſe into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions to the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, That the Accounts given to them of Bullion exported to foreign Parts, from *Chriſtmas* 1698 to *Chriſtmas* 1715; diſtinguiſhing to what Parts the ſaid Bullion has been exported reſpectively; with their Obſervations thereupon; may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 20° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the inſolvent Debtors in *Durham* Gaol, in the County Palatine of *Durham*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement; where they ſuffer, and are daily periſhing for Want; and not in a Capacity to pay their Creditors: That this Honourable Houſe, in their Two laſt Seſſions, was pleaſed to demonſtrate a compaſſionate Intention towards the Relief of the diſtreſſed Petitioners, by ordering a Bill to be brought in for that Purpoſe; which, though twice read, proved abortive, by reaſon, as it is preſumed, of the more weighty Affairs of the Publick: That his Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed, from the Throne, to manifeſt and declare, That it was the natural Bent of his Royal Inclinations to be merciful even to his rebellious Subjects, had they not rebelled, and endeavoured to ſtir up foreign Powers to diſturb the Peace of this Kingdom: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe, in their great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's Gaol in the City of *Lincoln* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have been a great while under Confinement, by reaſon of being uncapable of paying their Debts, through great Loſſes in Trade, and otherwiſe; and they being willing and deſirous to give whatever Effects they have in the World for their Liberty: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Sir *Arthur Kay* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Gyles Erle* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

The Houſe being informed, That the Honourable *Horatio Townſend* hath received Satisfaction, in reſpect of the Breach of Privilege committed againſt him;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the ſaid Complaint.

A Petition of *George Dodington* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, having no Iſſue Male, is deſirous and willing that *George Bubb* Eſquire, who is the only Son of the Petitioner's eldeſt Siſter, may take the Petitioner's Surname, and for the future be ſo called only: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Sir *Charles Turner*, and Mr. *Bacon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt, relating to the Account of the Exportation of Bullion, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſaid Account be laid before the Houſe.

Mr. *Chetwynd*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Copy of the Inſpector General's Account, ſhewing the total Value of foreign Coin and Bullion exported from this Kingdom, and to what foreign Countries, in Seventeen diſtinct Years, beginning from *Chriſtmas* 1698 to *Chriſtmas* 1715:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

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Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of the Method for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coin of this Kingdom.

Mr. *Joſeph Erle* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals within the City of *Briſtol* for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Morrice*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Tho. Creſſe*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Sir *Ja. Bateman*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Caſwall*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Cha. Cooke*, Colonel *Townſhend*, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Corrance*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Robert Davers*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Surry*; and for the City of *London*; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That *Thomas Palmer* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Mr. *Treby*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the forfeited Eſtates, acquainted the Houſe, That the Number of Claims entered before them amounting to Sixteen hundred; and, many of them containing ſeveral Skins of Parchment, it would be impoſſible for them to comply, in a conſiderable Time, with the Order of the Twenty-third of *December* laſt, requiring a Particular of all the Claims, which have been entered before the Commiſſioners, to be laid before this Houſe; but that they have prepared an Abſtract of Four hundred of the ſaid Claims; which he was ready to lay before the Houſe: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Abſtract is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Account of what Principal, and Intereſt, is due on *Nevis* and *Saint Chriſtopher's* Debentures to *Michaelmas* 1717, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Papers laid before the Houſe relating to the Half-pay be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas for a certain Time therein mentioned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 21° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed, be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Petition of *Ferdinando Shimpton*, *Chriſtopher Ingby*, *John Chritchton*, *Robert Chritchton*, *Joſeph Weſt*, *Joſhua Morris*, *Charles Paynter*, and *William Hackwell*, on behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Hampden*, Lord *Shelborn*, Mr. *Booth*, Sir *John Wittewrong*, Mr. *Fletwode*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Curzon*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Geo. Warrender*, Mr. *Farrer*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Craggs*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *John Stonchouſe*, Mr. *Feilding*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *James Long*, Mr. *Lewis*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bucks* and *Berks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Liſt of ſuch Officers as were on the *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay on the Thirtieth of *September* 1714, or ſince; diſtinguiſhing ſuch of the Half-pay Officers as have been provided for on the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment from that time:

And the Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The ſaid Liſt is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of the Taylors, Buttonſellers, Throwſters, Twiſters, Dyers, Spinners, Buttonmakers, and others, living in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Places adjacent, concerned in the Manufactures of Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of others employed therein, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, of the Eighth of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, it is enacted, That no Taylor, or other Perſons whatſoever, within *Great Britain*,

Britain, ſhall make, ſell, or ſet on, uſe, or bind, or ſhall cauſe to be made, ſold, ſet on, uſed, or bound, on any Cloaths, or wearing Garments, any Button, or Button-holes, made of, or uſed or bound with, Serge, Drugget, Freeze, Camblet, or any other Stuff, of which Cloaths, or wearing Garments, are uſually made of, under the Forfeiture of Five Pounds for every Dozen of Button, or Button-holes, made as aforeſaid; notwithſtanding the aforeſaid Act, ſeveral Taylors, who endeavour to deprive others of their Trade, have revived the Faſhion, by privately working them; ſo that, as the Law now ſtands, ſufficient Proof cannot be had to convict them; the Silk and Mohair Yarn being purchaſed abroad with the Woollen and other Goods of this Kingdom: That, in caſe the ſaid Commodities ſhould be rendered uſeleſs, we ſhall loſe the ſaid Manufacture: And praying Leave to amend the ſaid Act of the Eighth of her late Majeſty, in order to prevent the Miſchiefs complained of.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Strangeways*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Erle*, Sir *John Coriton*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Rich. Farington*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Cha. Cooke*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Gold*, the Earl of *Barrymore*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Randyll*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Rowney*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Neville*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Dorſet*, *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter*, and *Stafford*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of the Throwſters, Twiſters, Spinners, Winders, Dyers, Buttonmakers, and others concerned in the Manufactures of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, living in the Towns of *Macklesfeild*, *Stockport*, *Conckleton*, and *Leek*, in the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Stafford*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of other poor Families employed therein, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act of the Eighth of her late Majeſty, it is enacted, That no Taylor, or other Perſons, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, ſhould make, ſell, ſet on, uſe, or bind, on any Cloaths, or wearing Garments, any Buttons, or Button-holes, made or bound with Serge, Drugget, Freeze, Camblet, or any other Stuffs, under the Forfeiture of Five Pounds for every Dozen of Buttons, or Button-holes, ſo made or bound, as aforeſaid: And the ſaid Law is not ſufficient to prevent the ſame, by reaſon ſeveral Taylors do privately work the ſaid Button and Button-holes; ſo that ſufficient Proof cannot be had thereof: And praying Leave may be given to explain and amend the ſaid Act by a Clauſe, or otherwiſe, to prevent the Miſchiefs complained of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Taylors, Buttonſellers, Throwſters, Twiſters, Dyers, Spinners, Buttonmakers, and others, living in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Places adjacent, concerned in the Manufacture of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of others employed therein, is referred.

A Petition of great Numbers of Buttonmakers, Twiſters, Throwſters, Spinners, Dyers, Winders, and ſeveral others concerned in the Manufactures of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, in and about the Town of *Sherborn*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Dorſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act of the Eighth of her late Majeſty, it is enacted, That no Taylor, or other Perſons, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, ſhould make, ſell, ſet on, uſe, or bind, on any Cloaths, or wearing Garments, any Buttons, or Button-holes, made of Serge, Drugget, Freeze, Camblets, or any other Stuffs, upon Forfeiture of Five Pounds for every Dozen of Buttons, or Button-holes, made as aforeſaid: And whereas the ſaid Law is evaded by Taylors, and others, privately working the ſame; and the ſaid Act is no-ways ſufficient to prevent the great Miſchiefs which ariſe thereby: And praying, That Leave may be given to amend and explain the ſaid Bill by a Clauſe, or otherwiſe, to make the ſaid Law more effectual.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Taylors, Buttonſellers, Throwſters, Twiſters, Dyers, Spinners, Buttonmakers, and others, living in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Places adjacent, concerned in the Manufactures of Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of others employed therein, is referred.

Sir *Charles Cooke*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Copy of a Repreſentation to his Majeſty from the ſaid Commiſſioners, relating to the *Eaſt-India* Company's Exports:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Repreſentation is as follows; *viz.*

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

IN Obedience to your Majeſty's Order in Council, of 22d *November* 1714, we have examined the Account of the Exports of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*, from *Michaelmas* 1713 to *Michaelmas* 1714; and, having compared the ſame with the Exports of the Eleven preceding Years, whereof no Report has been hitherto made from this Board, we now humbly lay before your Majeſty the State of that Trade, according to the ſaid Company's Accounts, for the laſt Twelve Years, from the Twenty-ninth of *September* 1702 to the 29th of *September* 1714; with our Obſervations thereon; *viz.*

Exported from the Port of *London* by the Managers for the United Trade of the *Engliſh* Company trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*.

	In Manufactures, Products, Stores, &c. to the Value of			In Gold and Silver, to the Value of			The Total annual Export amounts to		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Between 29th *September* 1702 and 24th *June* 1703	56,123	19	6	164,099	10	4	220,223	9	10
25th *June* 1703 and *April* 1704 — —	67,242	18	9	349,370	12	10	416,613	11	7
April 1704 and *April* 1705 — —	132,775	7	0	252,968	10	11	385,743	17	11
April 1705 and *April* 1706 — —	32,983	14	3	228,658	18	0	261,642	12	3
April 1706 and *April* 1707 — —	30,280	13	10	267,447	1	9	297,727	15	7
April 1707 and *April* 1708 — —	68,676	15	5	470,624	13	3	539,301	8	8
In Six Years —	£. 388,083	8	9	1,733,169	7	1	2,121,252	15	10

Exported

Exported from the Port of *London* for Account of the United Trade of the *Engliſh* Company trading into the *Eaſt-Indies*.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
April 1708 and *April* 1709 — —	102,005	7	8	447,260	17	9	549,266	5	5
April 1709 and *Septem.* 1710 — —	123,541	4	3	399,272	15	5	522,813	19	8
29th *September* 1710, and 29th *Septem.* 1711	184,078	7	11	372,264	11	2	556,342	19	1
29th *September* 1711, and 29th *Septem.* 1712	149,384	7	3	324,987	19	10	474,372	7	1
29th *September* 1712, and 29th *Septem.* 1713	100,645	19	11	221,275	13	11	321,921	13	10
29th *September* 1713, and 29th *Septem.* 1714	79,036	1	6	260,762	12	4	339,798	13	10
In Six Years — — — — —	738,691	8	6	2,025,824	10	5	2,764,515	18	11
Total Export in the aforeſaid 12 Years — —	1,126,774	17	3	3,758,993	17	6	4,885,768	14	9
The Medium whereof for One Year is — —	93,897	18	1¼	313,249	9	9½	407,147	7	10¾

The Particulars of the Value of the Manufactures, Products, Stores, *&c.* exported in the aforeſaid 12 Years, are as follows; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
65,123½ Broad Cloths, amounting to	726,136	16	4
48,453 Perpetts — — —	101,237	7	4
Raſhes, Camblets, Stuffs, *&c.* —	35,330	10	7
Lead — — — —	64,166	0	0
Tin — — — —	10,859	13	5
Iron, Stores, and Charges on the Whole — — — —	189,044	9	7
£.	1,126,774	17	3

In this manner has the Trade to the *Eaſt-Indies* been carried on for Twelve Years paſt.

But, upon further looking back, and comparing the Exports of the Bullion in theſe Twelve Years with the Exports of the Bullion in Five Years from *Chriſtmas* 1698 to *Chriſtmas* 1703, it is very obſervable, that the Old and New Companies, before and after their Union, exported Gold and Silver, in the ſaid Five Years, for *Eaſt-India*, to the Value of

£. 3,159,607 12 6 from *London*:
And £. 193,189 14 0 from *Cadiz*:

In all 3,352,797 6 6

The Medium whereof for One Year is — — 670,559 9 3

Whereas the Medium, for the laſt 12 Years, as aforeſaid, is but — — 313,249 9 9

Conſequently, the *Eaſt-India* Company's Exportation of Bullion in the Five Years exceeds their Exportations in the 12 Years, annually — — — 357,309 19 6

And this is excluſive of what was exported by private Traders in thoſe Five Years, which, by the Cuſtom-houſe Accounts, amounts to, at leaſt — £. 70,000 0 0 *per Annum.*

Having thus aſcertained the Exports for *Eaſt-India*, we ſhould proceed to give an Account of the Value of ſuch *Eaſt-India* Goods as have been re-exported to all foreign Parts; but the late Inſpector-General not having made up the Accounts of any One Year ſince 1700, we can only take notice of the Accounts that were adjuſted before that time; whereby it appears, that the *Eaſt India* Goods, re-exported in the Four following Years, were valued at

£. 405,104 17 11¾ — in — 1699,
720,831 3 5¾ — — — 1700,
954,803 11 10½ — — — 1701,
458,193 18 6½ — — — 1702:

In all £. 2,538,933 11 10½ in Four Years.

That is, *communibus annis*, 634,733 7 11½; which was leſs than was in thoſe Years exported in Bullion by the Companies.

When the Cuſtom-houſe Books are brought up, we ſhall take the Liberty to lay before your Majeſty an Account of our Home-conſumption; and ſhall then be better able to judge, how they interfere with our own Manufactures.

We muſt further add, that we find, in our Office, a Repreſentation made to his late Majeſty King *William* by the *Levant* Company; wherein they ſet forth, That they loſe the Vent of 9,000 Cloths *per Annum* in *Turky* for *Perſia*, by the *Eaſt-India* Company being obliged, by their Charter, to export 100,000 *l. per Annum* in *Engliſh* Manufactures and Products for *India*, which are chiefly ſent to *Perſia*, and conſumed there.

Upon this, as the Trade to *Turky* has ever ſince lain under the ſame Difficulty, we ſhall only ſtate the Account thereof; and ſubmit the Whole to your Majeſty's Conſideration.

Exported by the *Eaſt-India* Company, as aforeſaid, in 12 Years, 65,123½ Broad Cloths;
Whereof 1,485½ for *Mocho*,
1,166½ for *China*, &c.
26,693 for the Coaſt and Bay,
28,316 for *Surat* and *Bombay*,
7,462½ for *Perſia*.

In all —— 65,123½ Cloths.

Of theſe, the Two laſt Articles, amounting to 35,778½ Cloths, are the Exports which the *Levant* Company aſſert are prejudicial to their Trade; the Medium whereof, for One Year, is Cloths 2,981½.

They compute, that about One-half Part of the Cloth ſent to *Surat* may proceed to *Perſia*; but, admitting the Whole to be carried thither, and that their Allegation is true, the Nation loſes the Export of 6,018½ Cloths *per Annum*; which, at a Time when that particular Manufacture lies under the greateſt Diſcouragement, the Exportation thereof being decreaſed, ſince the Year 1712, at leaſt One-fourth Part, ſeems to require an effectual Redreſs.

All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted.

Jac. Aſtley,
R. Moleſworth,
Whitehall, *J. Chetwynd,*
September 15th, 1715. *Cha. Cooke.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Mr. *Cockburn*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, an Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood on the Thirty-firſt of *December* 1717:

An Account of what has been certified by the Treaſurer of the Navy to be received of what was voted by this

Houſe for the Service of the Navy, on the Heads therein mentioned, for the Years 1716 and 1717; which hath been applied to the ſaid Heads, and to the extra' Repairs: And alſo,

An Account of the extra' Charge of the Navy for the Month of *December* 1717:

And the Titles thereof were read.

The ſaid Eſtimate and Accounts are as follow; *viz.*

Navy-Office, 21ſt *January* 1717. } AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31ſt of *December* 1717.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars Before this Reign.			Particulars Since this Reign.			Total.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Wear and Tear; Ordinary and Extraordinary Repairs:									
Due to pay off, and diſcharge, all the Bills entered in the Courſe of the Navy, for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof; including the Premiums of Naval Stores imported from the Plantations — — —	—	—	—	254,400	12	7			
For the Freight of Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards; for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 31ſt of *December* 1717; as alſo to ſeveral Bills of Exchange — —	446	17	8	17,919	0	8			
To his Majeſty's Yards and Rope-yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — —	—	—	—	252,020	0	0	562,039	2	11
For Half-pay to the Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by his Majeſty in Council, on that behalf — — — —	2,933	15	0	34,318	17	0			
Seamens Wages:									
Due to pay the Men unpaid on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the late Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — —	96,922	1	11	30,890	3	4			
To Ships in Sea-pay on the aboveſaid 31ſt of *December* 1717 — — — —	4,600	0	0	195,168	0	0			
To diſcharge, and pay off, all the Bills entered in Courſe for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties for Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — —	—	—	—	7,013	13	5	334,693	18	8
Victualing-Debt, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:									
Due for ſhort Allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off —	81,810	18	5	12,348	12	6			
For Bills on their Courſe; and alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extra-neceſſary Money, and Wages, to the Officers, Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.* —	702	17	11	154,315	18	6	249,178	7	4
Sick and Wounded: The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners; *viz.*									
Due for the Quarters and Cure of ſick and wounded Seamen ſent aſhore from his Majeſty's Fleet; and the Contingencies relating to the ſaid Service — —	357	18	8	6,259	5	9	6,617	4	5
Total —	187,774	9	7	964,654	3	9	1,152,428	13	4

Examined *per W. M.* *Cha. Wager,*
Ja. Acworth, *Cha. Ferguſon,* *A. Burton,*
J. Fowler, *Tho. Swanton.*

Memorandum:

Memorandum: There was remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31th *December* 1717, in Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock, as under-mentioned; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the aforeſaid Debt of the Navy; *viz.*

In what Treaſurer's Hands.	In Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.				On the Heads of Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.			On the Heads of Seamens Wages.			On the Heads of Victuals.			Reſerved for ſuch Uſes as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall direct.			Total.		
	Memorandum: The Balance of Money, and Tallies, *&c.* in the Hands of the Executors of Sir *Thomas Littleton*, late Treaſurer of the Navy, over and above the Aſſignments made by the Navy-Board on the 31th *December* 1717, ſtood, in this Office, at — — —			6,853 14 9															
	More remaining in their Hands of Aſſignments, which had been made by the Navy-Board on the ſaid Treaſurer, and do not appear to have been ſatisfied by him — —			3,919 12 5															
				10,773 7 2															
	But Mr. *Fra. Hawes*, who was Caſhier to the ſaid Treaſurer, has, on behalf of his Executors, certified to have formerly paid to the Lord Chief Baron, and to the Auditors of the Impreſts, *&c.* for Fees and Allowances, for paſſing the Leidgers, ſince the Year 1700, the Sum of —	4,945 17 3																	
	As alſo, that there has been paid, between the 31th of *October* and 31th of *December* 1716, by Warrant from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, the Sum of — — —	4,068 8 6		9,014 5 9															
	So there remains the Sum of — — —			1,759 1 5	1,129	19	0¼	602	14	8¾	26	7	8	—	—	—	1,759	1	5
Charles Cæſar Eſquire.	In Money — — —				7,939	5	1¾	9	11	0	4	7	5½	980	0	0	9,067	1	1¼
	In *South-Sea* Stock — — —				101	18	9¼	—	—	—	31	18	9	—	—	—			
Right Honourable *John Aiſlabie* Eſquire.	In Money — — —				13,868	18	0	30,670	17	10½	8,608	0	1½	3,071	5	4	465,996	17	11
	In Tallies on Reverſionary Annuities				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,396	0	0			
	on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,188	10	3¼			
	on Annuities at 4 *l. per Cent. per Annum*				1,042	10	8	—	—	—	33	11	0¼	400,000	0	0			
	In Money towards the Debt for ſick and hurt Seamen				—	—	—	117	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—			
					24,082	11	7¼	31,400	8	2¼	8,704	5	0¼	412,635	15	7¾	476,823	0	5½
	More received by the Treaſurer between the 1ſt and 10th *January*, which is to be reckoned towards ſatisfying the ſaid Debt; *viz.*																		
	In Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1717 — —				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,317	5	10½	147,317	18	11½
	Out of Loans on Malt, *Anno* 1717 — —				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,000	0	0			
	Out of Loans on Land-Tax, *Anno* 1718 — —				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,000	3	1			
	In Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1718 — —				—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120,000	0	0			
					24,082	11	7¼	31,400	8	2¼	8,704	5	0¼	559,953	4	7¼	624,140	9	5

Memorandum:

Memorandum: There has been directed by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, out of the 400,000 *l.* Annuity-Stock, at 4 *l. per Cent. per Annum*; *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
To be paid *Harry Mordaunt* Eſquire, Treaſurer of the Ordnance ——	26,000	0	0	
To be paid *Robert Knight* Eſquire, Caſhier to the *South-Sea* Company, to make good the Deficiency of their Fund for the Quarter ending at *Chriſtmas* 1717 — — — — ——	51,081	8	3½	226,000 0 0
On the Head of Wear and Tear for the Courſe of the Navy ——	83,400	0	0	
Victualing for their Courſe — — — ——	65,518	11	8½	

Memorandum: There has been applied, by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, out of the Money and Tallies, amounting to 147,317 *l.* 8 *s.* 11½ *d.* to the Uſes following; *viz.*

For Wages — — — — — ——	50,000	0	0	
For Sick and Hurt — — — — ——	1,174	18	11	
For the Ordinary, and Wear and Tear — — ——	42,488	0	1½	120,394 8 11½
For the Victualing — — — — ——	6,731	9	11	
To redeem the like Sum in Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716 ——	20,000	0	0	

Navy-Office, 14 *January* 1717. AN Account of what has been certified by the Treaſurer of the Navy to be received of what was voted by the Honourable Houſe of Commons for the Service of the Navy, on the Heads under-mentioned, for the Years 1716 and 1717; which hath been applied to the ſaid Heads, and to the extra' Repairs.

Heads of the Naval Services.	What has been certified by the Treaſurer of the Navy to be received for the Years 1716.			1717.		
	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Wear and Tear, and Ordinary — — — — ——	188,500	0	0	578,527	5	7
Seamens Wages — — — — — ——	330,235	3	8	389,522	0	1¾
Victualing — — — — — ——	105,309	16	4½	219,546	0	4
To pay *Canada* Bills of Exchange on the Victualing — — ——	——	—	—	4,351	11	6
	624,045	0	0½	1,191,946	17	6¼
Tranſports — — — — — ——	——	—	—	3,000	0	0
Ordnance — — — — — ——	——	—	—	26,000	0	0
Totals ——	624,045	0	0½	1,220,946	17	6¾
More received, and remaining unapplied to any particular Head; and are reſerved in the Treaſurer of the Navy's Hands for ſuch Uſes thereof as the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury ſhall pleaſe to direct; *viz.*						
In Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716 — — — ——	188	10	3¾			
In D° on D°, *Anno* 1716, redeemed by Tallies on Land-Tax, *Anno* 1717 — — — — — — — ——	——	—	—	3,000	0	0
In Tallies for Annuities of 4 *l. per Cent.* — — — ——	——	—	—	174,000	0	0
In Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1718 — — — ——	——	—	—	26,923	0	0
In D° on D°, *Anno* 1716, redeemed by Tallies on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1718 — — — — — ——	——	—	—	20,000	0	0
	188	10	3¾	223,923	0	0

Cha. Wager,
Ja. Acworth,
J. Fawler, *Cha. Sergiſon,* *A. Burton,*
Tho. Swanton, *Tho. Colby.*

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Navy-Office, 20 *January* 1717.

AN Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works, performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards between the 1ſt and 31ſt of *December* 1717; with the beſt Computation of the Charge of the ſaid Works that could be made by the Officers of the ſaid Yards; prepared in purſuance of the Directions received from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Admiralty, of the 29th of *November* laſt.

Place where.	Rate.	Ships Names.	Hulls. l.	s.	d.	Rigging and Stores of thoſe Ships whoſe Hulls were repaired. l.	s.	d.	Rigging and Stores of the Ships ſuppoſed to be in good Condition. l.	s.	d.
Deptford.	3	*Torbay*	935	0	4						
	4	*Medway*	1,160	8	1						
		Nottingham	386	6	10						
	5	*Dover*	72	13	0						
		Goſport	841	11	9						
		Old Storehouſe	—	—	—	—	—	—	184	19	9
Woolwich.	1	*Britannia*	1,618	11	1						
		Revenge	4	16	1						
	4	*Guernſey*	58	1	3	444	5	6			
		Maſt-Dock	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	18	8
		Joiners Shop, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	4	9
		Rigging-houſe	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	14	11
Chatham.	2	*Prince*	1,020	9	8	148	12	5			
		Sandwich	—	—	—	—	—	—	847	3	5
	3	*Bredagh*	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	5	7
		Eſſex	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	10	9
		Lenox	—	—	—	—	—	—	385	13	2
		Newark	—	—	—	654	1	9			
		Ruſſell	—	—	—	8	12	7			
		Suffolk	722	15	0						
	4	*Advice*	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	3	8
		Greenwich	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	15	8
		Norwich	107	18	5						
		Plymouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	16	3
		Rupert	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	19	10
		Swallow	92	14	5						
		Tilbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	9	10
		New Anchor-Wharf	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	17	4
Sheerneſs.	5	*Lark*	—	—	—	279	15	11			
		New Store-houſe	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	12	0¾
Portſm°.	1	*Royal William*	6	8	0						
	2	*Bleinheim*	—	—	—	—	—	—	294	15	3½
		Ramilies	—	—	—	—	—	—	166	5	11
		St. George	—	—	—	—	—	—	609	8	6
	3	*Boyn*	—	—	—	—	—	—	459	4	11½
		Grafton	—	—	—	—	—	—	579	3	10¾
		Humber	—	—	—	—	—	—	874	7	0½
		Kent	—	—	—	—	—	—	753	18	0½
		Monmouth	102	19	9¼						
	4	*Kingſton*	5	7	5½						
		Mary	1,228	1	4¾						
		Rippon	—	—	—	—	—	—	137	8	9¼
		Sutherland	914	13	0½						
	5	*Mermaid*	—	—	—	441	19	5¼			
		Officers Houſes	—	—	—	—	—	—	109	16	1½
		New Top-houſe	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	4	2
Plymouth.	4	*St. Albans*	644	10	3½	13	16	0			
		Deptford	27	0	7						
		Dry Dock	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,265	4	1½
		Maſt-houſe	—	—	—	—	—	—	175	11	11

ABSTRACT.

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The Works of the Ships	9,950	6	5½
For completing their Rigging and Stores	1,991	3	7¼
For completing the Rigging and Stores of the Ships ſuppoſed to be in good Condition	5,498	10	7
For extra' Buildings	1,958	3	9¼
Total	19,398	4	5½

Cha. Wager,
Ja. Acworth, *Cha. Sergiſon,*
J. Fawler, *A. Burton,*
Tho. Swanton,
Tho. Colby.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate and Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being acquainted, That the Maſter and Warden of the Goldſmiths Company attended;

They were called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Silver Plate of the old Standard, marked at *Goldſmiths-hall*, from the Sixteenth Day of *June* 1693 to the Twenty-fifth of *March* 1697; and alſo of the Silver Plate of the new Standard, marked there, from the Twenty-ninth of *May* 1714 to the Twentieth of *January* inſtant.

And then they withdrew.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Orders of this Honourable Houſe, we the underwritten Wardens of the Company of Goldſmiths, *London*, humbly lay before your Honours the following Accounts, as the ſame have been yearly made up, and entered in the ſaid Company's Books, at the annual Election of Wardens; *viz.*

	l.wt.	*oz.*	*d.wt.*	*gr.*
Silver Plate of the old Standard marked at *Goldſmiths-hall*, from the Sixteenth Day of *June* 1693 to the 29th Day of *May* 1694	45,412	0	12	12
Silver Plate of the old Standard marked, from the ſaid 29th of *May* 1694 to the 25th of *July* 1695	46,422	6	18	6
Silver Plate of the old Standard marked, from the ſaid 25th of *July* 1695 to the 29th of *May* 1696	29,743	11	0	12
Being the Three laſt intire Years of the old Standard.				
Silver Plate of the old Standard marked, from the ſaid 29th of *May* 1696 to the 25th of *March* 1697; at which time the new Standard commenced, being Part of a Year	18,743	6	7	6
Silver Plate of the new Standard marked, from the 15th of *April* 1697 to the 29th of *May* following, being the remaining Part of that Year	2,038	8	12	0
Silver Plate of the new Standard marked, from the 29th of *May* 1714 to the 30th of *May* 1715	51,537	1	9	12
Silver Plate of the new Standard marked, from the 29th of *May* 1715 to the 29th of *May* 1716	51,649	0	15	0
Silver Plate of the new Standard marked, from the ſaid 29th of *May* 1716 to the 29th of *May* 1717	50,898	3	6	0
Being the Three laſt intire Years of the new Standard.				
Silver Plate of the new Standard marked, from the ſaid 29th of *May* 1717 to this preſent 20th of *January* 1717	34,198	1	1	0

Robert Cooper,
Wm. Potter,
John Cully,
Anto. Nelme, } Wardens.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſtes of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Sir *Charles Turner* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue, to change their Surname to *Doddington:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Cadogan* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks:* And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Carkeſſe*, Secretary to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account ſhewing the Quantities of foreign Coin and Bullion entered for Exportation; diſtinguiſhing the Countries; from *Lady-day* 1710 to the 16th of *January* 1717, incluſive; and alſo acquainted the Houſe, That, as to the Account of what Bullion, or foreign Coin, has been ſhipped off ſince the ſaid time, the Commiſſioners are informed, by the proper Officer, That the ſame cannot be perfected in leſs than One Month.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of ... Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reduce the Rate of Intereſt, without Prejudice to Parliamentary Securities;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do attend the ſaid Committee upon *Saturday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Touch-warden of the Goldſmiths Company, and the Aſſay-maſter at *Goldſmiths-hall*, do attend the ſaid Committee upon *Saturday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 22° die Januarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Bill to continue an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Anſtis*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Rogers*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Randyll*, Mr. *Carteret*, General *Carpenter*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Snell*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe; and all that ſerve for the Sea-ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe being moved, That a Clauſe, the Fourth Section of the Act, of the Firſt Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Puniſhing of Acceſſaries to Felonies, and Receivers of ſtolen Goods; and to prevent the wilful Burning and Deſtroying of Ships; which relates to the wilful Caſting away, Burning, or otherwiſe Deſtroying, of Ships; might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for amending and making the ſaid Clauſe more effectual.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to prevent Exactions for the Salvage of Ships ſtranded.

A Bill to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue, to change their Surname to *Doddington*, was read a Second time:

And *George Doddington* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, being the Chief of the Family, ſtanding up in his Place, and giving his Conſent to the Bill;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

A Petition of divers Merchants, and others, Proprietors in the ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Annuities are divided into ſo many ſmall Shares, that, if the Dividends be continued to be made Quarterly, the Transfer-books muſt be ſhut up Two-thirds of the Year, to adjuſt the Shares, and to make out the Dividend-Warrants: And praying, That the ſaid Dividends, for the future, may be made Half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Barrington*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Caſwall*, Sir *Wm. Humfryes*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr *Rudge*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Lade*, Dr. *Paske*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *England*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Doddington*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Foley*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Burrowbridge*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *Thomas Wilkinſon* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Receiver-General of the Duties on Houſes for the Counties of *York*, *Durham*, and *Northumberland*.

A Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under the greateſt Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn run from *Ireland*; and alſo by reaſon of the continual Importation, into theſe Parts, of very great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, under the Denomination of Bay-yarn; which is chiefly encouraged by the very ſmall Duty that Bay-yarn pays; which Practices have already greatly impoveriſhed vaſt Numbers of poor Spinners, Woolcombers, and others; and will, in a little time, take away the chiefeſt Means their Poor have of ſupporting themſelves, and Families: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the ſame, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Knight*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *London*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Maſters*, Lord *Shelborn*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, General *Wade*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Strickland*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Yonge*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Aiſtabie*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Wm. Courtenay*, Mr. *Halſey*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Cornwall*, *Devon*, *Somerſet*, *Dorſet*, *York*, *Wilts*, *Glouceſter*, and *Worceſter*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Sir *Nicolas Carew* preſented to the Houſe, according to

to Order, a Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons; is committed; That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do then attend the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood on the Thirty-firſt of *December* 1717, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of what has been certified by the Treaſurer of the Navy to be received of what was voted by the Houſe of Commons for the Service of the Navy, on the Heads therein mentioned, for the Years 1716 and 1717, which hath been applied to the ſaid Heads, and to the extra' Repairs, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Scheme and Eſtimate of the extraordinary Repairs of the Navy for the Year 1718 be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, in the Year 1715, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of his Majeſty's Ships, and other extra' Works performed at his Majeſty's ſeveral Yards, in the Year 1716, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of the Charge of Rebuildings, and extra' Repairs, of the Navy, for the Year 1717, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the extra' Charge of the Navy for the Month of *December* 1717 be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of his Majeſty's Ships employed in the Year 1716; in what Stations; with their Numbers of Men; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Account of his Majeſty's Ships employed in the Year 1717; in what Stations; with their Numbers of Men; be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 23° *die Januarii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's Gaol for the County of *Derby*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the ſeveral Gaols in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by ſeveral Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are brought into Confinement; where they ſuffer many unſpeakable Calamities and Miſeries, not only by their own diſtreſſed Circumſtances, but of their Families at home; who are in daily Danger of ſtarving; being deprived of the Aſſiſtance of the Petitioners in getting them a Maintenance: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And that Mr. *Craggs*, and the Lord *William Powlett*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Colonel *Fane* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Deputy-Lieutenants, and Juſtices of the Peace, of the ſeveral Counties of *Kent* and *Surrey*, and other Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the ſaid Counties, living in or near the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes lying in the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the ſaid County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, being the *Tunbridge* Road, in the ſaid County of *Kent*; and alſo of ſeveral Graſiers, Farmers, Gardeners, Stage Coachmen, Carriers, Waggoners, Higlers, and others, who frequent and paſs the ſaid Highways, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; was referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the Eighteenth of *December* laſt, have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find, upon the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, inhabiting in the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes lying upon the ſaid Roads; *viz.*

By Mr. *John Edwards*, of the Pariſh of *Saint George*, *Southwark*; Mr. *Tho. Alman*, of *Camberwell*; Mr. *Wm. Baker*, of *Deptford*; Mr. *John Parker*, of *Lewiſham*; and Mr. *Richard Mead*, of *Greenwich*; That the ſaid Roads are, by reaſon of the many heavy Loads and Carriages of Goods, and the great Number of Stage and Hackney Coaches, Paſſengers, and Droves of Cattle, daily paſſing through the ſaid Roads, become ſo very founderous and ruinous, and, in many Parts thereof, ſo bad, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, the ſame are very dangerous to all Perſons who have Occaſion to travel through the ſaid Roads; and particularly ſeveral Coaches, Waggons, and other Carriages, have been lately overturned, and ſtuck therein; to the great Damage of the Owners and Proprietors of the Goods and Cattle belonging thereto.

That it further appeared to the Committee, by the Examination of ſeveral other Witneſſes, of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes; *viz.*

By Mr. * *Atkinſon*, of the Pariſh of *St. George*, *Southwark*; Mr. *Nicolas Baker*, of *Camberwell*; *Wm. Wright*, of *Deptford*, Eſquire; Mr. *John Parker*, of *Lewiſham*; and Mr. *George Wigſell*, of *Greenwich*; That the Inhabitants of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes have, from time to time, been at great Expences in repairing and amending the ſaid Roads; yet the ſame are ſo very bad, that they are almoſt impaſſable; and cannot, by the Laws now

now in Force, be effectually amended, and kept in good Repair, by the ſaid Pariſhes, without the Aid of an Act of Parliament for that Purpoſe:

For that the ſaid Pariſhes have not only done their Statute-work, but ſome of them much more than they were obliged to do; and alſo have raiſed Six Pence in the Pound beſides; and likewiſe other large Sums of Money have conſtantly been raiſed, and laid out in amending the ſaid Roads and Highways; but yet the ſame have fallen ſhort of what was neceſſary to repair the ſaid Highways.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, being the *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*: And that Colonel *Fane*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, and Mr. *Gybbon*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Hampden* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Ferdinando Shimpton*, *Chriſtopher Ingby*, *John Chritchton*, *Robert Chritchton*, *Joſeph Weſt*, *Joſhua Morris*, *Charles Paynter*, and *William Hackwell*, on behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, of the 21th Inſtant, have taken the ſaid Petition into their Conſideration; and do find the Matter of Fact to be as follows; *viz.*

That, by the Examination of *Richard Marriot*, and others, the Manufacture of *Engliſh* Bone-lace hath, by the Induſtry of the Petitioners, and others, been greatly improved of late Years; whereby many Thouſands of poor Perſons have been, and are, employed; and thoſe of very tender Years are enabled to get their Livings:

That ſome of the Petitioners have been put to great Expences, and hindered from carrying on their Trades, and others are daily threatened to be diſturbed therein, by ſeveral Perſons, who have, of late, taken upon themſelves to proſecute and inform againſt them before ſome of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, on the Pretence that they ought to have Licences, according to an Act, of the 9th and 10th King *William* the Third, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars.

That it appears, upon reading the ſaid Act, That the ſaid Petitioners are not within the Meaning of the ſame, or liable to any the Penalties thereby to be inflicted; and ought not to be deemed Hawkers and Pedlars:

Which is farther made evident by a Reſolution of this Houſe, upon a Report, made the Sixth of *April* 1699, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Edward Hooton*, and others, Bone-lace-makers, was referred; *viz.* That the Workers of Bone-lace, his, her, or their, Children, Apprentices, Servants, or Agents, and all Wholeſale Dealers in the ſaid Manufacture, though they go from Shop to Shop to any their Cuſtomers who ſell the ſame again by Retail, ſhall not be deemed Hawkers and Pedlars by the Act made in the 9th and 10th King *William* the Third.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars: And that Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Denton*, and Mr. *Fletewode*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of ſeveral Gentlemen, Freeholders, Farmers, and travelling Waggoners, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, on behalf of themſelves, and other Landholders and Farmers; and alſo of divers Waggoners and Carriers travelling to ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That no Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage, ſhall be drawn, or go, in any Common, or Highway, or Road, with above Five Horſes, Oxen, or Beaſts, in Length, under the Penalty: That the Petitioners the Waggon-Carriers ſuffer very much in their Cattle, by reaſon of many Sloughs, and ſteep Hills, which they muſt unavoidably travel over; ſo that it is impoſſible for the Petitioners to carry on their Buſineſs without another Horſe to aſſiſt the Five in drawing their ſaid Waggons: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the ſaid Act of the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Curzon*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Piggott*, Mr. *Bigg*, Colonel *Fane*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Mr. *White*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Jenkins*, Mr. *Herbert*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Cokburne*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Jordan*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Corbett*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Lewis*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Samuel Leonard*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Travers*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Inge*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Calmady*, Mr. *Foley*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Farrer*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Glouceſter*, *Berks*, *Wilts*, *Oxford*, *Bucks*, and *Leiceſter*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do inſpect the Laws for the repairing and amending the Highways; and alſo the Laws relating to Carriers and Waggoners; and report their Opinion how the Highways may be better amended, and kept in Repair.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and others, of the Company of Diſtillers, of *London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Making of Brandies from malted Corn, and other Materials, the Produce of our Plantations, hath been encouraged by ſeveral Acts of Parliament; to the great Advantage of this Kingdom, as of our Plantations abroad: That the clandeſtine Running of *French* Brandy not only leſſens, but diſcourages, the Conſumption of malted Corn; but diſheartens the fair Importers; to the great Damage of his Majeſty's Revenue in the Exciſe and Cuſtoms: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of *French* Brandy into this Kingdom.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods: And that Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Erle*, Mr. *Harley*, Mr. *John Chetwynd*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom

whom the Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the ſaid Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That Perſons impriſoned, for want of ſufficient Bail, for unlawful Exportation of Wool, and who ſhall refuſe to appear, or plead to a Declaration, or Information, to be left againſt him at the Priſon, for the ſaid Offence, Judgment ſhall be entered againſt him by Default; and in caſe Judgment ſhall be obtained by Default, and the Perſon not paying the Sum recovered, the Court before whom ſuch Judgment ſhall be obtained ſhall, by Order of Court, cauſe ſuch Offenders to be puniſhed as therein is mentioned;

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John Hodgkis*, an Attorney for *John Roberts*, hath cauſed Declarations in Ejectment to be delivered upon Part of the Eſtate of *Joſeph Erle* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; and hath proceeded at Law againſt the ſaid Mr. *Erle* thereupon; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion therein, to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Call of the Houſe;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till To-morrow Sevennight;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Houſe be now called over.

The Houſe was accordingly called over:

And the Names of ſuch as made Default to appear were taken down.

Ordered, That the Names of ſuch as made Default be now called over.

And, their Names being called over;

The Name of *John Thurlo Brace* Eſquire being called;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That he be excuſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Corbett*: } 143.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Corance*, Mr. *Eden*: } 143.

The Numbers upon the Diviſion being equal, Mr. Speaker declared with the Yeas; it being affirmed by ſome Gentlemen, That Mr. *Brace* would be in Town on *Saturday* next.

Several other Members, upon their Names being called, were excuſed, on account of Sickneſs.

The Names of Sir *John Rogers*, *Roger Tuckfeild*, *John Fownes* junior, and *Charles Parker*, Eſquires, being ſeverally called over;

And the Queſtion being ſeverally put, That they be excuſed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Sir *John Rogers*, *Roger Tuckfeild*, *John Fownes* junior, and *Charles Parker*, Eſquires, do attend the Service of this Houſe upon *Monday* Sevennight.

The Name of *John Codrington* being called over;

And his Excuſe being not allowed of;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid *John Codrington* Eſquire be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Maſter*: } 42.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Maſon*: } 39.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; be read a Second time upon *Saturday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 24° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Merchants, Sergemakers, and others trading in Wool, and the Woollen Manufacture, within the Borough of *Minehead*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That ſeveral good Laws have been made for Preventing of the Exportation of Wool into foreign Parts; yet large Quantities is exported into *France* clandeſtinely, and eſpecially from *Ireland*; whereby his Majeſty is greatly wronged of his Revenue in reſpect to the Duty which Wool pays in *Ireland*; and thereby neighbouring Nations are furniſhed with that Commodity at cheaper Rates than ourſelves, to the Ruin of the Woollen Manufacture: Another Inconvenience the Petitioners labour under is, the large Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted Yarn imported by the Name of Bay Yarn, being no otherwiſe than Worſted; and is uſed for ſuch in makeing Serges, Stuffs, *&c.*: They give in *Ireland* but Six Pence for Spinning of Twenty-four Ounces; and we give Eight Pence for Eighteen Ounces: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of *Dunheved*, alias *Launceſton*, in the County of *Cornwall*, and other Inhabitants there, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, as well as thoſe employed in the Woollen Manufacture in this Neighbourhood, are under great Difficulties, by reaſon of the great Quantities of Wool and Yarn that are daily run from *Ireland* to *France*, and the continued Importation of great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, under the Denomination of Bay Yarn; which, we apprehend, is chiefly promoted by means of the ſmall Duty now on ſuch Bay Yarn; by means whereof, great Numbers of the Spinners and Worſted-combers are much impoveriſhed, and will ſoon want Means of Subſiſtence: And praying ſuch Relief, as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, Aſſiſtants, and Gentlemen, and alſo of the Merchants, and others, trading in the Woollen Manufactures within the Borough of *Tiverton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That notwithſtanding the Laws made for preventing the Exportation of Wool and Yarn, yet ſome ſelf-intereſted Men have clandeſtinely exported great Quanti-

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ties of it to *France*, more eſpecially from *Ireland*; and the neighbouring Nations furniſhed with Wool and Yarn at a cheaper Rate than ourſelves: Another Grievance is, the Importation of vaſt Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, entered under the Denomination of Bay and Woollen Yarn; whereas it is really Worſted; thereby defrauding his Majeſty of the Cuſtom; and thereby render it cheaper than we can make it: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

Mr. Serjeant *Birch* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read them in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to the Surname of *Doddington*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to the Surname of *Doddington*.

Ordered, That Sir *Charles Turner* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Hampden* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals within the City of *Briſtol*, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; was read a Second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Cartaret*:	108.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Trevelyan*, Colonel *Hilliar*:	81.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Earl*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *London*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Cartaret*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Carter*, General *Wade*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bridges*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *North*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Neville*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Banks*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Sir *Hen. Hobart*, Mr. *Monro*, Mr. *Corbett*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Clarke*, Sir *Geo. Bing*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Bond*, Colonel *Morgan*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Hutchenſon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Cocks*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Dormer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting divers Lands and Tenements in the County of *Suſſex*, Part of the Eſtate of *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, in Truſtees, for a preſent Proviſion for his Son; and for the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid *Charles Eversfeild*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 25° die Januarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting certain Lands and Tenements in the County of *Suſſex*, Part of the Eſtate of *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, in Truſtees, for a preſent Proviſion for his Son; and for the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid *Charles Eversfeild*; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Mayor and Burgeſſes, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Liskard*, in the County of *Cornwall*; and of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, thereabouts; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Spinning of Yarn and Worſted is the chief Trade of the Poor of this Borough: That by the Decay of that Trade, which is occaſioned by the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn exported and run from *Ireland* to *France*, and by the Importation of great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted into our Ports, under the Denomination of Bay Yarn; which is encouraged by the ſmall Duty upon that Commodity; ſo that 'tis afforded, at leaſt, Four Pence *per* Pound cheaper than it can be made by our Poor: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Merchants, and Traders to Sea, in the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read;

ſetting forth, That large Quantities of Wool have been ſecretly ſent to foreign Places from this Kingdom, as well as *Ireland*; to the great Prejudice of the Manufactury of this Kingdom; which, if not prevented, will render the Woollen Manufactury ſo dear here, that *France*, &c. will be capable to under-ſell the Exporter from this Kingdom: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

Colonel *Fane* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Wilmer* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Mayor, Bailiff, Burgeſſes, Gentry, and principal Inhabitants, of the Town of *Northampton*, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, upon Examination of the Allegations in the ſaid Petition, do find;

That, in the Year 1675, a dreadful Fire happened in the ſaid Town: And a Table of Benefactors, and their voluntary Contributions towards the rebuilding the Church of *All Saints*, and for the Relief of the many Sufferers by the ſaid Fire, was produced, to prove the ſame.

That, upon the Examination of *Charlwood Lawton* Eſquire, *Catharine Manning*, and *Thomas Duſt*, it appeared to the Committee, That there are but Two little Conduits belonging to the major Part of the Town, both ſerved from One Spring, which is too ſmall to ſupply the neceſſary Wants of the Inhabitants with Water: That, at preſent, there are no Conduit pipes laid into the Houſes; ſo that they are forced to fetch Water for their Uſe in Buckets, at their great Expence and Trouble: That a Perſon has ſometimes been obliged to ſtay Two Hours for One Bucket of Water.

That, about Thirteen Years ago, no leſs than Seven or Eight Fires happened in the Space of Six or Seven Months; which were not extinguiſhed without great Difficulty, by reaſon of the Want of Water; which was certified to the Committee by the aforeſaid *Catharine Manning* and *Thomas Duſt*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſupplying the Town of *Northampton* with Water: And that Mr. *Wilmer*, Mr. *Cartwright*, and Sir *Thomas Samwell*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Buckingham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of the County of *Berks*; and alſo of ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, and Freeholders, in the County of *Southampton*; and alſo of the ſeveral Coachmen, Waggoners, and others uſing and travelling the Roads between *Reading* and *Shinfeild*, and *Reading* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſaid Counties; was referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Seventeenth of *January* laſt, have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and find, upon the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes inhabiting in the ſeveral Pariſhes lying upon the ſaid Roads; *viz.*

By Mr. *John Curtis*, Mr. *Simon Finch*, Mr. *Thomas Hollier*, Mr. *Neville Meriot*; That the Roads leading from *Reading* to *Shinfeild*, and *Reading* to *Heckfeild*, are become ſo very ruinous and deep, that, in the Winter-ſeaſon, they are almoſt impaſſable; and are very dangerous to all Perſons, Coaches, Horſes, and Cattle, travelling through the ſame.

That it farther appeared to the Committee, That the ſeveral Pariſhioners have uſed their utmoſt Endeavours, in the Summer-ſeaſons, to repair and amend the ſaid Roads; but, for want of ſufficient Gravel, Stones, and other Conveniencies, lying near thereto, are not able, of themſelves, to effect the ſame; in reſpect of the great Charge required to fetch Gravel, Stones, and other Conveniencies, and the Quantities neceſſary for that Purpoſe; without the Aſſiſtance of this Honourable Houſe:

For that the ſaid Pariſhes have not only done their Statute-work, but much more than they were obliged to do; and alſo have raiſed Six Pence in the Pound beſides; and likewiſe other large Sums of Money have conſtantly been raiſed, and laid out, in amending the ſaid Roads and Highways; but yet the ſame have fallen ſhort of what was neceſſary to repair the ſaid Highways.

All which Evidence was confirmed by a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of *Antony Blagrave* and *Clement Kent* Eſquires, Two of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Berks*, inhabiting near the Town of *Reading* aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repair and amend the Highways from *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, by *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*: And that Mr. *Buckingham*, the Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. *Cadogan*, and Mr. *Gwidot*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Saint Michael, Cornhill, London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Order made in the Year 1704, by the then Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Biſhop of *London*, and Lord Mayor of *London*, the Tower of the ſaid Church was appointed to be rebuilt out of the Monies ariſing by the Duty on Coals, appropriated for Building of Parochial Churches by ſeveral Statutes; but the ſaid Petitioners could not get the ſaid Order complied with: That by another Order, in 1715, the ſaid Tower, being dangerous to the Neighbourhood, was taken down; and is rebuilt about Twenty Foot high; but the Monies ariſing on the ſaid Duty on Coals was ſo far expended in the other great Incumbrances on the ſaid Duty, that there was not Money ſufficient to go on with, and finiſh, the ſaid Tower: That in regard the ſaid Tower hath been, in part, rebuilt by the Monies ariſing out of the Fund given for that Purpoſe, and was intended to have been finiſhed thereby, and ought ſo to be, before the ſame Duty be applied to other new Uſes; and for that the Work is not carried up above halfway to the Roof of the Church; and will coſt Six thouſand Pounds to finiſh it: And praying, That Proviſion may be made for the finiſhing the ſaid Tower by the Duty granted by the Statute, of the 9th of the late Queen, for Building of Fifty new Churches.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *John Ward*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Henley*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Tho. Scawen*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Clarke*, Sir *Wm. Humphreys*, Mr. *Sloper*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Newland*, Sir *Richard Farrington*, Mr. *Liddall*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Sir *Tho. Clark*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. Attor-

ney-General, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Freman*, Mr. *Wyld*; and all that ſerve for the City of *London*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen and Freeholders, in the County of *Glouceſter*, aſſembled at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held for the ſaid County, the Fourteenth Day of *January* 1717; and alſo of the Grand Jury of the City of *Glouceſter*, at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held for the ſaid City, the Seventeenth of *January* 1717; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſeveral Years paſt, great Quantities of Cyder and Perry have been made and brought into this and other Counties for Exportation into foreign Parts; to the great Advantage of the Petitioners; who have been thereby encouraged to increaſe their Plantations of thoſe Fruits: That the Exportation thereof is of great Advantage to the Nation, by improving the Trade and Navigation, and Increaſe of his Majeſty's Revenues; but hath been greatly diſcouraged by ſeveral Proſecutions lately commenced in the Court of Exchequer for a Duty of Four Shillings *per* Hogſhead, againſt the Exporters thereof: That the Diſcouragement to the Exportation of Cyder and Perry will be a great Prejudice and Loſs to the Petitioners, by leſſening the Value of their Eſtates, and the Revenues of his Majeſty: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe an Eſtimate of the extraordinary Charge of the Royal Hoſpital, and Out-Penſions, for the Year 1718:

And the Title thereof was read:

And the ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

AN Eſtimate of the extraordinary Charge of the Royal Hoſpital, and Out-Penſioners, for the Year 1718, over and above the Poundage, and Days Pay.

The Fund for the Expence of the ſaid Hoſpital, and Penſioners, for the Year 1717, was the Deduction of Poundage, and Days Pay, of the Forces, Gariſons, and other Charges of the Land-Service:

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
But, by the Reductions of the ſaid Forces, and other Expences for Land-Service, the ſaid Fund will be decreaſed, for the Year 1718, by —	12,500	0	0
And there has been an Addition to the Expence by the Diſbandment of 1,372 Invalids, whoſe Allowance, as Out-Penſioners, amounts, for One Year, to —— ——	10,478	11	8
As alſo for Out-Penſioners occaſioned by the Reduction of the Forces, who may be found qualified for the Proviſion of the Hoſpital, to the Amount of about — ——	2,021	8	4
	25,000	0	0

January 24th, 171⅞.

J. Craggs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of Sir *Bazill Dixwell* Baronet, Deputy-Lieutenant of *Dover* Caſtle, and Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Sir *Thomas Hales*, Sir *William Honeywood*, and Sir *Thomas D'Aeth*, Baronets; *Matthew Aylmer* and *William Brockman* Eſquires; on behalf of themſelves, and other Aſſiſtants, incorporated for the Preſervation of the Harbour of *Dover*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, paſſed in the 12th and 13th Years of the late King *William*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, a Duty of 3 *d. per* Ton was laid upon all Veſſels, from Twenty to Three hundred Tons, paſſing thereby, for Nine Years, to raiſe Thirty thouſand Pounds: That, the ſaid Term not being ſufficient, another Act paſſed in the Second Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for continuing the ſaid Duty for Fourteen Years: That the ſaid Term being juſt expiring, and there wanting ſtill a further Sum to preſerve what is already done, and to perfect the ſaid Work; which will be intirely deſtroyed, if further Care be not taken: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for inlarging the ſaid Term.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Colonel *Fane*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *London*, Lord *Sonds*, Mr. *Duckminique*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Milner*, Sir *Bryan Broughton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Yonge*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Admiral *Wager*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Conyers*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Brodrick*, General *Carpenter*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Halſey*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Kent* and *Suſſex*; and the Cinque-Ports, and Sea-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition and Repreſentation of the Mayor, Jurats, and principal Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Dover*, for repairing the ſaid Harbour, was alſo preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Parliament, in 1700, having had a true State laid before them of the then dangerous Condition of *Dover* Harbour, and of the great Uſefulneſs of it when in Repair, did paſs an Act for its Repair, by laying a ſmall Duty on Tonage, only on ſuch Ships as paſſed by, to, or from, the ſaid Harbour, as were capable of being ſecured by it: In few Years after, the Produce of the ſaid Act, made for Nine Years, was found to fall ſhort of what it was computed at; thereupon a ſubſequent Act was made, inlarging the Time Nine Years more; and although the Money ariſing by the ſaid Acts hath been conſtantly applied for the Care of *Dover* Harbour, yet the Wars have ſo conſiderably leſſened even the Sum propoſed as neceſſary, that the Money raiſed, and already expended towards making this a commodious Harbour, will be ſurely loſt, unleſs the ſaid Duties, which expire in *May* next, be further continued, or other Proviſion made for the Completing and Preſerving of it: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill either to continue the preſent Duties, or otherwiſe to provide for the effectual Repair and Preſervation of a Harbour ſo neceſſary for the Security of Trade, and Benefit of the whole Kingdom.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the ſaid Petition of Sir *Bazill Dixwell* Baronet, Deputy-Lieutenant of *Dover* Caſtle, and Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Sir *Thomas Hales*, Sir *William Honywood*, and Sir *Thomas D'Aeth*, Baronets; *Matthew Aylmer* and *William Brockman* Eſquires; on behalf of themſelves, and other Aſſiſtants, incorporated for the Preſervation of the Harbour of *Dover*; was referred.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do examine how the Monies raiſed by the former Acts for the Repair of the ſaid Harbour have been applied.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-council, Merchants, and principal Traders in the Woollen Manufacture, of the City of *Exeter*, on behalf of themſelves,

and many Thouſands in and about the ſaid City employed in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Woollen Manufacture is the principal Employment of the Petitioners, and others; and the only Support of the poorer Sort in and about the ſaid City: That by an Act, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, the Port of *Exeter* was left open, and free for the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool; but, by the Act of the Fourth and Fifth of their ſaid Majeſties Reign, the ſaid Port was ſhut up, and the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool confined to the Northern Ports; of which the neareſt to *Exeter* is diſtant Forty Miles from thence; by which means the Petitioners Trades are decayed, and the poorer Sort cannot live; all which Inconveniencies, the Petitioners humbly repreſent, will be remedied by opening again the ſaid Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for opening the ſaid Port of *Exeter*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *William Pole*, Mr. *Mollyneux*, and Mr. *Carteret*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Ralph Shepperdſon* Eſquire to make Sale of his Eſtate in *Studley-Roger*, in the County of *York*, freed from the Uſes and Truſts in the ſaid *Ralph Shepperdſon*'s Marriage-Settlement; and to ſettle his Eſtate at *Eaſt-Murton*, in the County of *Durham*, to the ſame Uſes: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Houſe be called over upon *Tueſday* Sevennight.

Ordered, That ſuch Members as ſhall not then attend be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

A Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henly* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Mr. *Packer*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *England*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Berks*, *Bucks*, and *Oxford*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, take into Conſideration the Clauſe in the Act, of the Seventh and Eighth Years of his late Majeſty King *William*, intituled, An Act for the further regulating Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament; and for preventing irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs, and other Officers, in the electing and returning ſuch Members; which declares, That any Minor, under the Age of Twenty-one Years, is incapable of being elected a Member to ſerve in Parliament.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods to prevent the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Touch-warden of the Goldſmiths Company, and the Aſſay-maſter of *Goldſmiths-hall*, do, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That all Vacancies, which ſhall happen in the Troops upon the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment, be ſupplied by Half-pay Officers, or Officers reduced, in *Great Britain*, of the ſame Rank, except in the Horſe and Foot-Guards, and Horſe-Grenadiers.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That all Vacancies, which ſhall happen in the Troops upon the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment, be ſupplied by Half-pay Officers, or Officers reduced, in *Great Britain*, of the ſame Rank, except in the Horſe and Foot-Guards, and Horſe-Grenadiers.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 27° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Ralph Shepperdſon* Eſquire to make Sale of his Eſtate in *Studley-Roger*, in the County of *York*, freed from the Uſes and Truſts in the ſaid *Ralph Shepperdſon*'s Marriage-Settlement; and to ſettle his Eſtate at *Eaſt-Murton*, in the County of *Durham*, to the ſame Uſes; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of *Saturday* laſt, That all Vacancies, which ſhall happen in the Troops upon the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment, may be ſup-

ſupplied by Half-pay Officers, or Officers reduced, in *Great Britain*, of the ſame Rank, except in the Horſe and Foot-Guards, and Horſe-Grenadiers, hath been preſented to his Majeſty; and that he was commanded by his Majeſty to acquaint the Houſe, That Orders will be given purſuant to their Addreſs; his Majeſty being deſirous, on all Occaſions, to contribute, as far as in him lies, to the Eaſe of his People.

An ingroſſed Bill for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for Sale of the late Earl of *Ranelagh*'s Eſtate at *Chelſea* and *Cranborne*, in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Berks*.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Birch* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for the further preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool.

Ordered, That Mr. Sollicitor-General do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Drew* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Nicolas Carew*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. Comptroller, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Colonel *Moreton*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *John Coriton*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Chomley*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Clayton*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Edon*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Bromley*, Mr. *Aſh*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Inge*, General *Webb*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Smithſon*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Lord *Harvey*, Lord *Hinchinbrook*, Sir *Wm. Lewn*, Mr. *Guibbon*, Mr. *Monroe*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Caſwall*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Peirce*, Mr. *Guidot*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Jefferyes*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Currance*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Pringle*, Lord *Powlett*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Colmore*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Sir *Wm. Hickman*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Edward Turner*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Denton*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Suſſex*, and *Kent*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the War in the *Baltick*, the importing Iron directly from *Sweden* is become impracticable; which obliges the Traders therein to import it at Second-hand, at exceſſive Prices; to the great Diſcouragement of that Manufacture; to the Prejudice of the poor Manufacturers thereof; to the Leſſening of that Trade, and Hindrance of our Navigation: That, as there are large Quantities of Iron-ore, and other Materials for making Iron, in his Majeſty's Plantations of *New-England*, *Penſilvania*, *Virginia*, *Maryland*, &c. his Majeſty's Subjects may be ſupplied from thence with large Quantities, provided Encouragement was given to begin this Undertaking: And praying, That Encouragement may be given to ſuch as are willing to lay out Sums of Money for erecting Iron-works in thoſe Colonies.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. *Wyld*, Mr. *Ward*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Mr. *White*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Orl. Bridgman*, Mr. *Liddall*, Brigadier *Stuart*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Sir. *Fran. Leiceſter*, Sir *Rich. Groſvenor*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Tho. Sebright*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Stuart*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Colemer*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Bromley*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Suſſex*, *Kent*, *Stafford*, *Glouceſter*, *Worceſter*, *Warwick*, and *Derby*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Navy do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Premiums paid for Naval Stores imported from *America* for Five Years, ending at *Chriſtmas* laſt.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That a Report made by the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, relating to Naval Stores imported from *America*, be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Navy do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Quantities of Pitch and Tar, imported from *America*, have been bought for the Uſe of his Majeſty's Navy, for Five Years, ending at *Chriſtmas* laſt; with the Prices paid for the ſaid Commodities reſpectively.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the

Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Perſon ſhall be intitled to Half-pay, who was a Minor, under the Age of Sixteen Years, at the time when the Regiment, Troop, or Company, in which he ſerved, was reduced.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Perſon ſhall be intitled to Half-pay, except ſuch Perſons who did actual Service in ſome Regiment, Troop, or Company.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Perſon having any other Place or Employment of Profit, Civil or Military, under his Majeſty, ſhall be intitled to Half-pay.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Chaplain of any Gariſon or Regiment, who has any Eccleſiaſtical Benefice, or other Preferment, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, ſhall be intitled to Half-pay.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Perſon ſhall be intitled to Half-pay, who hath reſigned his Commiſſion, and has had no Commiſſion ſince.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Half-pay ſhall be allowed to any Perſon, by virtue of any Warrant or Appointment, except to ſuch Perſons who would have been otherwiſe intitled to the ſame as reduced Officers.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Half-pay ſhall not be allowed to any of the Officers of the Five Regiments of Dragoons, and Eight Regiments of Foot, lately disbanded in *Ireland*, except to ſuch as were taken off the Eſtabliſhment of Half-pay in *Great Britain*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Ninety-four thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for Half-pay, for the Year 1718, upon Account, to the reduced Officers of his Majeſty's Land-Forces, and Marines.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 28° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Buckingham* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Wardens and Community of the Shoemakers within the City of *Hereford* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Duty upon Leather is of very pernicious Conſequence to the Manufacturers, and poor Workmen, who are in a deplorable Condition for want of Employ, and chiefly for want of Leather; it being bought up by the Merchants to ſend away; and, by reaſon of the Drawback, they have great Encouragement to ſend away great Quantities of Leather, which they pack up cloſe for Exportation; which commonly makes it weigh One-fifth Part more than when it is bought dry from the Tanner; ſo that the Drawback is a great Loſs to the King's Duty, and foreign Countries ſupplied with our beſt Leather at cheaper Rates than us: And praying, That the Drawback allowed upon Leather exported may be taken off, and *Iriſh* Hides and Calves-ſkins may be allowed to be brought in.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, Farmers, Maltſters, Graſiers, Owners of Hop-grounds, Shopkeepers, Stage Coachmen, Waggoners, Carters, Carriers, Fiſhermen, Higlers, and others, reſiding and inhabiting in that Part of the County of *Suſſex* lying and being in the Rapes of *Pevenſey* and *Haſtings*, whoſe Buſineſs and Affairs hourly and daily call and oblige them to go to the City of *London*; to which Place the neareſt Road lies through the ſeveral Towns and Pariſhes of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, *Godſtone*, *Croyden*, *Stretham*, and *Newington*; whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners underſtanding, that ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the Pariſhes in the County of *Surry*, near and adjoining to the ſaid City of *London*, have lately preſented a Petition to this Honourable Houſe, for the bringing in a Bill for the repairing and making good the Roads leading from thence to the ſaid Town of *Croydon*, and other adjoining Pariſhes and Towns: And praying, That they may be freed and exempted from any Charge that may be occaſioned thereby; and that they, with their Coaches, Waggons, Carts, Carriages, Horſes, Oxen, Sheep, Cattle, and other things, may have Liberty to paſs and repaſs, as uſual, to and from *London*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; is committed.

A Petition of the Portreeve, and other principal Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Aſhburton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by reaſon of vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn continually run from *Ireland* to *France*; and alſo by reaſon of the continued Importation into thoſe Parts of great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, under the Denomination of Bay Yarn, which is rendered at Four Pence a Pound cheaper than 'tis poſſible to be made by their poor Labourers; and will, in a little time, if not redreſſed, which, the Petitioners apprehend, will be, in a great meaſure, remedied by making the Port of *Exon* free and open for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, take away the beſt and chiefeſt Means they have of ſubſiſting their Poor: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Stuffmakers, Clothworkers, *&c.* of the City of *Briſtol*, and Places adjacent thereunto, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands in and about the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have employed ſeveral Thouſand poor People in the Woollen Manufactory: That Wool hath been ſo ſcarce and dear, that they are rendered uncapable to purchaſe ſuch Quantities as is required to keep the Poor fully employed; which Evil is occaſioned by ſending Wool to *France*, &c. unwrought, from this Kingdom, as well as *Ireland:* And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Weavers, and others, employed in the Woollen Manufactory, in and about the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they have, for many Years paſt, maintained themſelves, and Families; but are now rendered uncapable, occaſioned by their Maſters not employing them as uſual; which, they ſay, is for want of Wool; great Quantities being ſent from this Kingdom, as well as *Ireland:* And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *St. Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeſſes, and alſo of the Merchants, and others, trading in the Woollen Manufactures, within the Borough of *Barnſtaple*, and Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities both of Wool and Worſted have been clandeſtinely exported to *France*; but eſpecially from *Ireland*; ſo that our neighbouring Nations are furniſhed with Wool cheaper than ourſelves: That great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted is entered as Bay and Woollen Yarn; whereas 'tis really Worſted; ſo that, if a Stop be not put thereto, the Combers and Spinners in *England* will want Employment: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint Germans*, in the County of *Cornwall*, is referred.

Mr. *Booth* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Taylors, Buttonſellers, Throwſters, Twiſters, Dyers, Spinners, Buttonmakers, and others, living in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and Places adjacent, concerned in the Manufactures of raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of others employed therein, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe: And he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That by an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, for employing the Manufacturers of raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, it is Enacted, That no Taylor, or other Perſon, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, ſhall make, ſell, or ſet on any Cloaths, or wearing Garments whatſoever, any Button or Button-holes made of Serge, Drugget, or any other Stuffs, of which Cloaths, or wearing Garments, are uſually made of, under the Forfeiture of Five Pounds for every Dozen of Button or Button-holes, ſo made, ſold, or ſet on; and in like Proportion for a leſſer Quantity; one Moiety to her Majeſty, the other to the Proſecutor; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; or upon Complaint to any Two Juſtices of the Peace, who are to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath.

That the Petitioners produced Witneſſes, to prove the Deficiency of the ſaid Act, and the Difficulties and Hardſhips they ſuffer thereby: And, firſt,

John Baker, an Attorney, ſaid, That he had been employed by the Buttonmakers in Eight ſeveral Actions againſt Taylors, for making Cloth, Serge, or other Buttons and Button-holes, contrary to the ſaid Act; but could never convict more than One Perſon; and then the Jury gave a Verdict but for Fifteen Pounds, though the Action was for One hundred Pounds; which was proved at the Tryal; and was often nonſuited for want of Witneſſes, who were either bought off, or abſconded; ſo as not to be found when the Cauſe ſhould be heard.

Mr. *John Metcalf*, Attorney, ſaid, He has been employed by the Buttonmakers in proſecuting ſeveral Offenders againſt the ſaid Act, before the Juſtices of the Peace; but could not get Two of them together; and very few care to act therein: That he applied himſelf to Mr. Juſtice *Con*'s Clerk for a Warrant againſt an Offender, having his Witneſſes ready; and the Clerk ſaid, His Maſter would not grant his Warrant, nor act in Affairs of that Nature.

Mr. *Newman*, a Wholeſale Buttonſeller, ſaid, He attended Mr. Juſtice *Hungerford* and Mr. Juſtice *Sanders* Three or Four Months, in order to put the ſaid Act in Execution; and Mr. *Hungerford* offered his Aſſiſtance; yet he could not get the Two Juſtices together; and very few will act therein: That he has alſo proſecuted at Law upon the ſaid Act; but, before he could come to Tryal, his Witneſſes could not be found.

Then the Petitioners proceeded to prove the Loſs of their Trades.

Mr. *Edward Keep*, Buttonſeller, ſaid, That he had followed that Trade for 25 Years, and employed abundance of Perſons in Making of needle-wrought Buttons, and the Materials of Silk and Mohair wherewith they are made: That, for Two Years laſt paſt, he has not ſold Half the Quantity of Buttons he uſed to do; ſo that he has been forced to turn off Half the Work-folks he before employed; and can impute this Loſs of Trade to no other Cauſe than a Practice Taylors have newly taken up of making Cloth and Drugget Buttons and Button-holes, contrary to the ſaid Act.

Mr. *Newman* affirmed what Mr. *Keep* had ſaid.

And there were ſeveral other Buttonſellers, and Buttonmakers, attended the Committee, who gave the like Evidence.

Tho. Pickering, Taylor, ſaid, He has loſt near Half his Trade, becauſe he will not make Cloth and Drugget Button-holes, contrary to the ſaid Act; which others do privately: That he uſed to employ 16 or 20 Men about this time of the Year; and now Eight do his Work.

Laurence Anderton, Taylor, ſaid, That, in *March* laſt, he was ſo ill, that he could not follow his Buſineſs; and gave Orders to his Foreman not to make any Cloaths contrary to the ſaid Act; yet he made ſeveral Suits privately for himſelf, and thereby got many of *Anderton*'s beſt Cuſtomers from him, though he paid him Wages at the ſame time.

Tho. Bolton, Taylor, ſaid, That, laſt Week, Cloth was fetched from his Houſe, becauſe he would not make Cloth Buttons; and that he ſaw the ſame on his Cuſtomer's Back with Cloth Buttons the next Day.

Edward Keep ſaid, That *George Halſted* and * *Dixon*, Taylors, have removed into the *Fleet*; and theſe carry on the Trade of making Cloaths with Cloth Buttons and Button-holes.

Peter Johnſon, Taylor, ſaid, That *Benjamin Badger*, a Taylor, now living in the *Mint*, told him, He kept 16 Men at Work; and ſome of *Badger*'s Men, who have ſince wrought with *Johnſon*, told him, *Badger*'s Work chiefly was in making Cloaths with Cloth Buttons and Button-holes.

That many other Taylors attended, who ſpeak to the like Purpoſe.

And, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations of the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making the ſaid Act more effectual: And that Mr. *Booth*, Sir *George Warburton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *William Pole*, and Mr. *Strangwaies*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *Arthur Kay* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to continue an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the City of *Glouceſter*, in Council aſſembled, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſeveral Years paſt, great Quantities of Cyder and Perry have been made and bought in this and other Cities and Counties for Exportation; to the great Advantage of the Petitioners, and the Nation in general, by improving the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom: That the Exportation thereof hath been very much diſcouraged, by ſeveral Proſecutions lately commenced in the Court of Exchequer, for a Duty of Four Shillings *per* Hogſhead, againſt the Exporters thereof; the Diſcouragement to the Exportation is of great Prejudice to the Petitioners, as alſo to Trade and Navigation, as to his Majeſty's Revenues: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

A Petition of the principal Inhabitants of the Borough of *Tewkesbury*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and others concerned in the Malt-trade, in and about the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Trade of that Town chiefly conſiſts in Malting; they have of late Years found a great Decay in their Buſineſs, by the Diſcouragement the Diſtilling of malted Corn lies under; *French* Brandy, and other foreign Spirits, being clandeſtinely run, and ſold ſo cheap, that it very much leſſens the *Britiſh* Diſtillery; whereby the Government is not only deprived of a large Revenue, but the Conſumption of the Product of our Land very much leſſened: And praying, That the Running of foreign Spirits may be prevented by ſuch Means as the Houſe ſhall think proper.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be brought in.

A Petition of the Maltſters, Diſtillers, and other Tradeſmen, of the City of *Glouceſter*, in behalf of themſelves; and others of the ſame Buſineſs, as well as of the Occupiers of Lands in and about the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the *Engliſh* Diſtillery raiſes a great Revenue to the Crown: That the Landed Intereſt is alſo very much advanced by the Conſumption of its Products, not only in Malt, but very great Quantities of Perry and Cyder, which would otherwiſe be of ſo little Value, that the Improvement by Planting would be very much neglected; but, of late Years, the Conſumption of them is conſiderably leſſened by the great Quantities of *French* Brandies, and other foreign Spirits, daily run, and ſold ſo very cheap, as to diſcourage this uſeful Manufacture; to the great Detriment of Trade and Huſbandry: And praying, That the Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and prevent the growing Evil.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be brought in.

A Petition of the Merchants, and other Traders, Inhabitants of the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Running of foreign Commodities is ſo much increaſed, that moſt Parts of the Kingdom are filled with ſeveral Species of them; theſe Practices, by reaſon of the high Duties upon almoſt every Commodity regularly imported, lay his Majeſty's Subjects under ſuch Diſproportion in Trade, that the fair Merchant and Tradeſman muſt inevitably be ruined: That the Smuggling-trade is, by Experience, found to drain the Kingdom of the Coin, and likewiſe hinders the Conſumption of the Product of our Lands: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be brought in.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday, That a Report, made by the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, relating to Naval Stores imported from *America*, might be laid before this Houſe, hath been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty hath been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſame be done accordingly.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all the forfeited Eſtates veſted in his Majeſty, by virtue of an Act, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; after all Claims and Demands thereupon ſhall be determined, be ſold.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the net Produce of the ſaid Eſtates, after Allowance and Satisfaction of all juſt and lawful Claims thereupon, be applied towards the Diſcharge of the publick Debts of the Nation.

The Firſt Reſolution being read a Second time;

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, That all the forfeited Eſtates veſted in his Majeſty, by virtue of an Act, intituled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; after all Claims and Demands thereupon ſhall be determined, be ſold.

The Second Reſolution being read a Second time;

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An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, " and to- " wards erecting Schools in the Highlands of *Scotland:*"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, That the net Produce of the ſaid Eſtates, after Allowance and Satisfaction of all juſt and lawful Claims thereupon, be applied towards the Diſcharge of the publick Debts of the Nation, and towards erecting Schools in the Highlands of *Scotland.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Mr. *Farrer*, the Lord *William Powlett*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Treby*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Morice* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of divers Merchants, and other Proprietors in the ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, upon Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, do find,

That the Transfer-books of the *South-Sea* Company have continued ſhut, to prepare for a Dividend, uſually Seven Weeks, but ſometime Eight:

That the Proprietors of that Stock are ſuppoſed to be above 6,000 to 7,000 Perſons:

That the Dividends on *South-Sea* Stock are made half-yearly:

That the Proprietors of Lottery-Annuity Stock are above 13,000 to 14,000 Perſons:

If therefore Seven Weeks are neceſſary for preparing the Dividend-Warrants on the *South-Sea* Stock, twice that time is neceſſary for that Purpoſe on the Lottery-Annuity Stock; ſo that no time at all remains for transferring, on this Suppoſition, if the Dividends continue to be made quarterly:

But, ſuppoſing it poſſible to prepare the Lottery-Annuity Warrants in Ten Weeks time, there will then remain but Three Weeks time in each Quarter for Transfers; which is exceeding ſhort, conſidering the great Number of Proprietors:

That the Proportion of Capital Stock, being the Produce of Tallies of Sol, which, when completed, will amount to upwards of 900,000 *l.* more; and alſo the Produce of the unſubſcribed Orders, amounting to upwards of 300,000 *l.* more; are not allowed for in the aforegoing Scheme; the ſaid Scheme being made only upon the Proportion of Capital, being the Produce of ſubſcribed Lottery-Orders, and Bankers Aſſignments.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt: And that Mr. *Morice* and Mr. *Lowther* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the ſeveral Reports laid before this Houſe by the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the Eſtates forfeited by the late Rebellion.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference in the Committee who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General do take the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and that they had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Officers of the Mint do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Touch-warden of the Goldſmiths Company, and the Aſſay-maſter at *Goldſmiths-hall*, do attend the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 29° die Januarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting divers Lands and Tenements, in the County of *Suſſex*, Part of the Eſtate of *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, in Truſtees, for a preſent Proviſion for his Son; and for the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid *Charles Eversfeild*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *Fiſher Tench*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *John Bland*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Yorke*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Hardreſs*, Mr. *Randyll*, Mr. *Bruere*, Sir *Juſtinian Iſham*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Fleming*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Cocks*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Hucks*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Sir *Cha. Cooke*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Elford*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Trevanion*, Mr. *Greville*, Mr. *Corrance*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Rolt*, Sir *Peter Mew*, Sir *Robert Worſley*, Mr. *Anſtis*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Eden*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Suſſex*, *Surrey*, and the Cinque-Ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Aiſlabie*, from the Commiſſioners of the Navy, acquainted the Houſe, That there being ſome Miſtakes in the Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, as it ſtood the 31ſt of *December* 1717, which was preſented to the Houſe the 21ſt Day of *January* inſtant, the Commiſſioners had prepared a new Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy at *Chriſtmas* 1717; diſtinguiſhing how much of the Remains in the Treaſurer of the Navy's Hands is applicable to the Payment of the Debt incurred for the Service of the Year 1717: And he preſented the ſaid Eſtimate to the Houſe.

The Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Eſtimate is as follows; *viz.*

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Navy-Office, *January* 1717. } AN Eſtimate of the Debt of his Majeſty's Navy, on the Heads hereafter mentioned, as it ſtood on the 31 *December* 1717.

Heads of the Naval Eſtimates.	Particulars Before this Reign.	Particulars Since this Reign.	Total.
Wear and Tear; Ordinary and Extraordinary Repairs:			
Due to pay off, and diſcharge, all the Bills entered on the Courſe of the Navy, for Stores, *&c.* ſupplied for the Service thereof; including the Premiums of Naval Stores imported from the Plantations — — —	— — —	254,400 12 7	
For the Freight of Tenders; as alſo for Stores delivered into his Majeſty's Yards; for which no Bills were made out on the aforeſaid 31 *December* 1717; as alſo to ſeveral Bills of Exchange — — —	446 17 8	17,919 0 8	562,039 2 11
To his Majeſty's Yards and Rope-yards, for the Ordinary and Extraordinary thereof — —	— — —	252,020 0 0	
For Half-pay to the Sea-Officers, according to an Eſtabliſhment made by his Majeſty in Council, on that behalf — — — —	2,933 15 0	34,318 17 0	
Seamens Wages:			
Due to pay the Men unpaid on the Books of Ships paid off ſince the late Revolution; which, *per* Eſtimate, may require the Sum of — — —	96,922 1 11	30,890 3 4	
To Ships in Sea-pay on the aboveſaid 31 *December* 1717 — — — —	4,600 0 0	195,168 0 0	334,593 18 8
To diſcharge, and pay off, all the Bills entered in Courſe for Pilotage, Surgeons Neceſſaries, Bounties to Widows and Orphans of Men ſlain at Sea, *&c.* on the Head of Seamens Wages — — —	— — —	7,013 13 5	
Victualing-Debt, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners:			
Due for ſhort Allowance to the Companies of his Majeſty's Ships in Pay, and which have been paid off —	81,810 18 5	12,348 12 6	
For Bills on their Courſe; and alſo Bills of Exchange from foreign Parts; and for neceſſary and extra-neceſſary Money, and Wages, to the Officers, Workmen, and Labourers, employed at the ſeveral Ports, *&c.* —	702 17 11	154,315 18 6	249,178 7 4
Sick and Wounded: The Debt of that Office, as *per* an Eſtimate received from thoſe Commiſſioners; *viz.*			
Due for the Quarters and Cure of ſick and wounded Seamen ſent on Shore from his Majeſty's Fleet; and the Contingencies relating to the ſaid Service — —	357 18 8	6,259 5 9	6,617 4 5
Total —	187,774 9 7	964,654 3 9	1,152,428 13 4

Cha. Wager, *Ja. Acworth,* *Cha. Sergiſon,*
J. Fawler, *Tho. Swanton.*

Memoranaum:

Memorandum: There was remaining in the late and preſent Treaſurers of the Navy's Hands, on the 31th *December* 1717, in Money, Tallies, *South-Sea* Stock, as under-mentioned; and may be reckoned towards ſatisfying the aforeſaid Debt of the Navy; *viz.*

In what Treaſurer's Hands.	In Money, Tallies, and *South-Sea* Stock.				On the Heads of Wear and Tear, and Ordinary.	On the Heads of Seamens Wages.	On the Heads of Victuals.	Remains in the Treaſurer's Hands unapplied, to anſwer the ſaid Debt.	Total.
	Memorandum: The Balance of Money, and Tallies, *&c.* in the Hands of the Executors of Sir *Tho. Littleton*, late Treaſurer of the Navy, over and above the Aſſignments made by the Navy-Board on the 31 *December* 1717, ſtood, in this Office, at — — —			*l.* *s.* *d.* 6,853 14 9					
	More remaining in their Hands of Aſſignments, which had been made by the Navy-Board on the ſaid Treaſurer, and do not appear to have been ſatisfied by him — —			3,919 12 5					
				10,773 7 2					
	But Mr. *Francis Hawes*, who was Caſhier to the ſaid Treaſurer, has, on behalf of his Executors, certified to have formerly paid to the Lord Chief Baron, and to the Auditors of the Impreſts, *&c.* for Fees and Allowances, for paſſing the Leidgers, ſince the Year 1700, the Sum of —	*l.* 4,945	*s.* 17	*d.* 3					
	As alſo, that there has been paid, between 31 of *October* and 31 of *December* 1716, by Warrants from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, the Sum of — — — —	4,068	8	6	9,014 5 9				
	So there remains the Sum of — — —				1,759 1 5	1,129 19 0¼	602 14 8¾	26 7 8	— — —	1,759 1 5
Charles Cæſar Eſquire.	In Money — — — —					7,939 5 1¾	9 11 0	4 7 5½	980 0 0	9,067 1 1½
	In *South-Sea* Stock — — — —					101 18 9¼	— — —	31 18 9	— — —	
Right Honourable *John Aiſlaby* Eſquire.	In Money — — — —					13,868 18 0	30,670 17 10½	8,608 0 1½	3,071 5 4	65,996 17 11
	In Tallies on Reverſionary Annuities — —					— — —	— — —	— — —	5,396 0 0	
	on the Land-Tax, *Anno* 1716 — —					— — —	— — —	— — —	3,188 10 3¼	
	on Annuities at 4 *per Cent. per Annum* — —					1,042 10 8	— — —	33 11 0¼	— — —	
	In Money towards the Debt for ſick and hurt Seamen — —					— — —	117 4 7	— — —	— — —	
						24,082 11 7¼	31,400 8 2¼	8,704 5 0¼	12,635 15 7¼	76,823 0 5½
	Received, to complete the Proportions granted for the Year 1717, the Sum of — — —					— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	311,517 8 11½
										388,340 9 5
	The net Debt of the Navy, on the 31 *December* 1717, is — — —					— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	764,088 3 11
										1,152,428 13 4

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Eſtimate do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr. *Chetwynd*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, a Repreſentation to his Majeſty from the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, relating to the Production of Naval Stores in *America*:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, is referred.

The ſaid Repreſentation is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Sir *Charles Wager* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an Account of the Premiums paid for Naval Stores imported from *America*; and of what Pitch and Tar, imported from thence, has been bought for the Navy; with the Prices thereof; for Five Years, ending at *Chriſtmas* 1717:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, is referred.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Papillon*, Colonel *Fane*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Inge*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Weſt*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Bankes*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *John Norris*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Jorden*, Sir *John Ward*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Cocks*, Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Wm. St. Quintin*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Norris*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Sir *Cha. Cooke*, Mr. *Ward*, Sir *Hen. Johnſon*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *Willo. Hickman*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Dodd*, Mr. *Naylor*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Windſor*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Surry*, *Middleſex*, *Kent*, and *Suſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

A Petition of Dr. *William Baker*, Rector, *Henry Wright*, and *Edward Liney*, Churchwardens, as alſo of the Veſtry and Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Pariſh-Church was built with Brick; and is now become very old and ruinous; and, by the Computation of Workmen, will coſt Three thouſand Pounds to put it into Repair: That, the Ground all about being higher, the Church lies lower than the Street by ſeveral Feet; and is thereby very damp and unwholſome; and this Inconvenience would remain, although the ſaid Sum of 3,000 *l.* ſhould be laid out upon it; and can no-way be remedied, but by an intire new Building: That the ſaid Pariſh pays annually, towards maintaining their Poor, 3,300 *l.* at leaſt; ſo are in no Condition to repair, or rebuild, their ſaid Church: And praying, That their ſaid Church may be One of the Fifty Churches appointed to be built by Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Saint Michaell*, *Cornhill*, *London*, is referred: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of the Grand Jury for the Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surry*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed at a General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held at the Town-hall of the ſaid Borough, on the Third Day of *January* 1717, before the Right Honourable Sir *William Lewin* Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, and the Right Worſhipful Sir *William Thompſon* Knight, Recorder of the ſame, and ſeveral other of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough and County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Damages and Inconveniencies are ſuſtained by means of the extreme Badneſs of the Roads leading to the Borough of *Southwark* from *Kingſton* and *Croydon*, in the ſaid County of *Surry*, and from *Lewiſham* and *Blackheath*, in the County of *Kent*, and other Places adjacent: And praying, That the Houſe will give ſuch Directions therein as to them ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surry*; is committed.

Mr. *Wilmer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for ſupplying the Town of *Northampton* with Water: And the ſame was received.

The Order of the Day being read;

A Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Whitmore*: } 223.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Snell*: } 171.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the Eſtimate of the extraordinary Charge of the Royal Hoſpital, and Out-penſioners, for the Year 1718, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the new Eſtimate of the Debt of the Navy, preſented to the Houſe this Day, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *John Thorold*, of *London*, Gentleman, hath, by Mr. * *Llewellin*, and Mr. *John Wilſon*, his Attornies at Law, delivered a Declaration in Ejectment to a Tenant of Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe, for Part of his Eſtate in the County of *Suffolk*; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 31° *die Januarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenant, Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, of the County of *Oxon*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Road leading from *Oxford* and *Worceſter* is of late Years become ſo very ruinous, and out of Repair, from *Stoken-church-hill* to *Anſlow-bridge*, in the ſaid County, that, notwithſtanding the Inhabitants have conſtantly done their Days Works, it will, in a ſhort time, become impaſſable; the ſaid Pariſhes not being able to keep the ſaid Road in Repair: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the better repairing and amending the ſaid Road.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Maſon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. Comptroller, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Bampfyld*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Gold*, Sir *Rich. Farington*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Rynell*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Colonel *Chandler*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Allanſon*; and all the Gentlemen that ſerve for the Counties of *Oxford*, *Salop*, *Worceſter*, and *Glouceſter*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Booth* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Sir *Thomas Wheate* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Gentlemen, Freeholders, Farmers, and travelling Waggoners, and other Landholders and Farmers, as alſo of divers Waggoners travelling to ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, was referred; and who were directed to inſpect the Laws for the repairing and amending the Highways, and the Laws relating to Carriers and Waggoners; and to report their Opinion how the Highways may be better amended, and kept in Repair; the Matter, as it appeared to them, and the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Report and Reſolutions he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Report and Reſolutions were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Committee, having taken into Conſideration the Allegations contained in the ſaid Petition, do find, That by an Act, paſſed in the Firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, it is enacted, That no Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage, ſhall be drawn, or go, in any common or publick Highway or Road with above Five Horſes in Length, under the Penalties of Five Pounds for every Offence:

That the Landholders and Farmers labour under very great Difficulties and Hardſhips in the Loſs of their Cattle, and Damage of their Corn; and are not able to carry on their Buſineſs, and ſupply the Markets with Corn, without the Aſſiſtance of another Horſe; they living at great Diſtances from the Market-Towns which they uſed to ſupply with Corn:

That the Waggon-carriers likewiſe ſuffer very much in their Cattle, by reaſon of many Sloughs and Holes, through which they are obliged to paſs; ſo that they are not able to carry on their Buſineſs, without another Horſe to aſſiſt the Five in drawing their ſaid Waggons.

The Committee have alſo, purſuant to the Inſtruction given them by this Houſe, inſpected the Laws for repairing and amending the Highways, and the Laws relating to Carriers and Waggoners; and to report their Opinion how the Highways may be better amended, and kept in Repair:

And have agreed to the ſeveral Reſolutions following; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioners have fully made out the ſeveral Allegations contained in their Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That to reſtrain Waggons, Carts, or Carriages, from drawing with no more than Five Horſes at Length, is deſtructive to Trade; and tends to the leſſening the Rent and Value of Lands; and to the great Impoveriſhing of the Farmers, Landholders, and Tenants, of *England*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it will be for the general Good and Benefit of this Kingdom, that all Waggons, Carts, and Carriages, may be drawn with Six Horſes at Length, and no more; except up ſuch Hills in each County, as ſhall be reſpectively allowed by the Juſtices of Peace at their Quarter-Seſſions, and there entered.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That no Waggons, Carts, or Carriages, be drawn with above Five Horſes within Fifteen Miles of *London*; except up Hills, to be allowed as aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a General Surveyor be appointed, by the Juſtices of Peace, in every County, at the *Michaelmas* Seſſions, yearly; who ſhall be under the Order and Government of the Seſſions; and ſhall take care, that no Waggons, Carts, or Carriages, be drawn with more than Six Horſes at Length; and, if any Perſon offend, that he inform againſt him as the Law directs; and alſo to view all great Roads; and to repreſent to the Juſtices at every Quarter-Seſſions, upon Oath, which or what Part of them are not amended according to Law; and that the Juſtices ſhall order Proſecution againſt ſuch as have neglected their Duty therein.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Party taking any Horſe for a Forfeiture ſhall not be obliged to deliver the Horſe or Horſes ſeized to the Officers of that Pariſh only, but to the Officers of any Pariſh, or Village, within Two Miles where the Seizure is taken; but ſtill payable over to that Pariſh.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That if any Perſon do hinder the ſeizing any Horſe or Horſes

Horſes for the Penalty, or uſe any Violence to the Party taking the ſame, as aboveſaid; or ſhall be aiding or aſſiſting in hindering the ſeizing a Horſe or Horſes, or in reſcuing ſuch Seizure when taken, or other Violence; ſhall forfeit Twenty Pounds; and be ſent to the Houſe of Correction for the Space of Three Months.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Penalty be laid on any Smith that ſhall make, or cauſe to be made, any Tire for any travelling Waggon, Wain, or Carriage, for Hire, Wheels that ſhall not be of the full Breadth of Four Inches, and be made flat; or ſhall not ſet the ſame on with, or uſe therein, any roſe-headed Nails: And if any Wheelwright, Carpenter, or other Workman, ſhall ſet on, or bind, any Wheel with a new Tire of a leſs Breadth than Four Inches, or not flat, or with roſe-headed Nails, he ſhall forfeit Twenty Pounds; and every Perſon travelling with ſuch Waggon, Cart, or Wain, ſhall forfeit .....

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions: And that Sir *Thomas Wheate*, and Mr. *Stevens*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, the ſaid Bill, That they do provide, That all Waggons and Carts be obliged to go with a Thiller Horſe, and without a Pole.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Community, of Shoemakers within the City of *Glouceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Duty upon Leather is of very pernicious Conſequence to the Manufacturer; and the Poor are in a very deplorable Condition for want of Employ; and chiefly for want of Leather, it being bought up by the Merchants to ſend abroad; and, by reaſon of the Drawback that is allowed to them, they have great Encouragement to ſend away great Quantities of Leather, which they wet, and pack up cloſe for Exportation; which commonly makes it weigh One-fifth Part more than when it is bought dry from the Tanner; the King defrauded of his Duty; and foreign Countries ſupplied with our beſt Leather at cheaper Rates than us: And praying, That the Drawback allowed upon Leather exported may be taken off; and *Iriſh* Hides and Calves-ſkins may be allowed to be brought in.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Houſe be given to Dr. *Hoadley*, for the Sermon by him preached before this Houſe Yeſterday at *Saint Margaret's*, *Weſtminſter*; and that he be deſired to print the ſame: And that Mr. *Yonge*, the Lord *William Powlett*, and Mr. *Minſhull*, do acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Henry Bertie* Eſquire have Leave to go into the Country for Three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Ralph Shepperdſon* Eſquire to make Sale of his Eſtate in *Studley-Roger*, in the County of *York*, freed from the Uſes and Truſts in the ſaid *Ralph Shepperdſon*'s Marriage-Settlement; and to ſettle his Eſtate at *Eaſt-Murton*, in the County of *Durham*, to the ſame Uſes; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Wilmer*, Sir *Tho. Samuel*, Mr. *Peirce*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Calmady*, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Maſon*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Conyers*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Windſor*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Sir *Geoffery Palmer*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Cartaret*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Fleming*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *Arthur Kay*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead* Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Curzon*, Mr. *Digby*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, M *England*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Colonel *Grahame*, Lord *Downe*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *York* and *Durham*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Ordered, That *John Codrington* Eſquire, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service in Parliament, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

A Bill for ſupplying the Town of *Northampton* with Water was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe the Articles of War now in being for the better Government of the Army.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

A Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do conſider what other Ports are proper to be opened for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*: And that they have Power to receive Clauſes accordingly.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Farrer* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, who were to conſider further of the Supply granted to his Majeſty, the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty-five thouſand Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for the extraordinary Charge of the Royal Hoſpital, and Out-penſioners, for the Year 1718, over and above the Poundage, and Days Pay.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum, not exceeding One hundred ſixty-five thouſand Three hundred Seventeen Pounds, be granted to his Majeſty, for the extra' Repairs of the Navy for the Year 1718.

The ſaid Reſolutions, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning

ing next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718;

A Petition of the Maltſters living in the Borough of *Bridport*, in the County of *Dorſet*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the petty Towns and Villages in the Neighbourhood of *Bridport*, there are ſeveral Perſons that make great Quantities of Malt for Sale; and ſome of them make weekly, for Sale, as much Malt, or more, as any of the Petitioners do; and, by reaſon the Malt they ſo make is not ſo conſtantly and carefully ſurveyed and gauged as the Petitioners Malt is, or for ſome other Reaſons, unknown to the Petitioners, they are enabled to under-ſell, and do under-ſell, their Malt, and at lower Rates and Prices than the Petitioners can afford to ſell; to the great Decay and Hurt of their Trade; and to the great Detriment of his Majeſty's Duty: And praying ſuch Relief as the Nature of their Caſe requires.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duty on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon this Day Sevennight, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jordan*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Peirce*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *White*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals and Workhouſes within the City of *Briſtol*, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; is committed.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 1° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Sir *Henry Houghton*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the forfeited Eſtates, preſented to the Houſe an Abſtract of the Claims on the forfeited Eſtates in *Scotland*, contained in the Commiſſioners Report to the Parliament:

And the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Abſtract is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in *Boſton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; and, if not prevented, muſt inevitably deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Town and Borough of *Cardiff*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather; which is one of the principal Manufactories of this Kingdom: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning: And praying, That the Statute relating to Bark may be revived, and explained; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and Places adjacent, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Oak-bark is exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*; to the great Prejudice of the Tanning-trade; and, for divers Years paſt, there hath been great Quantities of *Iriſh* Hides imported into *Great Britain*; and then the Petitioners, having the Addition of ſuch *Iriſh* Hides added to their Home-ſlaughter, were in a much better Capacity to improve their Trade than now they are; *Ireland*, paying no Duty, ſupply foreign Markets at a much cheaper Rate than we can: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented for the future.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the County of *Denbigh*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That it is a very great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade of this County to export Oak-bark into another Kingdom, where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather; and if the Exportation thereof be not prevented, or a Duty laid on *Iriſh* Leather, equivalent to that in *Great Britain*, the Petitioners, and many Thouſands more, muſt ſoon quit that Employ: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to this Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the City of *York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and, if the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, which is Oak-bark, be ſuffered to be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt come to Ruin: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the City of *Lincoln*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.*; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*; where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners; and, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Town of *Monmouth*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to

the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth tanning in *England:* That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and explained; and the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, Leather-dreſſers, and Cutters of Leather, in the Town and Borough of *Plymouth*, as alſo of the Town and Borough of *Plympton*, both in the County of *Devon*, in the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported from theſe Parts into *Ireland*, where there is no Duty on Hides; our Country, which formerly ſupplied *Cornwall*, and ſome Part of *Somerſetſhire*, is now ſo near drained, that we have not a Sufficiency left to carry on our Trade: A good Law was made againſt Gaſhing of Hides and Skins in the Flaying; but the Forfeitures are ſo inconſiderable, that it is, in a manner, ineffectual; and alſo, by another Statute, the Engroſſing of oaken Bark to ſell again was forbid; but are made of no Effect, by the Art of ſome cunning People: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statutes may be revived, and more effectually put in Force; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the ſeveral Tanners of Hides and Skins in the Boroughs of *Launceſton* and *Newport*, in the County of *Cornwall*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others of the Leather-trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Detriment and Prejudice to the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; if the Ingredients for tanning the ſame be exported into other Countries, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and a good Law was made againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark; but the ſame, by the Contrivance of deſigning People, is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Berkley*, and *Wotton under Edge*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth tanning in *England:* By the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Pembroke*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and explained; and the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of *Drayton*, in the County of *Salop*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of great Detriment to the Tanning-trade: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and if the chief Ingredient for Tanning be exported into other Countries, where no Duty is paid, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England:* A Law was made in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Bark to ſell again, and Falling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the County of *Mountgomery*, and Borough-Towns therein, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is prejudicial to the Petitioners, and other Dealers in Leather; and unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prohibit the Export thereof out of this Kingdom into another, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the Petitioners will be obliged, in a little time, to quit that Employ: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, within the Town of *Shrewsbury*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Detriment to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt be inevitably ruined; and if the principal Ingredient for tanning the ſame be exported into other Countries, where no Duty is paid, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth tanning in *England:* A Law was made 1° *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of *Engliſh* Bark to ſell again; but the ſaid Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and the Exportation thereof be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in *Grimſby*, in behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Houſe will remove theſe Aggrievances, by prohibiting the Export of Bark.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the Corporation of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: That a Statute was made, in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; but the ſaid Law is now become of little Force: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, Leather-dreſſers, and Cutters of Leather, in the Town and Borough of *Tottneſs*, as alſo of the Town and Borough of *Aſhburton*, both in *Devon*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported from this Part of the Kingdom into *Ireland*, where there is no Duty on Hides; to the great Diſcouragement of the Petitioners; and, for the better preventing the Gaſhing of Hides and Skins

Skins in the Flaying, a Law was made againſt the ſame; but the Forfeitures therein are ſo inconſiderable, that it is in a manner ineffectual; and, by another Statute, the Engroſſing of oaken Bark to ſell again is forbid; but, by the Art of ſome People, thoſe Laws are made of no Effect: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins, and alſo of the Curriers and Shoemakers living in and near the Corporation of *Kendal*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Oak-bark are yearly exported from the adjacent Northern Parts of *Lancaſhire* into *Ireland*; whereby the Petitioners are already driven to the Neceſſity of paying Treble the Rates for Bark they uſed to do before ſuch Exportation of Bark; which if not timely prevented, the Petitioners will be forced to leave their Trades: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the City of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years paſt, great Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Country into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Prejudice of the Petitioners; and, if the principal Ingredient for tanning the ſame be ſuffered to go out of this Kingdom to tan Leather in another, it will deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the County of *Huntington*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Borough of *Pembroke*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt, and our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning: That, by a Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Brecon*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England:* By the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fall any oaken Trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Borough of *Leominſter*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Hereford*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England:* That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, Leather-dreſſers, and Cutters, *&c.* in the Town and Borough of *Oakhampton*, in the County of *Devon*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid on Hides; to the great Diſcouragement of the Petitioners: That a Law was made for preventing the Gaſhing of Hides and Skins in the Flaying; and another againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark to ſell again; but now, by the Art of ſome cunning People, thoſe Laws are made of no Effect: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners inhabiting in the City of *Briſtol* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark have been exported from the City of *Briſtol*, and Ports adjacent, for *Ireland*, where no Duty is chargeable on Leather; to the great Detriment, if not utter Ruin, of the ſeveral Traders in Tanning: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Boroughs of *Denbigh* and *Ruthin*, and Towns adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is ſo prejudicial to the Petitioners, and other Dealers in Leather, that, unleſs a Prohibition be ſoon put to the Export thereof, the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom muſt come to Decay and Ruin, and the Petitioners be obliged to quit that Employ, if another Kingdom, where no Duty is paid for Leather, is ſupplied with thoſe Ingredients which formerly was conſumed in Tanning of imported Hides in *England:* And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the ſeveral Tanners of Hides and Skins in the Borough of *Helſtone*, in the County of *Cornwall*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others of the Leather-trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is a great Detriment to the Tanning-trade: That, if a ſpeedy Stop be not put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and, if the principal Ingredients for tanning the ſame be exported into other Countries, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth tanning in *England*; and a Law was made, the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark to ſell again, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; the ſaid Law, by the Contrivance of deſigning People, is now made ineffectual: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County and Borough of *Carmarthen*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of

of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and explained; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of the Town of *Roſs*, in the County of *Hereford*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, in the City of *Canterbury*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is ſo prejudicial to the Tanning-trade, and to the Petitioners in particular, that Trade, and all ſuch Perſons as depend thereon, muſt undoubtedly be very great Sufferers; for if the chief Ingredient for Tanning ſhould be exported into another Kingdom, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the apparent Damage of the Petitioners: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of . . . Tanners in the Town and County of *Haverfordweſt*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; to the apparent Ruin of the Petitioners: That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and the Exportation thereof be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the County of *Lincoln*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years paſt, vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of more than One hundred poor Priſoners for Debt and Damages in his Majeſty's Gaol for the County of *Bedford*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, as well in behalf of themſelves, as of many Thouſands of others in Cuſtody of the ſaid Gaol, and other the Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That not only the Petitioners, but alſo many Thouſand others, are now detained in the ſaid Gaol, and other the Gaols of this Kingdom, for Debt; and can no-ways avail with their Creditors, by reaſon of their utter Inability to anſwer their Demands, to be freed from their miſerable Confinement: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Broderick* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, *London*; and alſo to whom the Petition of Doctor *William Baker*, Rector, *Henry Wright* and *Edward Liney*, Churchwardens, as alſo of the Veſtry and Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*; were referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Reports he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report, relating to *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, having taken into Conſideration the Allegations contained in the ſaid Petition, do find, That, by Order of the late Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and the preſent Biſhop of *London*, the Tower of the ſaid Pariſh-Church was appointed to be rebuilt out of the Monies ariſing by the Duty on Coals, appropriated for the Building of Parochial Churches by the Statutes of 22° of *Car.* 2*di*; and 1mo *Jac.* 2*di*; and 8 and 9 *Willielmi* 3°.

That the ſaid Tower, being dangerous to the Neighbourhood, hath been accordingly lately taken down, and rebuilt about Twenty Foot high, according to a Model thereof prepared for that Purpoſe; but the Monies ariſing on the ſaid Duty on Coals, which was appropriated for building the ſaid Parochial Churches, was ſo far expended in the other great Charges and Incumbrances upon the ſaid Duty, that there was not Money ſufficient to go on with and finiſh the ſaid Tower; and the Duty, given for that Purpoſe by the ſaid ſeveral Acts of Parliament, was, by an Act made in the Ninth Year of the late Queen *Anne*, granted and appropriated for building Fifty new Churches in and about *London* and *Weſtminſter*; and for other Uſes therein mentioned.

That it appeared alſo to the Committee, by the Teſtimony of the Reverend Mr. *Baker*, Rector of the ſaid Pariſh, and the Churchwardens, and other Inhabitants; as alſo of Mr. *Bateman* Receiver of the Duty on Coals, Mr. *Dickenſon* the Surveyor, and Mr. *Strong* the Maſter-maſon; That it is Two Years ſince the Tower was pulled down; and that the new Work is not carried above Halfway to the Roof of the Church; whereby the Church lies open, and is greatly expoſed to the Weather; and the whole Body of the Church, for want of being ſupported by the Tower, is ſhored up; and, if not ſpeedily helped, will be in Danger of falling:

That, by reaſon of the Scaffolding, the Pariſhioners have but Part of the Church left for Divine Service; nor have they Room to bury their Dead in the Church-yard; which is now intirely covered with the Stones and Rubbiſh which was taken from the old Tower:

That the Petitioners produced a Draught or Model of the Tower intended to be rebuilt; as alſo an Eſtimate of the Charge; which have been approved of by Sir *Chriſtopher Wren*; who hath certified, That the ſaid Eſtimate, amounting to the Sum of 6,126 *l.* 1 *s.* 5 *d.* is juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof: And that Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Cowper*, and Mr. *Heyſham*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

The Report relating to *Saint Gyles*'s Church, being read, is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, have conſidered the Matters contained in the ſaid Petition; and, upon Examination of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, it appeared to the Committee, by the Teſtimony of the Reverend Dr. *Baker*, Rector of the ſaid Pariſh-Church, *John Milner* Eſquire, One of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, Mr. *Henry Joynes* Surveyor, who was appointed by the Veſtry to take a View of the ſaid Church, and of other Inhabitants;

That

That the ſaid Church was built with Brick, and is now become very old and ruinous; and cannot be repaired under the Expence of Three thouſand Pounds at leaſt:

That the Ground whereon the ſaid Church doth ſtand lies about Seven or Eight Feet lower than the Street; which is very unwholſome to the Pariſhioners, by reaſon of the great Dampneſs which is occaſioned by the low Situation of the ſaid Church; and that this Inconvenience is no-ways to be remedied but by an intire new Building of it:

That, the ſaid Pariſh being very large and extenſive, the Charge of maintaining their Poor amounts, *communibus annis*, to Three thouſand Three hundred Pounds, and upwards; by reaſon whereof, and of other their Taxes, the Pariſhioners are in no Condition to rebuild their ſaid Church.

It likewiſe appeared to the Committee, That there is no Waſte-ground, or Site, within the ſaid Pariſh, to be purchaſed to build a new Church, without pulling down many Houſes; which will occaſion a very great Expence; and that the Commiſſioners have not contracted for any Site, or Ground, to build any other Church than what is now building; and that the ſaid Pariſh-Church, when rebuilt, together with the Church now building, will be ſufficient to contain all the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds* to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches: And that Mr. *Broderick*, Mr. *Gwidot*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Yonge*, and Mr. *Hucks*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Sir *William Pole* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Portreeve, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Saint German's*, in the County of *Cornwall*; and ſeveral other Petitions, relating to the Importation of *Iriſh* Yarn; was referred; the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That it appeared to the Committee, upon the Examination of ſeveral Witneſſes, That the Petitioners labour under the greateſt Difficulties, by reaſon of the continual Importation of very great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſteds, which are entered in the Cuſtom-houſe Books under the Denomination of Bay-yarn; and thereby pays no further Duty than 9 *s.* 6 *d. per* Hundred Weight; the ſame being valued, in the Book of Rates, to be worth only 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*; whereas the Worſted, which is thus imported under the Denomination of Bay-yarn, is really worth from 11 *l.* to 16 *l. per* Hundred Weight; which Practices have already greatly impoveriſhed vaſt Numbers of poor Spinners, Woolcombers, and others employed in the Woollen Manufacture; ſince this *Iriſh* Worſted is, by this means, rendered 4 *d. per* Pound Weight cheaper than 'tis poſſible to be made by our poor Labourers here in *England*.

John Thomas, Woolcomber and Weaver, declared, That he has, for many Years, dealt in *Iriſh* Worſted; and hath known the ſame manufactured up into Stuffs of different Sorts; which *Iriſh* Worſted can and hath been ſold by the Importer at *Briſtol*, at leaſt, 4 *d. per* Pound Weight cheaper than *Engliſh* Worſted of the ſame Fineneſs can be afforded:

He produced Two Samples of *Iriſh* Worſted; one of which coſt 2 *s. per* Pound Weight, and the other 2 *s.* 11 *d. per* Pound Weight; and ſaid, That the former was bought cheaper by, at leaſt, 4 *d. per* Pound Weight, and the latter, being a finer Sort, by, at leaſt, 6 *d.* than *Engliſh* Worſted of the ſame Goodneſs can be bought:

Being asked what Difference there was between *Iriſh* Bay-yarn and Worſted, he anſwered, That the Worſted was made of the fine Wool combed, and the Bay-yarn of the Droſs of ſuch Wool carded; and that the Worſted was at Three times the Value of the Bay-yarn.

William Alford, Woolcomber and Weaver, declared, That he has been an Agent, or Factor, to receive great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted from on board ſeveral Ships, which have imported the ſame to *Barnſtaple:* That ſuch Worſted was worth from 2 *s.* to 3 *s. per* Pound Weight; and that the ſame was entered at the Cuſtom-houſe under the Denomination of Bay or Woollen Yarn, and paid Duties as ſuch; and that Bay or Woollen Yarn is worth but about One-third Part of the Value of Worſted; and that great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted are wrought up into Shalloons, and other Stuffs, without the leaſt Mixture of Bay or Woollen Yarn: That he has manufactured great Quantities of *Engliſh* Worſted; and aſſured the Committee, that it cannot be afforded ſo cheap as *Iriſh* Worſted of the ſame Goodneſs, by, at leaſt, 4 *d. per* Pound Weight for ſome, and 6 *d.* for the fineſt Sort.

That the Committee, being deſirous to be informed from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, what Quantities of Worſted, Bay and Woollen Yarn, had been imported for Three Years laſt paſt, ending at *Michaelmas* 1717, in order to compare the ſame with an Account in the Journals of this Houſe of the ſame Species of Goods imported in the Years 1706, 1707, and 1708, find, by the Commiſſioners Report to their Order, and comparing the ſame with the former Account, That the Importation of Woollen or Bay-yarn had increaſed exceedingly; inſomuch that, in the laſt Year, there is entered above double the Quantity that was imported in the Year 1706; which, in that Year, was only 696,565 Pounds Weight; and the laſt Year it roſe to 1,478,005 Pounds Weight; and it does not appear, that any Worſted has been entered at the Cuſtom-houſe by the ſaid Report; although it was made evident by ſeveral Witneſſes, that very great Quantities have been imported.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Morice* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt: And the ſame was received.

A Bill for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Guidott*, Lord *Shelburn*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Wallop*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Dodd*, Sir *Edward Ernley*, Sir *Wm. Courtenay*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Treby*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Sir *John Anſtruther*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Rolt*, Mr. *Hampden*, General *Carpenter*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *Rich. Farrington*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Hucks*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Foley*, General *Wroth*, Sir *John Eyles*, Colonel *Churchill*, Colonel *Grahme*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *Craggs*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, *Southampton*, *Bucks*, and *Oxford:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday had been preſented to his Majeſty, That the Articles of War, now in being, might be laid before this Houſe; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſaid Articles be laid before this Houſe.

Mr. Comptroller alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage to this Houſe, ſigned by his Majeſty: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe:

And the ſame was read by Mr. Speaker; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty, having received a very dutiful Addreſs from the *South-Sea* Company, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to permit himſelf to be elected Governor of the ſaid Company; and his Majeſty being willing to condeſcend thereto; recommends it to this Houſe to conſider of proper Methods to remove any Difficulties that may ariſe on that Occaſion.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company: And that Mr. *Lowndes*, Lord *William Powlett*, and Mr. *Carter*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Lowndes*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bonelace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Hampden* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company be now read the Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lowndes* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Ordered, That the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, be read a Second time upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 3° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Browning* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of the Grand Jury, at the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace holden within the Corporation of *Kendall*, for the County of *Weſtmorland*, upon *Friday* the Seventeenth Day of *January* 1717, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a few Tanners within this Corporation of *Kendall* have got Petitions drawn, and ſigned by ſeveral Perſons, and ſent to this Honourable Houſe, to procure prohibiting the exporting any Oak-bark to *Ireland*: That this Country, and the neighbouring Parts of *Lancaſhire*, produce yearly more than all the Tanners in the Country have Occaſion for; and will injure the Land-holders, who are chiefly ſupported by the Profits of their Woodlands, if the Exportation of Bark to *Ireland* be prohibited: And praying, That the Owners of Bark may not be prohibited Exporting of Bark to *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Carmarthen*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived; and that the Exportation thereof may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of *Knuttsford*, *Middlewich* nigh *Northwich*, and *Frodſham*, and ſeveral Places adjacent to the ſaid Towns, which are in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Bark is of great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and if the principal Ingredients for tanning the ſame be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our Hides and Skins will not be worth tanning in *England*; and, by a Law made in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; which, by the Contrivance of deſigning People, is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of and near *Stockport*, *Altringham*, and *Sandbatch*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and if the principal Ingredient for tanning the ſame be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and a very good Law was made in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; which, by the Contrivance of deſigning People, is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of, and adjacent to, *Nampt-wich*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined, if the principal Ingredient for tanning the ſame be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather; our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England:* And a very good Law was made, in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oaken-bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable Times of the Year; but is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived; and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, in the upper Part of the County of *Bucks*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is ſo prejudicial to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt ſuffer great Damages thereby; Bark being the only Material for tanning the ſame; ſo it is the greateſt Hardſhip imaginable, that it ſhould be exported into another Kingdom, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather: And praying to be relieved herein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt, in Gaol in the Town, and County of the Town, of *Nottingham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by reaſon of great Loſſes and Diſappointments in Trade, are become inſolvent, and not able to pay their Debts to their reſpective Creditors; but are willing to deliver up all their Effects to them, in order to be diſcharged from their Confinement, that they may exerciſe their reſpective Callings, for the Subſiſtence of themſelves, and miſerable Families: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maltſters, or Maltmakers, in the Town of *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying, That the Maltſters in the Country, that make Malt for Sale, may pay an equal Duty with thoſe Maltſters that live in Towns where Officers are placed to ſurvey them every Day; and afford them ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to the Surname of *Doddington*, without Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Abrabam Boetefeur*, without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being moved, That the Act, of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to reſtrain all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length, might be read;

The ſame was read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Gentlemen who are to prepare, and bring in, a Bill upon the Reſolutions of *Friday* laſt, relating to the Highways, and to the Waggoners travelling the Roads, of this Kingdom; That they do prepare, and bring in, a Clauſe for the repealing the ſaid Act.

A Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt, was read the Firſt time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Merchants, and Traders to Sea, of the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, being informed, That a further Duty is deſired to be laid on *Iriſh* Yarn made of Wool, imported into this Kingdom, beg Leave to repreſent the Evil that will attend the ſame, if it ſhould take Effect: That it will very much leſſen the Trade from this Kingdom to *Ireland*, that is now carried on for the Product of all our Plantations; *viz.* Tobacco, Sugars, Indigo, Cotton, *&c.*; and alſo for many of the Manufactures and Produce of this Kingdom: That it will be the Diſcouragement of Navigation between this Kingdom and *Ireland:* That it will put the People of *Ireland* upon all Ways and Means of tranſporting their Wool to foreign Parts: And praying Relief herein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Petition of the Clothiers, Stuffmakers, Weavers, Dyers, Salters, and others, concerned in the Woollen Manufacture, in the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, being informed, That it is attempted to procure an Act to prohibit the Bringing in of Yarn made of Wool out of *Ireland*; and, in caſe ſuch Attempt ſhould take Effect, they muſt be totally without Work, and reduced to the greateſt Poverty; becauſe Hands cannot be found to ſpin the *Iriſh* Wool, if it ſhould be brought over unwrought; ſo that Foreigners will under-ſell us abroad; and conſequently our Trade will be loſt: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of *Briſtol*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners underſtanding, that Endeavours are made to obtain an Act for laying a farther Duty on *Iriſh* Yarn made of Wool imported into this Kingdom; That the Importation of *Iriſh* Yarn made of Wool is the only means to enable the People of *Ireland* to take from this Kingdom the Product of our Plantations, and other Manufactures, of all Sorts, made in this Kingdom: That it is a great Help to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, by its being mixt with our *Engliſh*-made Yarn; and gives great Encouragement for the Exportation thereof to foreign Markets: That there are not Hands enough in *England* to ſpin all the Wool that muſt be uſed in our Manufactures; and conſequently ſo great a Quantity as is now made cannot be produced to ſupply foreign Markets: That the Bringing over of Yarn here doth, in a great meaſure, prevent the Sending of Wool, unwrought, clandeſtinely into foreign Parts: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Sir *Thomas Wheate* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices

Juſtices of Peace, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, of the County of *Oxon*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which Report he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, of the 31ſt of *January* laſt, whereby it was ordered, That the ſaid Committee ſhould examine the Matter of the ſaid Petition; and report the ſame to the Houſe; the Committee have examined ſeveral Witneſſes; *viz.*

Richard Carter Eſquire, *Thomas Couſins*, *William Lipſcomb*, *Richard Brown*, *Richard Hitchcott*, *Adam Billinger*, and *George Ryves:* Who teſtified, That the Inhabitants of the ſeveral Pariſhes, in which the Road mentioned in the ſaid Petition doth lie, have not only conſtantly done more than their Statute-work; but alſo raiſed large Sums of Money, and duly applied the ſame towards repairing their Roads; and that proper Materials for amending the Highways lie at a great Diſtance from ſome Parts of the ſaid Road; and that the Pariſhioners have often been obliged to pay 12 *d. per* Load, at leaſt, for Stones:

That, upon Examination of the whole Matter, it fully appeared to the Committee, That the Road, from the Top of *Stoaken-Church-hill* to *Anſlow-bridge*, in the County of *Oxon*, is ſo very bad and ruinous in many Places thereof in the Winter-ſeaſon, that it is dangerous to Travellers; and that the ſame cannot be amended, and put into good Repair, and ſo kept, without the Aſſiſtance of an Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for repairing the Highways from the Top of *Stoken-Church-hill* to *Anſlow-bridge*, in the County of *Oxon:* And that Sir *Thomas Wheate*, and Mr. *Stevens*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend his Majeſty.

And, being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to One publick and Two private Bills; *viz.*

An Act to enable his Majeſty to be Governor of the *South-Sea* Company:

An Act to enable *George Bubb* Eſquire, and his Iſſue Male, to change their Surname to the Surname of *Doddington:*

An Act for naturalizing *Abraham Boetefeur.*

An ingroſſed Bill for enforcing, and making perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for enforcing, and making perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions.

Ordered, That Sir *Arthur Kay* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Broderick*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *St. Michaell, Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 1. L. 2. To inſert "of the Reign:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the ſeveral Acts for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Names of the Members who made Default upon the laſt Call of the Houſe, and who were ordered to attend this Day, were called over; and One of them, *viz.* Mr. *Fownes*, was excuſed, upon account of Sickneſs; and the others appeared.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 4° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty for that Purpoſe, Rules and Articles for the better Government of his Majeſty's Land-Forces:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

RULES and Articles for the better Government of his Majeſty's Land-Forces:

Article 1ſt.

All Officers and Soldiers, not having juſt Impediment, ſhall diligently frequent Divine Service, and Sermon, in ſuch Places as ſhall be appointed for the Regiment, Troop, or Company, to which they belong; and ſuch as either wilfully or negligently abſent themſelves from Divine Service, or Sermon, or elſe, being preſent, do behave themſelves indecently or irreverently during the ſame, if they be Officers, they ſhall be ſeverely reprehended at a Court-Martial, but, if private Soldiers, they ſhall, for every ſuch Firſt Offence, forfeit each Man Twelve Pence, to be deducted out of their next Pay; and, for the Second Offence, forfeit Twelve Pence, and be laid in Irons for Twelve Hours; and, for every like Offence afterwards, ſhall ſuffer, and pay, in like manner: And the Money, ſo forfeited, ſhall be applied to the Relief of the ſick Soldiers of ſuch Troop or Company, to which the Offender does belong.

Article 2d.

If any Suttler in any of our Forts, Gariſons, Camps, Barracks,

Barracks, or Guards, ſhall, during Divine Service, or Sermon, preſume to ſell any Beer, Brandy, Wine, or other Liquors, or any Kind of Victuals, or other Merchandize; he ſhall be delivered over to the Civil Magiſtrate, to be puniſhed according to Law.

Article 3d.

Whoſoever ſhall uſe any unlawful Oath or Execration, whether Officer or Soldier, ſhall incur the Penalty expreſſed in the Firſt Article.

Article 4th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall preſume to blaſpheme the Holy and Undivided Trinity, or the Perſons of God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Ghoſt; or ſhall preſume to ſpeak againſt any known Article of the Chriſtian Faith; he ſhall be delivered over by the Commanding Officer to the Civil Magiſtrate, to be puniſhed according to Law.

Article 5th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall abuſe or profane any Place dedicated to the Worſhip of God; or ſhall offer Violence to any Chaplain of the Army, or any other Miniſter of God's Word; he ſhall receive ſuch corporal Puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted on him by a Court-Martial.

Article 6th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall preſume to uſe any traiterous or diſreſpectful Words againſt the Sacred Perſon of his Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, or any of the Royal Family; or ſhall behave himſelf with Contempt or Diſreſpect towards the General, or other Commander in Chief, of the Forces; or ſpeak Words tending to his Hurt or Diſhonour; he ſhall be puniſhed according to the Nature of his Offence by the Judgment of a Regimental or General Court-Martial.

Article 7th.

Whatever Officer, or Soldier, without Leave of his Majeſty, the General, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, ſhall hold Correſpondence with any Rebel, or Enemy of his Majeſty, or give them Advice or Intelligence by Letters, Meſſages, Signs, or Tokens, or in any manner of Way whatſoever, ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted by a Court-Martial:

And whatever Regiment, Troop, or Company, in Field, Gariſon, or on Party, ſhall treat with ſuch Rebels or Enemies, or enter into any Conditions with them, without being reduced to the utmoſt Extremity, or Leave had, as aforeſaid; every Officer, and Soldier, who ſhall knowingly conſent thereto, and ſhall be convicted thereof before a Court-Martial, ſhall likewiſe ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as by a Court-Martial ſhall be inflicted:

And whatever Officer, or Soldier, ſhall adviſe, encourage, or perſuade, any other Officer, or Soldier, to hold any ſuch traiterous Correſpondence, or enter into ſuch Conditions, ſhall, upon Conviction thereof, ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as a Court-Martial ſhall think fit:

But whatever Officer, or Soldier, can prove, that he did his utmoſt to reſiſt and avoid ſuch Treaty, he ſhall not go only unpuniſhed; but be rewarded for his good Behaviour and Fidelity.

Article 8th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall excite, cauſe, or join in, any Mutiny, or Sedition, in the Company, Troop, or Regiment, to which he belongs, or in any other Company, Troop, or Regiment, in his Majeſty's Service; or on any Party or Poſt where the Duty is done by Detachment from ſeveral Regiments, or otherwiſe, in the Army; he ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as a Court-Martial ſhall inflict:

And if any Officer, Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall hear any Words tending to Mutiny or Sedition; or, being any way privy thereto, do not immediately uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to ſuppreſs the ſame, as alſo to diſcover it to their Superiors; if an Officer, he ſhall be caſhiered; and, if a Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, he ſhall be ſeverely puniſhed, at the Diſcretion of a Court-Martial.

Article 9th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall refuſe to obey the military Orders of his ſuperior Officer, he ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted by a Court-Martial.

Article 10th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall preſume to reſiſt any Officer in the Execution of his Office; or ſhall ſtrike, draw, or offer to draw, or ſhall lift up, any Weapon againſt, his ſuperior Officer, on any Pretence whatſoever; he ſhall be puniſhed with Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as a Court-Martial . . . . inflict.

Article 11th.

And to the Intent that no Officer, commanding a Troop, or Company, may pretend Ignorance of what he ought to pay to every Non-commiſſion Officer and Soldier in our Service, we do hereby command them ſtrictly to obſerve ſuch Regulations as are, or ſhall be, directed by us under our Royal Sign Manual, purſuant to the Act of Parliament now in Force.

Article 12th.

All Officers and Soldiers, who have received Pay, or have been duly liſted in our Service, and ſhall deſert the ſame, either in the Field, upon a March, in Quarters, or in Gariſon, and be convicted thereof before a Court-Martial, ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as by the ſaid Court-Martial ſhall be inflicted.

Article 13th.

No Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall leave his Troop, or Company, and inliſt himſelf in any other Regiment, Troop, or Company, without a Diſcharge from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment in which he laſt ſerved, under Pain of being reputed a Deſerter, and ſuffering Death for it, or ſuch other Puniſhment as a Court-Martial ſhall inflict:

And in caſe any Officer ſhall knowingly receive, or entertain, any ſuch Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier; upon Proof made thereof before a General Court-Martial, he ſhall be caſhiered:

Nor ſhall any Diſcharge granted to any Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, be allowed of as ſufficient, unleſs ſigned by a Field-Officer of the Regiment, whence ſuch Soldier was diſmiſſed.

Article 14th.

If any Officer, or Soldier, ſhall perſuade, or adviſe, any other Officer, or Soldier, to deſert, he ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted by a Court-Martial.

Article 15th.

If any Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, committed to Priſon, ſhall break thence, and endeavour to eſcape Puniſhment, and leave the Service, he ſhall be puniſhed as a Deſerter, and die for it; or ſuffer ſuch other Puniſhment as ſhall, by a Court-Martial, be inflicted:

And if any Officer under an Arreſt ſhall leave his Confinement, before he is ſet at Liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by a ſuperior Power, he ſhall be caſhiered for it.

Article 16th.

Whatever Officer, or Soldier, ſhall miſbehave himſelf before the Enemy, and run away, or ſhamefully abandon any Fort, Poſt, or Guard, which they are commanded to defend; or ſpeak Words inducing others to do the like; or who, after Victory, ſhall, inſtead of purſuing the Enemy, leave his Commanding Officer, to plunder and pillage, before the Enemy be intirely beaten and defeated; or whilſt any Body of them remains unbroken; every ſuch Offender, being duly convicted thereof, ſhall be reputed a Diſobeyer of military Orders; and ſhall ſuffer Death, or ſuch other Puniſhment as by a Court-Martial ſhall be inflicted on him.

Article 17th.

Whatever publick Stores ſhall be taken in the Enemy's Camp, Towns, Forts, or Magazines, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing, Forage, or Proviſion, ſhall be

ſecured for his Majeſty's Service, and the better Relief of the Army; to which all Commanders in Chief are to have due Regard.

Article 18th.

If any Officer, Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall be accuſed of any Crime, which is puniſhable by the known Laws of the Land, and not expreſly mentioned in theſe our Rules and Articles, the Commanding Officer of every Regiment, Troop, Company, or Party, are hereby required to deliver over ſuch accuſed Perſons to the Civil Magiſtrate, ſo ſoon as applied to; and are alſo to be aiding and aſſiſting to the Officers of Juſtice in the ſeizing and apprehending ſuch Offender, in order to bring him to Tryal, under Pain of our higheſt Diſpleaſure.

Article 19th.

If any Officer think himſelf wronged by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and ſhall, upon Application to him, be refuſed to be redreſſed, he is to complain to our General or Commander in Chief of our Forces, in order to have Juſtice done him; who is hereby required to examine into the ſame, and to lay it before us himſelf, or by our Secretary at War, in order to receive our further Direction; and, if the Accuſation prove falſe and vexatious, the Complainant ſhall be puniſhed at the Diſcretion of a General Court-Martial: And if any inferior Officer, or Soldier, ſhall think himſelf wronged by his Captain, or Officer commanding the Troop, or Company, he is to complain thereof to the Officer commanding the Regiment; who is hereby required to ſee Juſtice done to the Complainant at a Regimental Court-Martial; from which, if either Party think himſelf not fully righted, he may appeal to a General Court-Martial; where if, upon a Second Hearing, the Appeal ſhall appear vexatious or groundleſs, the Appealant ſhall be puniſhed accordingly:

And if any Colonel or Captain ſhall be found to have taken away any thing from an Officer or Soldier, or to have wronged him of his Dues, he ſhall not only make Reſtitution, but be further puniſhed, according to the Nature of his Offence.

Article 20th.

No Officer or Soldier ſhall uſe any reproachful or provoking Speeches or Geſtures to another, upon Pain of Impriſonment, and aſking Pardon of the Party offended, in Preſence of his Commanding Officer:

Nor ſhall any Officer, or Soldier, preſume to ſend a Challenge to any other Officer, or Soldier, to fight a Duel, upon Pain of being caſhiered, if he be an Officer; or ſuffering the ſevereſt corporal Puniſhment, if a Non-commiſſion Officer, or private Soldier: And if any Officer, or Non-commiſſion Officer, commanding a Guard, ſhall willingly and knowingly ſuffer any Perſon whatever to go forth to fight a Duel, they ſhall be puniſhed as above; and all Seconds alſo, and Carriers of Challenges, ſhall be taken as Principals, and puniſhed accordingly.

All Officers, of what Condition ſoever, have Power to part and quell all Quarrels, Frays, and other Diſorders, though of another Company, Troop, or Regiment; and to command Officers to Arreſt, and Soldiers to Priſon, until their proper Officers be acquainted therewith: And whoever ſhall refuſe ſuch Officer, though of inferior Rank, or draw his Sword upon him, ſhall be puniſhed as a General Court-Martial ſhall appoint: Nor ſhall any Officer or Soldier upbraid another for refuſing a Challenge; ſince, according to theſe our Orders, they but do the Duty of Soldiers, who ought to ſubject themſelves to Diſcipline: And we do acquit and diſcharge all Men, who have Quarrels offered, or Challenges ſent to them, of all Diſgrace, or Opinion of Diſadvantage, in their Obedience hereunto: And whoſoever ſhall upbraid them, and offend in this Caſe, ſhall be puniſhed as a Challenger.

Article 21ſt.

The Controverſies that happen in a Regiment between the Soldiers and their Officers, relating to their military Capacities, as alſo between Soldier and Soldier, ſhall be determined at the next Regimental Court-Martial; which Regimental Court-Martial ſhall not conſiſt of leſs than Five Commiſſioned Officers, and the Preſident, not to be under the Degree of a Captain; who are to judge as ſhall ſuch Matters as are proper for their Determination; which ſhall be decided according to the Plurality of Voices.

They are alſo impowered to try Non-commiſſion Officers, and Soldiers, for Neglect of Duty, or other Miſbehaviour; and to inflict corporal Puniſhments, if the Sentence be approved by the Commanding Officer; and, if any Perſon think himſelf aggrieved, he may appeal to the next General Court-Martial for Redreſs: But, where any Officer or Soldier is accuſed of any Crime, which, by theſe Articles, is puniſhable with Death, they are to be tried by a General Court-Martial.

Article 22d.

A General Court-Martial ſhall not conſiſt of leſs than Thirteen Commiſſion-Officers, with their Preſident, who is not to be under the Degree of a Field-Officer, or the then Commander in Chief of our Forces in Gariſon, where ſuch Court is held: The Members both of General and Regimental Courts-Martial ſhall, for Orders-ſake, take the ſame Rank in their Sittings, as they do in the Army; and the Judge-Advocate-General, or ſome Perſon having a Deputation to act for him, ſhall inform the Court, and proſecute in his Majeſty's Name; and, in capital Caſes, adminiſter to the ſeveral Members the Oath following:

" You ſhall well and truly try and determine, accord-
" ing to your Evidence, in the Matter now before
" you, between our Sovereign Lord the King's
" Majeſty and the Priſoner to be tried.
" So help you GOD."

The following Oath ſhall alſo be taken by ſuch as are Members, or Judges, in any General Court-Martial:

" I *A. B.* do ſwear, That I will duly adminiſter Juſtice,
" according to the Rules and Articles made by his
" Majeſty for the better Government of his Forces;
" and according to an Act of Parliament, now in
" Force, for the Puniſhment of Mutiny, Deſertion,
" and other Crimes therein mentioned; without Par-
" tiality, Favour, or Affection; and, if any Doubt
" ſhall ariſe, which is not explained by the ſaid Ar-
" ticles, or Act of Parliament, according to my
" Conſcience, the beſt of my Underſtanding, and
" the Cuſtom of War in like Caſes: And I do fur-
" ther ſwear, That I will not divulge the Sentence
" of the Court, until it ſhall be approved by his Ma-
" jeſty, the General, or Commander in Chief; nei-
" ther will I, upon any account, at any time what-
" ſoever, diſcloſe or diſcover the Vote or Opinion of
" any particular Member of the Court-Martial.
" So help me GOD."

All Witneſſes ſhall be examined upon Oath; and no Field-Officer ſhall be tried by any under the Degree of a Captain; nor ſhall any Sentence of Death be given againſt any Offender, unleſs Nine of the Thirteen Officers preſent ſhall concur therein: And no Sentence of Death ſhall be had or given againſt any Offender, nor any Proceedings on his Tryal, but between the Hours of Eight in the Morning and One in the Afternoon; nor ſhall the Sentence of any Court-Martial be put in Execution until Report be made of the whole Proceedings to his Majeſty, and his Directions ſignified thereupon. All Members of Courts-Martial ſhall behave themſelves decently; and, in giving their Votes, begin with the youngeſt.

Article 23d.

Every Non-commiſſion Officer and Soldier, who ſhall inliſt himſelf in our Service, ſhall, at the time of his ſo inliſting, or within a Month afterwards at the furtheſt, be taken before a Juſtice of the Peace by the inliſting Officer, or the Officer commanding the Troop or Company, in which he is liſted; and ſhall take the Oath following:

" I ſwear to be true to our Sovereign Lord King *George*,
" and to ſerve him honeſtly and faithfully, in De-
" fence of his Perſon, Crown, and Dignity, againſt
" all his Enemies and Oppoſers whatſoever; and to
" obſerve and obey his Majeſty's Orders, and the
" Orders

" Orders of the Generals and Officers ſet over me
" by his Majeſty.
" So help me G O D."

Article 24th.

Every Officer commanding a Troop, or Company, ſhall, upon due Notice given him by the Commiſſary of the Muſters, or ſome one of his Deputies, aſſemble the Troop, or Company, under his Command, in the next convenient Place, for their being muſtered; and if any Officer or Soldier ſhall happen to be abſent from ſuch Muſter, by reaſon of Sickneſs, being employed in Recruiting, on Party, or on Furloff, or by a ſigned Leave from his Colonel or Field-Officer commanding the Regiment, the Officer there commanding ſuch Troop, or Company, ſhall produce ſigned Certificates of ſuch lawful Cauſe of Abſence, or they ſhall not be allowed of at the Muſters: And every Officer that ſhall be convicted of giving, making, or procuring, any falſe Certificate, in order to a falſe Muſter; or ſhall, at any time, be found guilty of making a falſe Muſter, either by Muſtering of Servants in the Ranks, or of any Man or Horſe not truly belonging to the Troop, or Company; ſhall be caſhiered from our Service.

Article 25th.

No Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall, by Leave of his Captain, or inferior Officer, commanding a Troop, or Company, be abſent from his Quarters above Twenty Days in Six Months, unleſs by a ſigned Leave from the Colonel, or other Field-Officer commanding the Regiment; who is alſo to take care, that no more than Two private Men, at a time, of the ſame Troop, or Company, may have his Licence of Abſence; and, for the Abſence of Commiſſion-Officers from Gariſons, or Quarters, all Colonels, and Commanding Officers, are to govern themſelves according to our Orders for Attendance of Officers in Quarters.

Article 26th.

All Commiſſions granted by us, or by any of our Generals, having Authority from us, ſhall be entered in the Books of our Secretary at War, and Commiſſary-General of the Muſters; or not otherwiſe to be allowed of at the Muſters.

Article 27th.

No Commiſſioned Officer may be caſhiered, or diſmiſſed our Service, but by an Order from us, or by the Sentence of a General Court-Martial, approved of by ſuch Generals, or Commanders of our Forces, as, by our Power and Authority, ſhall appoint the ſame to be held: But Non-commiſſion Officers may be diſcharged in like manner as private Soldiers; and, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial, may be reduced to ſerve as private Soldiers in the Ranks, if their Misbehaviour ſhall deſerve ſuch Puniſhment.

Article 28th.

No Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, belonging to any Regiment, Troop, or Company, in our Service, ſhall be permitted to ſuttle, or to keep any kind of Publick-houſe or Shop for the Selling of Liquors, Victuals, or other Merchandize, under Pain of being puniſhed for it by a Regimental Court-Martial:

And every Commiſſion-Officer, who ſhall preſume to muſter any Perſon known to be ſo ſuttling, or offending, as above, ſhall be brought to a General Court-Martial, and puniſhed as for Making of a falſe Muſter.

Article 29th.

In all our Barracks, Forts, and Gariſons, or on Guards, where any ſuch Suttlers, not being Soldiers, are permitted to attend our Troops, they ſhall not ſell any kind of Liquors, Victuals, or keep open Houſe for the Entertainment of Soldiers, after Nine of the Clock at Night, nor before the Beating of the Reveilles in the Morning, under Pain of being diſmiſſed from all future Suttling, as the Commanding Officer ſhall be anſwerable.

Article 30th.

All Officers and Soldiers are to behave themſelves orderly in Quarters, and on the March; and whoever ſhall commit any Waſte, or Spoil, either in Walks of Trees, Parks, Warrens, Fiſh-ponds, Houſes, or Gardens, Corn-fields, Incloſures, or Meadows, or ſhall maliciouſly deſtroy any Property whatever belonging to any of our Subjects, or belonging to any Perſon whatever, unleſs, by Order of the then Commander in Chief of our Forces, to annoy Rebels, or other Enemies, in Arms againſt us; he or they that ſhall be found guilty of offending herein, ſhall, beſides ſuch Penalties as they are liable to by Law, be puniſhed, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, by the Judgment of a Regimental, or General, Court-Martial.

Article 31ſt.

No Officer ſhall demand Billets for Quartering of more than his effective Men; nor quarter any Women or Children in the Houſe aſſigned him for the Quartering of Officers and Soldiers, without the Conſent of the Owner; nor ſhall take Money for freeing the Landlords from Quartering of Officers, or Soldiers, under Pain of being caſhiered for it.

Article 32d.

Every Officer commanding a Regiment, Troop, Company, or Party, whether in ſettled Quarters, or on the March, ſhall ſee his own Quarters, and the Quarters of every Officer and Soldier under his Command, paid according to the Rates ſpecified in the Act of Parliament now in Force; and, upon every Payment to be made in Quarters, the ſaid Officer ſhall give publick Notice thereof to the Landlords, in order to ſee them ſatisfied, as aforeſaid: And in caſe any ſuch Regiment, Troop, Company, or Party, ſhall be ordered to march before Money may be come to the Hands of the Commanding Officer, he is hereby required, before his Departure out of any Town or Village, to make up the Accounts with all Perſons concerned in Money due to them for quartering Officers and Soldiers, for what time ſoever he ſhall have happened to remain there; and grant to every ſuch Party a ſigned Certificate for the ſame; therein ſpecifying the Name of the Regiment, Troop, or Company, ſuch Officers or Soldiers do belong to, under Pain of being caſhiered for it, upon Proof of having wilfully offended herein.

Article 33d.

On Marches, the Commanding Officers are to apply to the proper Magiſtrates for the Carriages neceſſary for the Service; and to pay for them, according to the Act of Parliament in that behalf; taking care not to abuſe, or to ſuffer any under their Command to beat or abuſe, the Waggoners, or other Perſons, attending ſuch Carriages; nor to put more than Twenty hundred Weight on any Wain or Waggon ſo furniſhed to them by the Country:

And whatever Officer ſhall be convicted of offending herein, or in refuſing to grant Certificates, in caſe of Failure of Money, as in the preceding Article, ſhall, by the Judgment of a (*a*) [General] Court-Martial, be caſhiered, or otherwiſe puniſhed, according to the Degree of his Offence.

Article 34th.

All Officers commanding in Gariſons, in Quarters, or on Marches, ſhall keep good Order, and redreſs all ſuch Abuſes or Diſorders as may happen to be committed by any Officer or Soldier under their Command: And if, on Complaint made to any Commanding Officer of Beating of Landlords, or Extorting of more from them than they are obliged by Law to furniſh; of Soldiers Diſturbing of Fairs or Markets, or committing any other kind of Riots, to the diſturbing or diſquieting our People; he the ſaid Commander, who ſhall refuſe to ſee Juſtice done on the Offender, and Reparation made to the Party injured, ſo far as Part of the Offender's Pay can enable him, he ſhall, upon Proof thereof, be puniſhed by a General Court-Martial, as if he himſelf had perſonally committed the Crimes or Diſorders complained of.

Article 35th.

No Officer or Soldier ſhall lie out of his Camp, or Quarters, without Leave of his ſuperior Officer; and every Soldier ſhall repair to his Quarters at the beating or

(*a*) Supplied from the Copy which was preſented to the Houſe.

ſounding the Retreat; and whatever Officer, or Soldier, ſhall offend herein, or, without Leave, abſent himſelf from his Guard, or ſhall neglect to come to the Parade, Place of Exerciſe, or other Rendezvous, appointed by his Commanding Officer, unleſs by Sickneſs, or other evident Neceſſity hindered therefrom, ſhall be puniſhed, according to the Nature of his Offence, at the Diſcretion of his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Article 36th.

If any Officer ſhall be found drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty, under Arms, he ſhall be caſhiered for it; and if any Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall be found guilty of the ſame, he ſhall be puniſhed by riding the wooden Horſe, Picketing, or ſome other ſuch corporal Puniſhment as is practiſed in the Army for ſuch-like Offences.

Article 37th.

If any Centinel quit his Poſt before he be relieved from it, or ſhall be found ſleeping on his Poſt, he ſhall be confined till the next Regimental Court-Martial; and, upon Proof thereof, be condemned to run the Gauntlet; which is a Puniſhment we think not fitting to be otherwiſe inflicted than by the Judgment of a General, or Regimental, Court-Martial.

Article 38th.

No Trooper, Dragoon, or Foot-Soldier, ſhall hire another to do his Duty for him; nor ſhall any ſuch be excuſed from Duty, but in Caſes of Sickneſs, Diſability, or Leave of Abſence; and every Soldier, found guilty of hiring his Duty, as alſo the Party ſo hired to do another's Duty, ſhall be puniſhed at the next Regimental Court-Martial; and every Non-commiſſion Officer, conniving at ſuch Hiring of Duty as aboveſaid, ſhall be reduced for it; and every Commiſſioned Officer, Knowing and Allowing of ſuch ill Practices in our Service, ſhall be puniſhed by the Judgment of a General Court-Martial: And if he ſhall protect any Perſon from his Creditors, under his Pretence of his being a Soldier, except ſuch as do actually ſerve in the Ranks, and conſtantly do all the Duties of a Soldier, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that behalf, he ſhall be caſhiered for it.

Article 39th.

No Officer, or Soldier, ſhall, by Firing of Arms, Drawing of Swords, or otherwiſe, make Alarms in Camp or Quarters, under Pain of ſuch Puniſhment as the next Regimental Court-Martial ſhall judge proper.

Article 40th.

And to the end that Officers and Soldiers may not, by lying under Confinement, be hindered from doing their Duty, and others be obliged to do it in their room; we hereby direct, That, upon every Offence committed, and not immediately puniſhable by ſuch corporal Puniſhments, as the there Commanding Officer ſhall think himſelf impowered to inflict, he ſhall forthwith acquaint his Colonel, or the Officer commanding the Regiment, therewith; who is all, with all convenient Speed, to ſummon Officers for compoſing a Regimental Court-Martial, for the Tryal and Puniſhment of ſuch Crimes; or, within the Space of Five Days at fartheſt, after Confinement of any ſuch Offender; and, for all Crimes, Offences, and Differences, which, at a Regimental Court-Martial, they ſhall not judge themſelves impowered to decide, and puniſh, the Officer then commanding the Regiment ſhall ſend to our Secretary at War the Proceedings, Proofs, and Examinations, made thereon, in order to obtain our Order, or the Order of our General, or Commander of our Forces, for a General Court-Martial thereupon.

Article 41th.

Whoſoever ſhall make known the Parole, or Watch-word, without Orders of his ſuperior Officer, to any other than the Commiſſioned and Non-commiſſion Officers, who ought to know the ſame; and whoever, upon his Guard, or Patrol, ſhall give any other Word than that given by the proper Officer; ſhall be brought to next Regimental Court-Martial, and be puniſhed as their Judgment, and the Circumſtances of his Offence, may require.

Article 42d.

Whatever Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, ſhall, at a Regimental Court-Martial, be convicted of having ſold, or willingly ſpoiled, any of the Ammunition delivered to him out of our Stores, ſhall run the Gauntlet; and if any Commiſſioned Officer, Store-keeper, or Commiſſary of Proviſions, Forage, Ammunition, Arms, or other Stores, for the Uſe of our Forces, ſhall, at a General Court-Martial, be convicted of embezzling, ſelling, or wilfully ſpoiling, any ſuch Stores committed to his Charge, he ſhall be caſhiered for it.

Article 43d.

Every Non-commiſſion Officer, or Soldier, of Horſe, Foot, or Dragoons, who ſhall, at a Regimental Court-Martial, be found guilty of having ſold, or wilfully loſt, or ſpoiled, his Horſe, Arms, Cloaths, or Accoutrements, or of pilfering and ſtealing his Comrades, or other Soldiers, Cloaths, Arms, or Accoutrements, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch weekly Stoppage, not exceeding One Half-part of his Pay, as the Court-Martial ſhall judge ſufficient for repairing the ſame; and ſuffer Confinement, or ſuch other corporal Puniſhment, as, in their Judgment, the Nature of his Offence may deſerve; but no Deduction out of any particular Man's Pay, otherwiſe than is, or ſhall be, directed by a Regulation under our Sign Manual, may be made, unleſs for Crimes of the above Nature, and authorized by the Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial; nor any general Stoppage or Deductions in Regiments, Troops, or Companies, but by our particular Warrant, or the Warrant of the General commanding our Forces.

Article 44th.

No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provoſt-Marſhal belonging to our Forces, ſhall refuſe to receive, and keep, any Priſoner committed to their Charge by any Officer of our Forces; nor ſhall releaſe any ſuch Priſoner, without Orders from the then Commander in Chief; nor ſuffer any Priſoner to eſcape, under Pain of being puniſhed for it by the Judgment of a General Court-Martial, according to the Degree of his Offence; and every ſuch Officer, to whoſe Charge Priſoners are committed, is hereby required, within Twenty-four Hours after ſuch Commitment, or ſo ſoon as he is relieved from his Guard, to give, in Writing, to the ſaid Commander in Chief, the Names of the Priſoners, and of the Committers, and, as far as he knows, of the Crimes alleged againſt them, under Pain of his being puniſhed for his Diſobedience at a Regimental or General Court-Martial.

Article 45th.

When any Commiſſion-Officer ſhall happen to die, or be killed, in our Service, the Major of the Regiment, or Officer doing Major's Duty in his Abſence, ſhall immediately ſecure all his Effects and Equipage, then in Camp or Quarters, and, before the next Regimental Court-Martial, make a juſt Inventory thereof; to the end that his lawful Executor may, after the Payment of his Debts in Quarters, and Interment, receive the Overplus, if any be, to his or their proper Uſe:

And when any Non-commiſſion-Officer, or Soldier, ſhall happen to die, or be killed, as above, the Captain, or then Commanding Officer, of the Troop, or Company, ſhall, in Preſence of Two other Commiſſion-Officers, or other credible Witneſſes, take Account of all he dies poſſeſſed of, over and above his Regimental Cloathing, Arms, and Accoutrements, to be accounted for as is above directed.

Article 46th.

The aforegoing Rules and Articles ſhall be read and publiſhed at the Head of every Regiment, Troop, and Company, muſtered, or to be muſtered, in our Service, once every Two Months at fartheſt; and are to be duly obſerved by all Officers and Soldiers in our Service; and alſo by our Companies of Gunners, and other Military Officers of our Trains of Artillery, with ſuch Alterations only that relate to the Payment of Soldiers Quarters, and Carriages; which, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, are to be regulated by the Lord Lieutenant thereof; and, in our Iſlands, Provinces, and Gariſon, beyond the Seas, by the reſpective

reſpective Governors of the ſame, according as the Nature of the thing ſhall require: And notwithſtanding it is expreſſed in the 18th Article of theſe our Rules and Orders, That every Commanding Officer is required to deliver up to the Civil Magiſtrate all ſuch Perſons, under his Command, as ſhall be accuſed of any Crimes, beſides thoſe of Mutiny, Deſertion, and other Offences, herein expreſly mentioned; yet, in our Gariſon of *Gibraltar*, Iſland of *Minorca*, Forts of *Placentia* and *Anapolis Royal*, where our Forces now are, or in any other Places beyond the Seas, to which any of our Troops may hereafter be commanded, and where there is no Form of our Civil Judicature in Force, the Governors or Commanders, reſpectively, are to hold General Courts-Martial, and to puniſh Criminals by their Sentence, as has been practiſed heretofore, and authorized by former Articles of War.

J. Craggs.

The Order of the Day for the Call of the Houſe being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do go with the Mace into *Weſtminſter-hall*, and Courts there, and Court of Requeſts, and other Places adjacent, and ſummon the Members there to attend the Service of the Houſe.

And he went according.

And, being returned;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee of the whole Houſe, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to take away unreaſonable Protections of Soldiers from their juſt Creditors; and alſo to prevent unjuſt and fraudulent Arreſts upon them.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Gyles Erle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Gyles Erle* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 5° die Februarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and Grand Jury, met together at the Quarter-Seſſions holden for the County of *Worceſter*, the Fourteenth Day of *January* 1717, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in this and divers other Counties, great Quantities of Cyder and Perry are made, proper for Exportation; and a coarſer Sort of the ſame Liquors is made from wild Fruit, and much uſed by Diſtillers in making Brandy; which is found to be a clean Spirit, fit for exporting to foreign Parts, eſpecially to the Northern Kingdoms; where great Quantities would vend, and contribute to pay for naval Stores, and prevent the Carrying out of our Silver, and purchaſe ſundry Merchandizes with the Produce; which would pay conſiderable Duties to his Majeſty, encourage Planting and Navigation, and find Employment for great Numbers of Hands in this Kingdom: That the Petitioners, and others, are kept from theſe deſirable Advantages, by reaſon of great Duties laid on Cyder, Perry, low Wines, and Spirits, or Brandy, without a Proviſion for a Drawback of the ſaid Duties upon Exportation; the Want of which diſcourageth our Merchants from buying, they being under-ſold in foreign Markets: And praying, That ſuch Debentures for the Exporting of Cyder may be allowed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, is committed.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Hereford*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning here in *England*; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſons ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of the Corporations of *Macclesfeild* and *Congleton*, in the County Palatine of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and, if the principal Ingredient for Tanning be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and a Law was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; but is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of the Borough of *Wigan*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; if the principal Ingredient for Tanning be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*; and, by a Law made in King *James* the Firſt's Reign, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark, nor fell any Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor, Magiſtrates, Common-Council, and other the principal Inhabitants and Merchants, of the Borough of *Plymouth*, trading in Woollen Manufactures, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the Prohibiting of the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool at this Port, the Petitioners have laboured under great Hardſhips in reſpect to the Woollen-trade, the ſole Liberty for Importation having been granted to *Bideford*, *Barneſtaple*, &c.; whereby, whatever Occaſions the Petitioners may have had for *Iriſh* Wool, which often happens, they have been conſtantly obliged to be at an extravagant Charge of Land-carriage from *Biddeford*, *Barnſtaple*, &c.; ſo that abundance of poor labouring Families can have no manner of Employment, for want of *Iriſh* Wool: And praying, That they may have the ſame Liberty in all reſpects granted them, for Import-

ation of *Iriſh* Wool, as *Exeter*, or any other Port or Place whatever.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, and Aſſiſtants, and Gentlemen, and of the Merchants, and other Traders in the Woollen Manufactures, within the Town and Pariſh of *Tiverton*, in the County of *Devon*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners having lately repreſented the Injury done to the Woollen Manufactury in *England*, by the Exporting of Wool and Yarn from *Ireland* to *France*; That One-half of the Wool of the Growth of *Ireland* is already clandeſtinely exported from thence to *France*, either in Wool or Yarn; to the great Decay of the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, if the Port of *Exon* be ſuffered to receive Wool from *Ireland*: And praying, That ſuch Evils may be prevented, and the Woollen Manufactury may not be intirely prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, Sergemakers, Fullers, Dyers, and other principal Inhabitants, of the Borough and Town of *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Staple Manufacture of that Town, and neighbouring Places, is the Making of Druggets, Cloth, Serges, *&c.* in which incredible Numbers of Hands are employed, and great Quantities made: That, notwithſtanding ſeveral Laws made to prevent the Exportation of Wool to *France*, eſpecially from *Ireland*; yet that clandeſtine Trade is carried on: That there are great Quantities of Worſted Yarn imported from *Ireland*, under the Notion of Bay Yarn, whereas it is no other than Worſted Yarn, and uſed as ſuch, and is bought much cheaper than it can poſſibly be made here; whereby the Manufacturers, who have not the Advantage of ſuch Worſted Yarn, labour under great Diſcouragements; and we obſerve how fatal and dangerous a Conſequence the opening the Port of *Exeter* will be for the Importation of Wool, in regard the Veſſels, on which ſuch Wool muſt be brought thither, will have all the favourable Opportunities, and lie under the inevitable Temptation, of running their Goods into *France*; ſo that, inſtead of its being a Service to the Weſtern Country, will really be a great Damage to Trade in general: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Sergemakers, Woolcombers, and other Labourers in the Woollen Manufacture, in the Town of *Cullampton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Wool continuing to be exported from *Ireland* to *France* have occaſioned great Miſeries on the Trade of this Country: That the making *Exeter* a Staple Port will apparently advance the ſaid *French* Trade: And praying, That Attempts in order thereunto may not be encouraged.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of divers Merchants, Weavers, Dyers, and other Dealers in the Woollen Manufactury, in the City of *London*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and divers others concerned in the Woollen Manufactury in the City of *London*, and County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the late King *William*, an Act was paſſed, whereby it was permitted to import Wool and Yarn from *Ireland* into the Ports of *Bideford*, *Barnſtaple*, *Minehead*, *Bridgwater*, *Briſtol*, *Milford-Haven*, *Cheſter*, and *Liverpoole*, only: That the Petitioners are put to a great Expence in bringing the ſaid Wool and Yarn, by Land-carriage, or Coaſt-ways, from the ſeveral Ports above-mentioned, to *London*, for want of its being opened as a free Port; and a Bill being now depending for the opening the Port of *Exeter* for that Purpoſe: And praying, That a Clauſe may be inſerted, in that Bill, for the opening the Port of *London* for the free Importation of *Iriſh* Wool and Yarn.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Bailiffs, Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Commonalty, of the Trade, Art, and Myſtery, of Weavers, of *London*, on behalf of their Trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the late King *William*, *Iriſh* Wool and Yarn was permitted to be imported into divers Ports of *Great Britain*: That, for want of the Port of *London* being opened as a free Port for the ſaid Wool and Yarn, the ſame cannot be here had but at great Expence of Land-carriage, or Coaſt-ways; and there being a Bill depending for the Making of *Exeter* a free Port for that Purpoſe: And praying, That the Port of *London*, as well as the Port of *Exeter*, may be opened for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, and Common-Council, of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and of the Merchants, Traders, and others, inhabiting in and near the ſaid Borough, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Wool grown in this and the adjacent Countries cannot be manufactured to any Advantage without a Mixture of *Iriſh* Wool: That the Expence of Carriage from other Ports, where the Traders are obliged to furniſh themſelves with *Iriſh* Wool, has greatly diſcouraged the Woollen Manufactures begun here: That the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool at this Port of *Lancaſter* would very much improve and promote the Woollen Manufactury, and be a Means to employ the Poor: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, or a Clauſe to be inſerted in ſome Bill, for Liberty to import Wool from *Ireland* to the Port of *Lancaſter*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and Citizens, of the City of *Cheſter*, by their Common Seal thereunto affixed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Ports which are now appointed by Law for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, are not only the moſt convenient, but very ſufficient, for that Purpoſe: That a Bill is now depending for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; which, if it ſhould paſs into a Law, would not be only very prejudicial to a great Number of Families, but may likewiſe be attended with very great Inconveniencies with reſpect to the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom, by the great Opportunities and Temptations of landing Wool in *France*, in pretended Voyages from *Ireland* to *Exeter*: And praying, That the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, may not paſs into a Law.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of the united Pariſhes of *Saint Mildred*, *Poultrey*, and *St. Mary*, *Colechurch*, *London*, and other the Pariſhioners thereunto belonging, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Order made the 14th Day of *February* 170$\frac{4}{5}$, by the then Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and Biſhop of *London*, That the Tower of the Church of the ſaid united Pariſhes was directed to be finiſhed out of the Monies ariſing by the Duty on Coals, appropriated for the building Parochial Churches: That, by reaſon of ſeveral great Charges and Incumbrances thereupon, the Petitioners could not, at that time, get the ſaid Order complied with; the ſaid Duty being, by the Statute 9° *Annæ*, granted and appropriated for building Fifty new Churches; whereby the Petitioners are wholly deprived of the Intent and Benefit of the ſaid Order: And praying, That Proviſion may be made for Finiſhing of the ſaid Tower, out of the ſaid Duty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Hill*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Neville*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Erle*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Snell*, Mr. *Medlycott*, Colonel *Longe*, Mr. *Dockminique*, Mr. *Bere*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Carteret*, Mr. *Harris*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Tuftnell*, Mr. *Bromley*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Trevelyan*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Hillier*, Mr. *Jenkins*, Mr. *Papillon*, Sir *Charles Cooke*, Mr. *Grantham*, Sir *Richard Steele*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Cities of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and County of *Middleſex*: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Mellor*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming the reſpective Sales of a Fee-farm Rent, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Bedford*, lately made by the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Carterett*, and *William Hillerſdon* Eſquire, to each other; and to diſcharge the ſame from divers Eſtates, Terms, and Truſts, to which they are reſpectively liable by ſeveral Settlements made thereof: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

A Petition of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Town and Pariſh of *Tiverton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by reaſon of divers Societies or Clubs of the Labourers in the Woollen Manufactures, the Trade of this County has been very much incommoded, many Families impoveriſhed, the Houſes and Effects of Tradeſmen rendered precarious, the Peace broken, Laws eluded, and the Officers of Juſtice aſſaulted, and Money extorted from many of his Majeſty's peaceable Subjects: That the ſaid Clubs have been heard to boaſt, That they can aſſemble a very great Body in a very ſhort Space, whenever they ſhall ſee Occaſion: And praying to be relieved herein. And alſo,

A Petition of the Mayor, Maſters, Burgeſſes, and Capital Inhabitants, of his Majeſty's ancient Borough, Liberty, and Pariſh, of *Bradninch*, in the County of *Devon*, and of others trading in the Woollen Manufacture there, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for ſome Years laſt paſt, the Woolcombers and Weavers in thoſe Parts have been confederating how to incorporate themſelves into a Club; and have, to the Number of ſome Thouſands in this County, in a very riotous and tumultuous manner, exacted Tribute from many; and have made it their frequent Practice to cut and break the Chains, Serges, and Looms, of ſeveral Maſters who oppoſed their Laws: That, the Mayor endeavouring to appeaſe them, on a Complaint made to him, they knocked him down, and he narrowly eſcaped with his Life: Which Practices of the ſaid Clubs, unleſs timely prevented, will manifeſtly tend to the utmoſt Prejudice of the Woollen Trade, as alſo to the publick Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet. As alſo,

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, of the City of *Exon*, and alſo of the Merchants, Weavers, Fullers, and others trading and dealing in the Woollen Manufacture within the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Numbers of Woolcombers and Weavers in and about this City, and other Places in this Country, have, for ſome Years paſt, combined themſelves into Clubs, and made ſuch Rules and Orders as are contrary to Law; for, lately, many Thouſand of them roſe in a tumultuous and riotous manner, and committed many notorious Diſorders; cut and ſpoiled the Maſters Work; and threatened the Maſters to pull down their Houſes, and burn their Work, unleſs they would agree with their Terms; and ſome have actually cut and deſtroyed great Quantities of Work, and likewiſe broke open ſeveral Maſters Doors: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation for putting in Execution the Laws made againſt unlawful Clubs and Combinations; and for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing Rioters.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe, as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wrightſon* do carry to the Lords the Bill to continue an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on Shore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions, and deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

Mr. *Conyers* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting divers Lands and Tenements in the County of *Suſſex*, Part of the Eſtate of *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, in Truſtees, for a preſent Proviſion for his Son; and for the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid *Charles Eversfeild*; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the ſame in at the Clerk's Table.

Sir *Thomas Wheate* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for repairing the Highway from the Top of *Stoken-Church* Hill to *Anſlow* Bridge, in the County of *Oxon*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Hucks* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*,

minſter, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Giles in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Cadogan* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*; was committed; That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the reſpective Sales of a Fee-farm Rent, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Bedford*, lately made by the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Carterett*, and *William Hillerſdon* Eſquire, to each other; and to diſcharge the ſame from divers Eſtates, Terms, and Truſts, to which they are reſpectively liable by ſeveral Settlements made thereof; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do appoint the ſame Commiſſioners for executing the Powers contained in the ſaid Bill, who were appointed by his Majeſty to put in Execution the Act, of the laſt Seſſion, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Gregory*:	171.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*:	113.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Petition of *Joſeph Marti* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in *January* 1706, the Earl of *Peterborough* contracted and agreed with, and gave Orders to, the Petitioner, at *Caſtillo Plano*, in the Kingdom of *Valentia*, for the Raiſing of a Regiment of Foot, and Fifty Horſe, for the Service of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, to be put upon the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment and Pay; the ſaid Earl then declaring, That he was impowered by her late Majeſty ſo to do: That the Petitioner raiſed Eight Companies of Foot, and Fifty Horſe; of which the ſaid Earl having Notice, gave Orders to Mr. *Furley*, his Secretary at War, to make and iſſue out Commiſſions to the Petitioner, as Colonel of the ſaid Regiment, and Captain of One of the Companies; declaring, That the ſaid Regiment was raiſed by his Order, for the Service of the Queen, and was to be put upon the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment: That the Commiſſions were accordingly iſſued; the ſaid Earl therein reciting, That, by virtue of the Power and Authority granted to him by the Queen, to raiſe and form Troops of the Natives of *Spain*, he did conſtitute the Petitioner Colonel of the ſaid Regiment: And the ſaid Commiſſions expreſly mention, That the Petitioner, and the reſt of the Officers of that Regiment, ſhould enjoy, have, and receive, the ſame Honours, Privileges, and Pay, as the other Officers who ſerved her Majeſty in the like Stations and Poſts: That the Petitioner, with his ſaid Regiment, and Fifty Horſe, immediately after Iſſuing of the ſaid Commiſſions, which were dated the 4th of *February* 1706, N. S. ſerved under the Command of Lieutenant-General *Gorge*, at the Siege of *Alicant*; and, after the Taking of that Town, in defending ſeveral important Paſſes, the Town and Caſtle of *Denia*, the Town of *Satavia*, and the Town of *Alcoy*, where the Petitioner, and his Regiment, were made Priſoners of War: That the Petitioner, and Regiment, being, without the leaſt Doubt, taken and accepted by all Perſons to be One of her Majeſty's Regiments, the Petitioner was induced, at his own Charge and Credit, to maintain and pay the ſaid Regiment, upon the Intreaties, and frequent Declarations, of the ſaid Earl, my Lord *Galloway*, General *Richards*, and other *Engliſh* Generals, that he would run no Riſque in ſo doing, in regard his ſaid Regiment was upon the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment: That, the Petitioner having hereby intirely exhauſted his own Fortunes, and engaged his Credit, his Family is reduced to the utmoſt Extremity: That, upon a Petition to his Majeſty, to be paid what was due to him, his Majeſty was pleaſed to refer the Petitioner's Caſe to the Conſideration of the Commiſſioners appointed to ſtate and determine the Debts due to the Army; recommending a ſpeedy Diſpatch therein: That the ſaid Commiſſioners, not finding the Petitioner's ſaid Regiment mentioned in the Liſt of thoſe who are upon the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment, that ſerved in *Spain*, are of Opinion, that they are not authorized, by the Powers now granted to them, to proceed to ſtate the Petitioner's Demand: That he humbly hopes the Honour of the *Britiſh* Nation will provide, that he be no Sufferer for what he has done for the Service of *Great Britain*: And praying, That in the Bill now brought in, and depending, for appointing Commiſſioners to take, ſtate, and determine, the Debts of the Army, a Clauſe may be inſerted to impower the ſaid Commiſſioners named to ſtate and adjuſt the Petitioner's Demand; and that he may be paid what ſhall thereupon appear to be juſtly due to him.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it appears to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Sir *Richard Steele*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Wallop*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Colonel *Bladen*, Lord *Caſtlecomer*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Craggs*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Carteret*, Lord *Pagett*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Bellamy*, General *Wade*, Mr. *Walpole*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Powlett*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Neville*, General *Carpenter*, Lord *Downe*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Minſhall*, Mr. *Burridge*, Mr. *Roberts*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they do hear the Matter of the Complaint of a Breach of Privilege committed againſt Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe, upon *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, before it reſolves itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take the ſaid Reports into Conſideration.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 6° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the Merchants, Tradeſmen, and other Inhabitants, of the ancient Staple Port, and Borough, of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of the neighbouring Inhabitants, Traders in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of Wool, and Woollen Yarn, have been carried from *Ireland* to *France*, contrary to divers Laws made to prevent it: That a Bill is now brought in for making *Exeter* a Staple Port; and, if ſuch Bill ſhould paſs, it would be extremely prejudicial to the Trade of the Woollen Manufactury; becauſe Ships bound from *Ireland* to *Exeter* muſt paſs between this Coaſt and the Coaſt of *France*, and may eaſily put in, and diſcharge there: And praying, That the Bill for making *Exeter* a Staple Port may not paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Merchants, and others, Traders in Wool, and Woollen Manufactures, in the Port of *Bridgwater*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there being a Bill, now paſſing, for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; in caſe the ſaid .... is ſo opened, and Wool is brought from *Ireland* to the South Coaſt of *England*, ſo convenient for exporting it to *France*, it will be a great Means of promoting that pernicious Trade: That the Commodity of Wool, if the ſaid Port is ſo opened, will be engroſſed by the Merchants, Tuckers, Manufacturers, and others, of *Exeter*, to the Ruin of the Wool-trade: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may not paſs into an Act.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Merchants, Owners and Maſters of Ships, with other Traders and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of *Biddeford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool, will expoſe the Ships and Cargoes to great Hazards in going round the Land, as well as Paſſing of this and the South Chanel, to the Dangers of being forced on the Coaſt of *France*; and ſo increaſe the preſent ill Practice of carrying over ſuch Wool thither: And praying, That the Port of *Exeter* may not be opened, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt and Damages, confined in the Sheriff's Ward, in the County of *Cornwall*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners being reduced by Misfortunes, and other Severities, to an Incapacity of paying their Debts and Damages; and muſt inevitably periſh; being ready and willing to deliver up all our Effects, to ſatisfy our Creditors: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of the City of *Glouceſter*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our Skins and Hides not worth the Tanning in *England*: By the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the ancient Borough of *Newcaſtle under Line*, in the County of *Stafford*, and the Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined thereby; for, if the principal Ingredient for Tanning be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*: A Law was made, in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Yeovill*, in the County of *Somerſet*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather, to the great Diſadvantage of the Tanning-trade; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: A Statute was made, in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now become of little Force: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of all wrought Silks, Cambricks, and Lawns, imported into *England* for Seven Years laſt; diſtinguiſhing annually the Quantities, and from whence imported.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of all wrought Silks exported from *England*; diſtinguiſhing what are *Engliſh* Manufactures, and what are foreign; expreſſing annually the

the Quantities, and to what Places exported; for Seven Years laſt.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of all raw Silks imported into *England* for Seven Years laſt; and the Produce of the Cuſtoms payable thereupon; diſtinguiſhing annually the Quantities, and from whence imported.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Money hath been received on Account of *Dover* Pier Duty, from *May* 1701 to *May* 1717.

A Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Briſtow*, Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Sir *John Norris*, Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Lord *Carbury*, Sir *Cha. Cooke*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Travers*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Strangways*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Cartarett*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*, Mr. *Drew*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Lord *Havey*, Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, Sir *James Bateman*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *George Caſwall*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Heathcote*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Gold*, Mr. *Calmady*, Mr. *Inge*, the Earl of *Barrymore*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter*, *York*, *Dorſet*, *Devon*, and *Stafford*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Petition of the Bay-makers, Inhabitants, and Dealers in the Woollen Manufactury, of the Borough of *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, on behalf of themſelves, and all other Traders and Dealers in Wool, in the ſaid Town, and Country adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That there is a Bill now depending, for the opening the Port of *Exon*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; and that the Committee have Power to conſider what other Ports are proper for that Purpoſe; and to receive Clauſes according: The Petitioners humbly hope they may have the ſame Reſpect ſhewn to them as the Port of *Exon*, in regard the Wool to be exported hither will be expended here by the Manufacturer; whereby he will receive the immediate Advantage of ſuch Importation; our Demands as great, and our Situation as diſtant from the Places of Supply of Wool, as *Exon*: And praying, That a Clauſe may be inſerted, in the Bill now depending, to open the ſaid Port of *Colcheſter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, in the ſame manner with the Port of *Exon*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Opening of the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the principal Inhabitants of the Town of *Ottery Saint Mary*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under very great Difficulties by reaſon of great Quantities of Wool and Yarn continually run from *Ireland* to *France*; and by the continued Importation into theſe Parts, of vaſt Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, under the Denomination of Bay-yarn, which pays but a ſmall Duty; and which would be in a great meaſure remedied by the making the Port of *Exon* free and open for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, principal Burgeſſes, Aſſiſtants, and other Inhabitants, of the Town and Pariſh of *Oakhampton*, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners labour under the greateſt Difficulties, by reaſon of the vaſt Quantities of Wool and Yarn continually run from *Ireland* to *France*; as alſo by reaſon of the continued Importation into thoſe Parts of great Quantities of *Iriſh* Worſted, under the Denomination of Bay-yarn, by reaſon of the ſmall Duty that Bay-yarn pays; which Practices have already greatly impoveriſhed vaſt Numbers of poor Spinners and Woolcombers here in this Country: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. *Treby*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick; preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an Abſtract of the Claims on the forfeited Eſtates in *England* and *Ireland*, continued from N° 401. to N° 804. both incluſive:

And the Title of the ſaid Abſtract was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Abſtract is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Colonel *Fane* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Sir *Thomas Wheate* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered and *Declared*, That, when the Houſe, or any Committee of the whole Houſe, ſhall be ſitting, and Day-light be ſhut in, that the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe do take care, that Candles be brought in, without any particular Order for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Order be a Standing Order of the Houſe.

A Petition of the ſeveral Gentlemen, Heretors, and others, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, Sufferers by

by the Burning in the late Rebellion, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they being thoſe of his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects who ſuffered by the inhuman Practices of Burning and Devaſtation committed by the barbarous Highlanders; That they had, in the Night-time, their Houſes and Subſtance conſumed by Flames; their Selves, Wives, and Children, expoſed to all the Injuries of a ſevere Winter, and bereaved of their Livings; their Bodies inſulted, and were forced to take their Lodging in the Snow; their Loſſes amounting to 6 or 7,000*l.* Sterling: And praying to be relieved herein.

And Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That the Petitioners Caſe had been laid before his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had commanded him to acquaint the Houſe, That his Majeſty has no Objection againſt their being relieved in ſuch manner as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Meller*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoſkins*, Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoſkins* Eſquire, deceaſed: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the Diſpoſition of the perſonal Eſtate of Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, deceaſed, and the Settlements on his Three Sons under his Will; and exchanging Groundrents in *Wapping*, in *Middleſex*, for another Rent of like Value; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Petition of *Thomas Gage* and *Samuel Edwyn* Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon *Monday* Fortnight.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, at One of the Clock, and nothing to intervene, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Gyles Erle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Gyles Erle* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 7° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoſkins* Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoſkins* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs, of *Wedneſday* laſt, That his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue his Royal Proclamation for putting in Execution the Laws made againſt unlawful Clubs and Combinations; and for preventing Tumults, and riotous Aſſemblies; and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing Rioters; hath been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty hath given Directions for a Proclamation, according to the Deſire of this Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the Diſpoſition of the perſonal Eſtate of Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, deceaſed, and the Settlements on his Three Sons under his Will; and exchanging Groundrents in *Wapping*, in *Middleſex*, for another Rent, of the like Value; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe being informed, That Sir *Bryan Broughton* Baronet, a Member of this Houſe, hath received Satisfaction in relation to the Breach of Privilege complained of to have been committed againſt him;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the Complaint of the ſaid Breach of Privilege.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Barnſtaple*, in the County of *Devon*, in the room of Sir *Arthur Chicheſter* Baronet, deceaſed.

Mr. *Lowndes* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods: And the ſame was received.

Mr.

Mr. *Lowther* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for diſcharging ſuch inſolvent Debtors as are now in Gaol, and who were actually Priſoners the Twenty-fifth of *December* 1716: And the ſame was received.

Mr. *Gyles Erle*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; was committed; the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to prevent Conſtables, or ſuch other Perſons as ſhall be employed in Quartering or Billeting of Officers or Soldiers, Receiving or Demanding of Money, or any Reward, for or on account of excuſing any Perſon from quartering, or receiving into his Houſe, any Officer or Soldier:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to impower the Juſtices of the Peace to require the Conſtables, and other Perſons quartering or billeting Soldiers, to give them an Account, in Writing, of the Number of Officers and Soldiers quartered or billeted; and alſo of the Names of the Houſekeepers, Streets, and Signs; to the end there may be no Abuſes in Quartering or Billeting of the Soldiers:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And the Clauſe was amended; and then the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 8° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in and near the Towns of *Leeds* and *Wakefeild*, in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and to all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will moſt certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, Curriers, and Shoemakers, in and about the Town of *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, on behalf of themſelves, and all others employed in the Leather-trade, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Leather-trade is very much decayed of late Years, by reaſon of the Exportation of Bark to *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which hath occaſioned ſeveral Perſons to leave their Trades in this Kingdom, and retire to *Ireland*; to the great Diſadvantage of the Leather-trade: And pray, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of Bark.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Malmſbury*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*: That, by a Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, Leather-dreſſers, and Cutters of Leather, of the Town and Borough of *Taviſtock*, in the County of *Devon*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported from theſe Parts into *Ireland*, where there is no Duty paid on Hides: That this Country, which formerly ſupplied *Cornwall*, and Part of *Somerſetſhire*, have not a Sufficiency left to carry on our Trade: And a Law was made againſt Gaſhing and Cutting of Hides and Skins in the Flaying; as alſo another Statute againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark to ſell again, and Falling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; but thoſe Laws are made of no Effect: And praying, That the ſaid Statutes may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Winton* and *Alesford*, in the County of *Southampton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: A Statute was made in the Firſt Year of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark; but is now become of little Force: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides, *&c.* in *Wantage*, and the Parts adjacent, in the County of *Berks*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of

Engliſh Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: A Law was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Trees at unſeaſonable times in the Year; which Law is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maſters, Wardens, and Community of Shoemakers, in the Town and Corporation of *Bridgnorth*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Duty upon Leather is of very pernicious Conſequence to the Manufacturer; and their Families, and poor Workmen, are in a deplorable Condition, for want not only of Employ, but for want of Leather; it being engroſſed, and bought up, by the Merchants, and tranſported into foreign Parts; encouraged by the Drawback that is allowed them; and foreign Countries ſupplied with our beſt Leather, and at cheaper Rates than we are: And praying, That the Drawback upon Leather exported may be taken off, and *Iriſh* Hides and Skins be allowed to be imported.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Dunſtar*, *Carhampton*, *Porlock*, and *Wootton-Courtney*, in the County of *Somerſet*, together with the Tradeſmen and Labourers in the Woollen Manufactury in the Towns, and other Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Port and Harbour of *Minehead* has been, and now is, a very uſeful and advantageous Port to the Trade of this Kingdom; and we cannot foreſee any manner of Benefit will accrue by making *Exeter* a Staple Port; for as *Exeter* lies neighbouring on the *French* Coaſt, it may very probably give Occaſion of running, or ſending, Quantities of Wool to *France*: And praying, That the Bill may not paſs for making *Exeter* a Staple Port.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Merchants, and principal Traders in the Woollen Manufacture, of the City of *Norwich*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands in and about the ſaid City employed in the Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That in the ſaid City of *Norwich*, and County of *Norfolk*, great Quantities of Wool are manufactured: That perceiving a Bill hath been brought in for opening the Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; which Bill hath been committed to a Committee; with Inſtructions, That they conſider what other Ports are proper to be opened; with Power to receive Clauſes accordingly: And praying, That the Port of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*, may be opened for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, in ſuch manner as the Port of *Exeter* is to be; and that a Clauſe may be added to the ſame accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Merchants of the Town and County of *Southampton*, Importers of Wine and Brandy, and other foreign Goods, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Practice of defrauding his Majeſty's Revenues and Cuſtoms in Wine, Brandy, and other Goods, have been very much increaſed; to the great Detriment of all fair Traders: That, for ſeveral Years, during the late War, were uſually imported by us from One hundred to One hundred and Fifty Tuns of Brandy, and much conſiderable Quantities of Wine, annually, into this Port; they are ſo reduced by thoſe Perſons, who run the Duty, under-ſelling them, that, for theſe Two Years paſt, ſcarce Three Tuns of Brandy, and very few Wines, are imported: And praying, That a Stop may be put to ſuch evil Practices.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Bodmin*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of the Honourable *Francis Robarts* Eſquire, deceaſed.

A Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to an Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Eden* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Ralph Shepperdſon* Eſquire to make Sale of his Eſtate in *Studley-Roger*, in the County of *York*, freed from the Uſes and Truſts in the ſaid *Ralph Shepperdſon*'s Marriage-Settlement; and to ſettle his Eſtate at *Eaſt-Murton*, in the County of *Durham*, to the ſame Uſes; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee thereunto, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kentſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, thereunto, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Joſeph Erle* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals within the City of *Briſtol*, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto;

which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Reports from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire of the Eſtates of certain Traitors, and of Popiſh Recuſants; and of Eſtates given to ſuperſtitious Uſes; in order to raiſe Money out of them ſeverally, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Yonge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 10° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the great Tythes, and Glebe-lands, belonging to the Rectory of *Saxby*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in the Right Honourable *Bennett* Lord *Harborough*, and his Heirs, in lieu of other Lands, and an Annuity, to be ſettled on the Rector of the ſaid Church, and his Succeſſors for ever; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the reſpective Sales of a Fee-farm Rent, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Bedford*, lately made by the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Carterett*, and *William Hillerſdon* Eſquire, to each other; and to diſcharge the ſame from divers Eſtates, Terms, and Truſts, to which they are reſpectively liable by ſeveral Settlements made thereof; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Carterett*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Smith*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Yonge*, Sir *John Eyles*, Mr. *Stephens*, Sir *Wilfred Lawſon*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Douglas*, Mr. *White*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Brace*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Merick*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *Wm. Humfreys*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *England*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Jeſſop*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford* and *Bucks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the great Tythes, and Glebe-lands, belonging to the Rectory of *Saxby*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in the Right Honourable *Bennett* Lord *Harborough*, and his Heirs, in lieu of other Lands, and an Annuity, to be ſettled on the Rector of the ſaid Church, and his Succeſſors for ever; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins, *&c.* in the Town and County of *Leiceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt quickly deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Monmouth*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather; and, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*; and, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins for the Corporation of *Bedford*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; and is a great Diſadvantage to the Petitioners; and, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, in the Borough of *Maidſtone*, in the County of *Kent*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is ſo prejudicial to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt undoubtedly be ruined; and if the chief Ingredient for Tanning ſhould be exported into another Kingdom, where no Duty is paid for Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners, and other Dealers in Leather, in the County of *Eſſex*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark is ſo prejudicial to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt ſuffer great Damages thereby; and as Leather is one of the chief Manufactures of *England*, and Bark the only Material for tanning the ſame, ſo it is the greateſt Hardſhip imaginable, that it ſhould be exported into another Kingdom, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in and near the Towns of *Bradford*, *Hallifax*, and *Otley*, in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe,

Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will moſt certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the Town of *Beverley*, in the Eaſt Riding of the County of *York*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and if the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, which is Oak-bark, be ſuffered to be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt come to Ruin: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of the Boroughs of *Leverpool* and *Preſton*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Prejudice to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; and if the principal Ingredient for Tanning be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth Tanning in *England:* A Law was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in *Richmond*, *Middleham*, *Beadall*, and Places adjacent, in the North Riding of the County of *York*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and, if the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, which is Oak-bark, be ſuffered to be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt come to Ruin: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins, for the Weſt Part of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will moſt certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, as the Petitioners are daily ſenſible of in this Part of the Kingdom: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins, and Curriers, within the Town of *Cambridge*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table,

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Merchants, and others, of the Borough of *Barnſtaple*, .. trade in Wool, and Woollen Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas there is a Bill ordered to be brought in for the free Importation of Wool to *Exeter* from *Ireland*; which, we apprehend, will give a new Encouragement to the Runners of Wool, under Pretence of carrying it to *Exeter*, to land it in *France*: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, and other Dealers in the Woollen Manufacture, in the ſeveral Towns of *Chard* and *Combe Saint Nicholas*, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, notwithſtanding the Laws to prevent the Exportation of Wool to *France*, yet great Quantities are exported thither, eſpecially from *Ireland*; to the great Diſcouragement of the Woollen Manufacture; and, under the Notion of Bay-yarn, large Quantities of Worſted Yarn hath been, and is continually, imported into this Kingdom from *Ireland*; in Eluſion of the Laws to the contrary: That the Opening of the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool thither from *Ireland*, will be of great Diſadvantage to this Country; in regard that the Paſſage to the ſaid Port lies ſo handy to *France*, that it's eaſier to get thither than to the Port of *Exeter:* And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Gentry, and others the Inhabitants, of the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Epſom*, *alias Ebiſham*, *Latherhead*, *Aſhted*, *Ewell*, and the adjacent Pariſhes, in the County of *Surrey*, whoſe Names are thereunder-written, and others the Gentry reſorting to *Epſom*, as foreſaid, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That whereas there being a Bill now depending for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the ſaid County of *Surry:* And praying, That a Clauſe may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, for amending the common Highway leading between *Nonſuch* Park and *Worceſter* Park; and from that End of *Nonſuch* Park next to *Ewell* aforeſaid, to the *White Poſt* now at the End of the Lane leading from thence to *Mordon*, in *Surrey* aforeſaid; it being the moſt direct Road from the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes to the ſaid City of *London.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; is committed; be received.

A Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five

Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Carteret*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Pigott*, Mr. *Bigg*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Harley*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Merick*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *John Walter*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Hucks*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Oxon*, *Bucks*, *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Glouceſter*, *Wilts*, *Worceſter*, and *Suffolk*: And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Buckingham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſaid Amendments in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals within the City of *Briſtol*, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; was committed:

And the Amendments, which the Committee had made to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one ... with an Amendment to One of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Millet Yeatman*, a Servant to *George Treby* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, hath been arreſted by *John Rogers*, Attorney, and *John Ruſſell* and *Nathanael Hill*, Bailiffs, at the Suit of *John Barnard* and *John Bridge*; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered of the ſeveral Petitions to them referred; and had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michaell's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Heyſham* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Heyſham* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 11° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoskins* Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoskins* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Cavendiſh*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Bond*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Sir *Richard Steele*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Wallop*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Powlett*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Wilmer*, Mr. Sollicitor-General, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Diſton*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Colonel *Townſend*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lade*, Lord *Stanhope*, Mr. *Minſhall*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Vaughan*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Huntingdon*, *York*, *Derby*, *Nottingham*, *Lancaſter*, *Staffordſ*, and *Norfolk*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Fellows* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rentcharges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt for the Poor of the ſaid Town: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making more effectual certain Articles of Agreement between Sir *George Downing* Baronet, and Dame *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Foreſter* Knight, and her Truſtees: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make a Jointure for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Corbett*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Bathurſt*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Brace*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Whitmore*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Monro*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Lord *Sonds*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Edgecomb*, Sir *John Rogers*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Craggs*, Colonel *Morton*, the Maſter of the Rolls, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Carterett*, Mr. *Naylor*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Minſhull*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Sir *John Hind Cotton*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. Serjeant *Mead*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *North*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Feilding*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Northampton*, *Wilts*, *Suffolk*, *Eſſex*, *Surry*, and *Berks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the Diſpoſition of the perſonal Eſtate of Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, deceaſed, and the Settlements on his Three Sons under his Will; and exchanging Groundrents in *Wapping*, in *Middleſex*, for another Rent, of like Value; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Bathurſt*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Barrington*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Wm. Wyndham*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, General *Roſs*, Mr. *Calmady*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Pagett*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Anſtis*, Mr. *North*, Sir *Wm. Gordon*, General *Pepper*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Jonathan Cope*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Longueville*, Mr. *Carter*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Pitt*, General *Wroth*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Cowper*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Sir *John Cope*, Dr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Windſor*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Berks*, *Bucks*, *Glouceſter*, *Leiceſter*, *Wilts*, *Northampton*, *Lincoln*, *Oxford*, and *Middleſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt, for the Poor of the ſaid Town; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual certain Articles of Agreement between Sir *George Downing* Baronet, and Dame *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Foreſter* Knight, and her Truſtees, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Heyſham*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing, purſuant to an Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, ... the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate of *John* late Earl of *Kildare*, deceaſed, towards Payment of his Debts; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order of the Day, for the Call of the Houſe, being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned until this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the prolonging the Time for receiving Claims.

A Petition of ſeveral Gentlemen, and others, of the Corporation of *Preſton*, who were Sufferers by the late Rebellion, on behalf of themſelves, and other poor Sufferers there, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in order to reduce the late Rebels, then in Poſſeſſion of *Preſton*, it was thought fit, by the General, and other Officers, during the Action, to ſet the Town on Fire in ſeveral Places; which was accordingly done; and had the deſigned Effect; and tended to the Defeat of thoſe Rebels; and the Petitioners, to their utmoſt, promoted his Majeſty's Service in that Affair; but the Damage occaſioned by thoſe Fires, and the Goods loſt and deſtroyed in that Confuſion, fell heavy on the Petitioners, ſome being utterly undone thereby; the whole Loſs amounting to Five thouſand Pounds, and upwards: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That the Petitioners Caſe had been repreſented to his Majeſty; and that he is commanded to acquaint the Houſe, That his Majeſty does conſent, that the Petitioners ſhould have ſuch Relief as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

A Petition of *Robert Scariſtrick* Eſquire, *John Aſhton* and *John Gregſon* Gentlemen, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners were indicted, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, for High Treaſon for the late Rebellion in *Lancaſhire*; and, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* 1716, were outlawed, being then beyond Seas: That the Petitioners, purſuant to the Statute of the Fifth and Sixth of King *Edward* the Sixth, within a Year after the ſaid Outlawry, did ſurrender themſelves to the Right Honourable the Lord *Parker*, Lord Chief Juſtice of *England*; and were, by him, committed to *Newgate*, in order to be ſent down, and tried, purſuant to the ſaid Statute: That the Petitioners are adviſed, That, by ſome general Words in a Bill depending, intituled, A Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, they will be deprived of the Benefit provided for them by the ſaid Statute: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Clauſe to explain the ſaid general Words, that they may have the Benefit of their Surrender, and be tried as the Law directs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, That nothing in the ſaid Bill ſhall extend to invalidate a Grant from his preſent Majeſty to *Simon* Lord *Lovat*, of the Life-rent Eſcheat of *Alexander Mackenzie*, of *Frazerdale*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Tho. Clark*, Mr. *Coventry*: } 132.

Tellers for the Noes, { Colonel *Campbell*, Mr. *Liſter*: } 80.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 12° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate of *John* late Earl of *Kildare*, deceaſed, towards Payment of his Debts; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Importers, and Traders in Coffee, and other Goods, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, on the 14th of *January* laſt, Mr. *John Raſfeild*, of *London*, Merchant, entered out on board *The Endeawour*, *Andrew Walker* Maſter, for *Holland*, Two thouſand Seven hundred Thirty-ſix Pounds Weight of Coffee: That, on the ſame Day, *Frederick Bodiſco*, of *London*, Merchant, entered on the ſame Ship, for *Holland*, Two thouſand Three hundred Twenty-five Pounds Weight of Coffee: Upon Reaſons of Suſpicion, a ſtrict Examination was made of the ſaid Ship; and the ſaid Coffee could not be found, but empty Bales only remained on board: There are many other Practices of the like Nature, to the Loſs of the Publick, and to the very great Prejudice of the fair Trader: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe:

And it is referred to Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, the Maſter of the Rolls, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Pelham*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Betts*, Sir *Barnham Rider*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Colonel *Fleming*, Sir *George Caſwall*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Methuen*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Jordan*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Cocks*, Sir *John Walter*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Treby*, Sir *Tho. Cave*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Cater*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Norris*, Sir *Gilbert Heathcott*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Inge*; and all the Merchants of the Houſe; and the Members that ſerve for Sea-ports: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber: And that they do ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do inquire into the Frauds committed by Running of Goods; and into the Frauds committed by Relanding of Goods after the Drawback on Exportation has been allowed.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Traders, and others, in the City of *Worceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and other Owners of Land in and about the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in the County of *Worceſter*, and other Counties, there groweth conſiderable Quantities of wild Pears, and Crab-apples, that is much uſed by Diſtillers in making Brandy: That the Brandy drawn from this Fruit is found to be fit for Exportation to foreign Parts, eſpecially when mixed with Brandy drawn from Sugar or Moloſſes: That the inland Trade for *Britiſh* Brandy is much obſtructed by the Running of great Quantities of *French* Brandy; to the Prejudice of the fair Trader: That a great deal of our Brandy would be exported into foreign Parts; but the Brandy manufactured in this Kingdom is kept from being ſhipped out by reaſon of the Duties laid on low Wines, and Spirits, without Proviſion for a Drawback on Exportation, as is allowed on moſt Manufactures that pay a Duty; which makes them too dear for Merchants to buy, becauſe they are under-ſold in foreign Markets: And praying, That the Running of *French* Brandy may be prevented, and the Exportation of Brandy made in this Kingdom be encouraged.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be read.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Freeholders, Traders, and Landholders, in and about the Pariſh of *Rygate*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they have Four ſteep Chalk Hills, and more Ways leading to thoſe Hills, to keep in Repair within the ſaid Pariſh; and have often repeated Six Pence in the Pound, beſides the Expence of Paving, and keeping good that Pavement; by which means Three Miles are made Way: That the Turnpikes propoſed to be erected will not mend Twenty Miles bad Way, when thoſe erected in *Borners-lane*, &c. have

have not mended Two Miles in One-and-twenty Years: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was committed; be received.

A Petition of the Gentlemen and Merchants, and Traders in the Woollen Manufactures, reſiding within the Towns of *Wellington*, *Wiveliſcombe*, *Milverton*, *Weſt-Buckland*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the principal Trade of the ſaid Towns conſiſts in the Making of Druggets, Serges, Cloth-Serges, *&c.* and other Woollen Commodities: That, notwithſtanding ſeveral Laws made to prevent the Exportation of Wool to *France*, and particularly from *Ireland*; yet that clandeſtine Practice is ſtill carried on, to the vaſt Detriment of Trade, and of his Majeſty's Revenue: That great Quantities of Worſted Yarn are imported from *Ireland* under the Denomination of Bay-yarn, being no other than Worſted Yarn, and uſed as ſuch, and bought much cheaper than it can be made here: That their Neighbours, who have the Opportunity of buying and uſing the Worſted Yarn ſo imported, being thereby rendered capable to under-ſell the Petitioners: That the Conſequence of opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool, may be very fatal, and dangerous, in regard the Ships, in which ſuch Wool muſt be brought thither, will have the Opportunities to run their Goods to *France*, it being eaſier for them ſo to do than to reach *Exeter:* And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Clothiers, Stuffmakers, Dyers, Weavers, Spoollers, Tuckers, and other Manufacturers in the Woollen Manufacture, within the Pariſhes of *Bedminſter*, *Buſsleton*, *Keynſham*, *Chew Magna*, *Chew-Stake*, *Penſford*, *Whitechurch*, and ſeveral other Places in the County of *Somerſet*, on the behalf of themſelves, and Thouſands of others concerned in the ſame Manufacture, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have been, for many Years laſt paſt, employed and bred up in the Woollen Manufacture; which hath, in ſome meaſure, been ſupported by the Importation of *Iriſh* Yarn; which, being mixed with *Engliſh*, have enabled the Makers thereof to afford the ſame at ſuch reaſonable Rates, that they might ſell in foreign Markets equal at what is made by Foreigners; but being informed there is a Deſign to obtain an Act of Parliament to diſcourage the Importation of *Iriſh* Yarn, by adding a farther Duty; which will be the total Ruin of the Petitioners: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Petition of the Mayor, Juſtices of the Peace, Aldermen, Common-councilmen, Merchants, and Traders, of the Town of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Import and Export of the City of *Norwich*, and great Part of the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, is made by the Port of the ſaid Town: That the Makers of the Woollen and Worſted Manufactures in the ſaid City, as well as of many other conſiderable Towns, would receive very great Encouragement, much Charge would be ſaved to them, and they thereby enabled to ſell their Manufactures cheaper in foreign Markets, was the Importation of Wool from *Ireland* made directly to the ſaid Town: And praying, That the Town of *Great Yarmouth* may be declared a lawful Port, for the importing Wool from *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Freemen, of the Community of Shoemakers, of *Shrewſbury*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Duty upon Leather is very pernicious to the Manufacturer, chiefly for want of Leather; it being bought up by the Merchants, to ſend away, by reaſon of the Drawback that is allowed to them; ſo that foreign Countries are ſupplied with our beſt Leather at cheaper Rates than we are: And praying, That the Drawback upon Leather exported may be taken off; and that *Iriſh* Hides and Calves-ſkins may be allowed to be imported.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Community of Shoemakers, within the City of *Worceſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſand other of the ſaid Trade, *&c.* within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſince the great Duty laid upon Leather, the Merchants have bought up vaſt Quantities thereof, and exported the ſame unwrought, to the great Prejudice of the Petitioners; and many Thouſands of Families, who are ready to ſtarve for want of Work: That the ſaid Merchants buy the beſt of Leather, and that very dry, from the Tanners; which they cauſe to be wetted, in order for cloſe Packing; whereby it weighs a Fifth Part more than what the ſaid Leather firſt paid Duty for; and thereby are able to furniſh foreign Countries with our beſt Leather, and at cheaper Rates than we can buy for ready Money in our own Markets: And praying, That the Drawback upon Leather exported may be taken off; and that *Iriſh* Hides and Skins may be imported.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of *Richard Perry*, of *London*, Merchant, in behalf of *John Offley*, late of *Bloomſbury*, in the County of *Middleſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *John Offley* became bound at the Cuſtom-houſe for *Henry Offley*, late of *London*, Merchant, in ſundry Bonds, for the Duties on Tobacco: The ſaid *Henry Offley* became inſolvent, and an Extent was iſſued out againſt him; which occaſioned the ſaid *John Offley* to withdraw himſelf from his Place of Abode, and an Extent iſſued out againſt him likewiſe: That the ſaid *John Offley* is willing to diſcharge the Obligations he lieth under to the Crown on Account of the ſaid *Henry Offley*, as much as in him lieth: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Lord High Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, to compound with the ſaid *John Offley* for the Debts he ſtands engaged for to the Crown, for the Duties on Tobacco, on Account of *Henry Offley*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

An ingroſſed Bill for regulating the Forces to be continued in his Majeſty's Service; and for Payment of the ſaid Forces, and of their Quarters; and for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; was read the Third time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Craggs*, / Mr. *Yonge:* } 186.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Geo. Warburton*, / Sir *John Bland:* } 105.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title

Title be, An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain Time therein mentioned.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt;

And the Houſe being moved, That the Clauſe in the Act, of the Third Year of King *George*, intituled, An Act for redeeming the Duties and Revenues which were ſettled to pay off Principal and Intereſt on the Orders made forth on Four Lottery-Acts paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign; and for redeeming certain Annuities payable, on Orders, out of the Hereditary Exciſe, according to a former Act in that behalf; and for eſtabliſhing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities at ſeveral Rates, to be payable and transferrable at the Bank of *England*, and redeemable by Parliament, but alſo to raiſe Monies for ſuch Proprietors of the ſaid Orders as ſhall chooſe to be paid their Principal, and Arrears of Intereſt, in ready Money; and for making good ſuch other Deficiencies and Payments as in this Act are mentioned; and for taking off the Duties on Linſeed imported, and *Britiſh* Linen exported; relating to the Payment of Army-Debentures; might be read;

The ſame was read accordingly.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to make the Intereſt to be due on Debentures iſſued by the Commiſſioners for taking, examining, ſtating, and determining, the Debts due to the Army, payable at the Bank.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Morice* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Morice* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 13° *die Februarii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, next to *Twyford*, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cadogan* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Hawes*, Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms, attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe an Account of the Money received for *Dover* Pier Duty, from *May* 1701 to *May* 1717.

And then he withdrew.

The Title of the ſaid Account was read.

And the ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

To the Honourable the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Purſuant to your Minute of the Seventh Inſtant, the Account under-mentioned is ſent you, containing the Sums received for *Dover* Pier Duties, from *May* 1701 to *May* 1717, as appears to me by the Books remaining in my Office; *viz.*

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All which is humbly ſubmitted, *&c.*

Fra. Hawes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, That a Perſon from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe the Accounts following; *viz.*

An Account ſhewing the Species and Quantities of Silks wrought imported into *England*, and from what Parts, in Seven diſtinct Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1716: And alſo,

An Account ſhewing the Quantity of Cambricks and Lawns imported into *England*, and from what Parts, in Seven diſtinct Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1716: And alſo,

An Account ſhewing the Species and Quantity of raw Silks imported into *England*, and the Produce of the Cuſtoms payable thereupon, in Seven Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1716: And alſo,

An Account ſhewing the Quantity of *Engliſh* wrought Silks exported to all foreign Parts, in Seven diſtinct Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1716: And alſo,

An Account ſhewing the Species and Quantity of wrought Silks exported from *England*, and to what foreign Parts, in Seven diſtinct Years, from *Chriſtmas* 1709 to *Chriſtmas* 1716.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Accounts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Mr. *Booth* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth

Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

An ingroſſed Bill for the better explaining the Acts paſſed for Erecting of Hoſpitals within the City of *Briſtol*, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs 5. Line 14. To leave out "ſo," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "ſuch junior:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *White*, Mr. *Gibbon:* } 138.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Drewe:* } 83.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title be, An Act for the better explaining ſeveral Acts, therein mentioned, for Erecting of Hoſpitals and Workhouſes within the City of *Briſtol*, for the Employing and Maintaining of the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joſeph Earl* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Sir *Nicolas Carew* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of *John Stapylton* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That at the laſt Election of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Burrowbridge*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *Thomas Wilkinſon* Eſquire, who hath accepted the Office of Receiver-General of the Duties on Houſes for the Counties of *York*, *Durham*, and *Northumberland*, Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* Baronet, and the Petitioner, ſtood Candidates; when the Petitioner was duly elected to repreſent the ſaid Borough, and ought to have been returned accordingly; but, by the indirect and corrupt Practices and Proceedings of the ſaid Sir *Wilfred Lawſon*, and his Agents, particularly Mr. *William Man*, Poſtmaſter of the ſaid Borough, who took upon himſelf illegally to act as Bailiff thereof, he the ſaid Sir *Wilfred Lawſon*, without being duly choſen, is returned, inſtead of the Petitioner: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral Boroughmen of the ſaid Borough of *Boroughbridge*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Writ having lately iſſued for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough, in the room of *Thomas Wilkinſon* Eſquire; whoſe Election being void by his accepting the Office of Receiver-General of the Duties on Houſes for the Counties of *York*, *Durham*, and *Northumberland*, Sir *Wilfred Lawſon* Baronet, and *John Stapylton* Eſquire, ſtood Candidates; and the ſaid Mr. *Stapylton* was then duly elected by a Majority of Votes qualified to vote; notwithſtanding which, one Mr. *William Man*, Poſtmaſter of the ſaid Borough, under colour of being Bailiff, to which Office he was not duly elected, having got Poſſeſſion of the Sheriff's Precept, proceeded, in an undue and irregular manner, to the ſaid Election; and has returned the ſaid Sir *Wilfred Lawſon*, though not duly elected, to the Sheriff, who hath made a Return of him accordingly; to the manifeſt Wrong and Prejudice of the ſaid Mr. *Stapylton*, and the ſaid Borough: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Shipping, in behalf of themſelves, and others, trading to and from *Sweden*, was offered to be preſented to the Houſe:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be now brought up;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Heyſham:* } 122.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Yonge:* } 156.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Bennett:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire to raiſe Portions for his younger Children: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*;

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeſſes, of the Town and County of *Southampton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Town and Port of *Southampton* being very commodious for the ſeveral Towns in *Hampſhire* and *Wiltſhire*, which are very much concerned in the Woollen Manufacture of Wool; and who are now obliged to buy Wool at Places very far diſtant from them, the Country not affording ſufficient; and this Port having been the ancient Staple for Wool for above Three hundred Years: And praying, That this Port may be made a free Port to import Wool from *Ireland*, among other Ports.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland* .....

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, Merchants, Owners, and Maſters of Ships, and other Traders and Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Poole*, in behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of other Traders in the Woollen Manufacture in the Towns adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Port of *Poole* is very commodious and ſafe Harbour; and is conveniently ſituated for ſupplying the ſeveral Towns trading in the Woollen Manufacture, in the Counties of *Dorſetſhire*, *Hampſhire*, and *Wiltſhire:* That there

is no Port, within Sixty Miles diſtant, open for the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool: And praying, That the Town and Port of *Poole* may be opened for the Importation of *Iriſh* Wool.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, and alſo of the Merchants, and others, trading to and from the Town and Port of *Liverpool*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That a Bill is brought in to open the Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland:* That, if it paſs into a Law, it may give a far greater Opportunity to the unfair Traders to export Wool to *France* than they now have; and conſequently be very prejudicial to the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom: And praying, That the ſame may not paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick;

A Petition of *William Widdrington* late Lord *Widdrington*, on behalf of himſelf, and *Henry*, *Alathea*, *Jane*, *William*, and *Mary*, Infants, his Children by the Lady *Jane* his late Wife, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, the Petitioner being convict and attaint of High Treaſon, his Majeſty was pleaſed, by his Royal Act of Grace, which had the Concurrence of both Houſes, to give him his Life and Liberty: That the Petitioner's late Wife was an Heireſs, and left an Eſtate, to which the Petitioner was only Tenant for Life, by the Courteſy of *England*; and which, together with all his other Eſtate, real and perſonal, being forfeited, is, by Act of Parliament, veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick; whereby, for Two Years paſt, the Petitioner has been deſtitute of Subſiſtence, and contracted conſiderable Debts, for the neceſſary Support of himſelf, and his Children; who muſt all, very ſoon, be reduced to extreme Miſery: And praying, That Leave may be given, That the Clauſe in the ſaid Bill, whereby his Majeſty will be enabled to grant ſome Proviſion to the Wives of the forfeiting Perſons, may be extended to the Petitioner, and his Children.

And Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That he hath his Majeſty's Commands to ſignify to the Houſe, That his Majeſty has no Objection to whatſoever the Houſe ſhall think fit to do in this Caſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed.

A Motion being made, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for *Emely* Lady *Lovat*, out of the forfeited Eſtates in *Scotland*, as ſhe would be intitled to, if her Huſband were naturally dead;

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That he has the ſame Directions from his Majeſty in this Caſe as the other.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable his Majeſty to make ſuch Proviſion for *Emely* Lady *Lovat*, out of the forfeited Eſtates in *Scotland*, as ſhe would be intitled to, if her Huſband was naturally dead.

A Petition of *John Balfour*, *Henry Balfour*, *John Carſtairs*, *Patrick Seaton*, and *Robert Rollo*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, being in the Number of thoſe unhappy Men, who had rendered themſelves obnoxious to his Majeſty's juſt Indignation, by being engaged in the late Rebellion, did, out of a due Senſe of their heinous Offence, throw themſelves upon his Majeſty's Mercy, by an early Surrender; a free and voluntary Submiſſion being all they had left for an Atonement: The Petitioners not only pleaded guilty to the Indictment that was preferred againſt them, but, previouſly to their Tryal, did declare, in a Petition to his Majeſty, That they would ſo plead, whenever it ſhould pleaſe his Majeſty to ſuffer the Law to have its Courſe; but, being diveſted of the Eſtates they formerly poſſeſſed, the Petitioners beg Leave to fly to this Honourable Houſe for the Support of their Lives, which his Majeſty's Clemency has ſaved: And praying ſuch Relief for them, and their poor deſtitute Families, as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That he has the ſame Directions from his Majeſty in the Caſe of theſe Five Gentlemen, as in the Two former Caſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a farther Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Morice*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 14° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of ſeveral Proprietors of Salt-works in, and adjacent to, the Town of *Lymington*, in the County of *Southampton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are at vaſt Expences yearly, in repairing, maintaining, and keeping up, their Salt-works; and that the Duty of Salt, ariſing from the Collection of *Lymington* only, amounts, *communibus annis*, to Forty thouſand Pounds, and upwards; beſides the Duties of Three thouſand Chalder of Coals: That they are obliged to pay down ready Money, or give Bond, for the Payment of the Duty of their Salt, with Intereſt after the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Cent.* before they can ſhip off any, or ſend it to any Port in *England:* That many Frauds and Abuſes are daily com-

committed in the Importation of foreign Salt; and the Liberty of cellaring the ſame is ſo great an Advantage to the Proprietors thereof, that the Petitioners are thereby ſupplanted in all their Markets; and will be neceſſitated to lay down their Salt-works; to the utter Ruin of many, whoſe Eſtates conſiſt therein: And praying, That the Importers of foreign Salt may either be obliged to pay down their Duty, or ſecure the ſame, with Intereſt, in ſuch manner as the Petitioners are obliged to do; or elſe that all *Engliſh* Salt, carried to any Port in *England*, may be cellared, in like manner as foreign Salt is; and that Methods may be taken for preventing all Frauds and Abuſes in importing the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, who are to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in *Evilcheſter* Gaol, in the County of *Somerſet*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in the reſpective Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes and Misfortunes, the Petitioners are reduced, and brought into Confinement, where they ſuffer unſpeakable Calamities, and daily periſhing for Want; and are not in an Ability to make Satisfaction to their Creditors: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire to raiſe Portions for his younger Children, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the great Tythes, and Glebe-lands, belonging to the Rectory of *Saxby*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in the Right Honourable *Bennett* Lord *Harborough*, and his Heirs, in lieu of other Lands, and an Annuity, to be ſettled on the Rector of the ſaid Church, and his Succeſſors for ever; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Bailie*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Mr. *Vernon*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Mr. *Hucks*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Clarke*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Hill*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Grove*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Doddington*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Powlett*, Mr. *Morice*, Colonel *Fane*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Mr. *Sloper*, Lord *Chetwynd*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Farrer*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Sir *John Tyrwhit*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Strickland*, Sir *Robert Chaplin*, Mr. *Banks*, General *Carpenter*, Mr. *Maynard*, Mr. *Heathcott*, Lord *Milton*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Weaver*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *Reynell*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lewis*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Leiceſter*, *Nottingham*, *Rutland*, and *Northampton*. And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End in *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.* Preſs 2. Line * To leave out "*Saunds*," and inſert "*Sonds*," inſtead thereof:

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End in *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George's*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, in *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*.

Ordered, That Colonel *Fane* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Sir *John Norris* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of Sir *Bazil Dixwell* Baronet, Deputy-Lieutenant of *Dover* Caſtle, and Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Sir *Thomas Hales*, Sir *William Honeywood*, and Sir *Thomas D'Aeth*, Baronets, *Matthew Aylmer* and *William Brockman* Eſquires, on behalf of themſelves, and other Aſſiſtants, incorporated for the Preſervation of the Harbour of *Dover*, as alſo of the Mayor, Jurats, and principal Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Dover*, were referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

Sir *Thomas Wheat* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only; was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael's*, *Cornhill*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Heyſham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches;

A Petition of *Baynbrigg Buckeridge* Eſquire was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *William Baynbrigg* Eſquire, the Petitioner's Grandfather, did, at his own Coſt and Charges, erect the South Gallery in the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and gave the ſame to, and for the Benefit of, the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh: That the Petitioner

tioner finds, That a Bill is depending, for impowering the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Act for building Fifty new Churches, to rebuild the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Giles*, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches: And praying, That another Gallery may be erected in the South Part of the ſaid Church; and the Profits ariſing thereby may be applied to ſuch Uſes as the Profits of the South Gallery are now applied.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for the building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

A Petition of the Commiſſioners for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners taking Notice, That there is a Bill depending to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the Fifty new Churches; That, by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, Duties are granted for the Increaſe of the Number of Churches in and near thoſe populous Cities, by building Fifty new Churches; That it is the expreſs Intent and Purpoſe of thoſe Acts, that, by ſuch Increaſing of the Number of Churches, Proviſion ſhould be made for the better Inſtruction of the Inhabitants in the true Chriſtian Religion, as profeſſed in the Church of *England*, and eſtabliſhed by the Laws of this Realm; That an Act paſſed in this preſent Parliament, for enabling his Majeſty to purſue his pious and gracious Intentions to provide for the Maintenance of the Miniſters, who were to attend the Service of God in the new Churches to be erected; the Petitioners therefore think, that a Work, declared by Parliament to be ſo much for the Honour of God, the ſpiritual Welfare of the Subjects of this Realm, and the Intereſt of the eſtabliſhed Church, cannot be duly and effectually carried on, if any Part of the Duties appropriated, by the ſaid ſeveral Acts, to the Building of Fifty new Churches, be applied to the Rebuilding of any of the old ones: And praying, That the Premiſes may be taken into Conſideration.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Lord *William Powlett* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army;

A Petition of *Bouer Lagarde*, in the behalf of himſelf, and ſeveral others engaged with him for ſupplying the Army in *Spain* with Corn and Money, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, in 1710, the Petitioner, Meſſrs *Columba* and *Calcino*, and others, Bankers, entered into a Contract with the Honourable *William Chetwynd* Eſquire, Envoy Extraordinary at *Genoa*, to advance 20,000 *l.* each Month for the Army in *Spain*: That the Petitioner received Bills of the ſaid Envoy for that Sum; which not being paid at the time when due, there is due to the Petitioner 2,721 *l.* 10 *s.*; Part whereof, *viz.* 2,039 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.* is for Intereſt; and 681 *l.* 14 *s.* 7 *d.* for Loſs on the Diſcount of Exchequer-Bills: That both Intereſt, and Loſs upon Exchequer-Bills, were made good to Sir *Theodore Janſſen*, and Meſſrs *Columba* and *Calcino*, Parties to the ſaid Contract: That, in 1711, the Petitioner, and others, contracted with the ſaid *William Chetwynd* Eſquire for providing and ſending Corn to *Barcelona*; upon which Account, there is due to the Petitioner, and his Partners, 5,995 *l.* 12 *s.* 3 *d.* for Intereſt on Bills received for this Service: That, in ſending the Corn contracted for to *Barcelona*, he had Ships taken to the Value of 9,000 *l.*: That, in 1711, Brigadier *Petit* ſeized at *Port-Mahon* a Ship-Cargo of Corn belonging to the Petitioner and Partners, the ſaid Ship being driven, by Streſs of Weather, into the ſaid Port, and kept it for the Uſe of the Gariſon; and valued it as he pleaſed: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners to examine, and determine, the Amount of the Exceſs of the Complement of Pay, over and above the Pay and Numbers borne on the Eſtabliſhment of *Ireland*, due to the ſeveral Regiments transferred from the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment to that of *Ireland*, in the Year 1713; with the Charge of Tranſportation of the ſaid Regiments.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to enable the Commiſſioners to give Credit to ſeveral Regiments for ſo much as they ſtand charged with before the Twenty-fourth of *June* 1712, by virtue of a Warrant granted by her late Majeſty, the Nineteenth of *December* 1712, to ſtop the full Pay of One Man *per* Troop and Company from the reſpective times that the ſaid Regiments were then laſt cleared.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Craggs* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Monday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn . . . . . be taken into Conſideration upon *Tueſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati,

Sabbati, 15° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in the City and County Gaols of *Worceſter*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are, by reaſon of great Loſſes that hath happened unto them, and by their long Confinement, are reduced to extreme Poverty and Want; and muſt inevitably periſh: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for their Deliverance; or elſe to be tranſported.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the Sheriff's Priſon, or Ward, at the Pariſh of *Saint Thomas the Apoſtle*, in and for the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by Loſſes, Decay of Trade, and Misfortunes, hath rendered them uncapable of making Satisfaction to their Creditors; and muſt inevitably periſh: And praying, That a Bill may paſs this Seſſion for their Relief and Diſcharge.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's common Gaol at *Appleby*, in and for the County of *Weſtmorland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have, for ſeveral Years laſt paſt, been confined, and have not wherewithal to pay their juſt Debts; being free, and willing, to pay all the Effects they have in the World towards ſatisfying their Creditors, who are not willing to accept of the ſame; ſo that the Petitioners muſt inevitably periſh, unleſs relieved: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners living in or about the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the County of *Cumberland*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt; and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*: That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins for the County of *Bedford*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Durham*, on the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is One of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and if Oak-bark, which is the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade in ſuch Manufactures muſt be wholly loſt: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Iron-maſters, Ironmongers, Cutlers, Freeholders, Nailers, Smiths, and Artificers in the Iron Manufacture, living in and about the Town of *Birmingham*, in the County of *Warwick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, ſhould there be Encouragement given to the Making and Manufacturing of Iron in any Plantations belonging to his Majeſty's Dominions, it will certainly tend to the Ruin of the Iron-trade of this Kingdom, which employs great Numbers of People: The greateſt Conſumption of our Iron Manufacture is now ſent abroad to the Plantations; which, if they have Encouragement, will have no Occaſion for our Aſſiſtance; and the Iron-works of this Nation muſt be totally ruined, for want of Employment for the Poor: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, is referred.

A Petition of the Jurats, Maltſters, and other the principal Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying, That an effectual Law may be made to prevent the illegal Importation of *French* Brandy; which is very prejudicial to the Maltſters, and others, of this Corporation.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be read a Second time.

A Petition of the Corporation of *Plymouth*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by reaſon of a clandeſtine Practice of running *French* Brandy, the Petitioners have been very much prejudiced in the Manufacture of malted Corn; and is a means of great Quantities of Bullion being carried out of this Kingdom; and a Diſcouragement to the Petitioners, and others, in their Trade: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 9. Line * To inſert "ſuch:"

Preſs 10. Line * To leave out "or:"

Line * To leave out "thereby," and inſert "thereof:"

Preſs 13. Line * To leave out "as:"

Preſs 16. Line * To inſert "at:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the ſaid County of *Southampton*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Buckingham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Browning* and Mr. *Holford*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the exonerating and diſcharging the Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, of *Francis Cornwall* Eſquire; and likewiſe the ſaid *Francis Cornwall* of and from certain Articles of Agreement made before the Marriage of the ſaid *Francis Cornwall:* To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *Joſeph Thurſton* Eſquire, deceaſed, lying in the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his infant Children: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſſe*, and others: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rentcharges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt for the Poor of the ſaid Town; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, General *Wroth*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Hillerſdon*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Carterett*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Foreſter*, Mr. *Benſon*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Mr. *Weſt*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Sir *John Brownlow*, Mr. *Brodrick*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Corbett*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Mr. *Guidott*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Sir *Tho. Lee*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Wm. Humfryes*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Cowper*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Surrey* and *Suſſex:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual certain Articles of Agreement between Sir *George Downing* Baronet, and Dame *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Foreſter* Knight, and her Truſtees, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Bertie*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Feilding*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Treby*, Lord *Newport*, Mr. *Carter*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Micklethwaite*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, General *Roſs*, Mr. *Weſt*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Sir *Bryan Broughton*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *North*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Sir *John Cope*, Mr. *Cornwall*, Mr. *Newland*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Sir *John Coryton*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Earl*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *Robert Rich*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Nicholas*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Leigh*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*, Sir *Richard Fowler*, Mr. *Bethell*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Eyles*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Cambridge*, *Suffolk*, and *Salop:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick;

A Petition of the Lady *Phillippa Standiſh*, Daughter to the moſt Noble *Henry* late Duke of *Norfolk*, deceaſed, *Margaret Thornton*, *Frances Dalton*, *Mary Hodgſhon*, *Dorothy Hodgſhon*, *Anne Walton*, and *Elizabeth Shaftoe*, on behalf of themſelves, and others under the ſame unhappy Circumſtances, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners Huſbands being convict and attaint of High Treaſon, his Majeſty was pleaſed, by his Royal Act of Grace, to give them their Lives and Liberty: That the Eſtates real and perſonal of the Petitioners ſaid Husbands, which were forfeited to his Majeſty, being, by Act of Parliament, veſted in his Majeſty, for the Uſe of the Publick, the Petitioners, their Husbands, and poor innocent Children, have, for Two Years laſt paſt, been in a miſerable Condition, wholly deſtitute of a Maintenance; and are reduced to the utmoſt Extremities, without any Proſpect of Support: And praying, That Leave may be given, That the Clauſe in the Bill now depending for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates, whereby his Majeſty will be enabled to grant ſome Support to the Petitioners, may be extended to the Support of their Children after the Deceaſe of their Mothers.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That, Application having been made to his Majeſty, he had received his Majeſty's Commands to acquaint the Houſe, That his Majeſty has no Objection, if this Houſe ſhall think fit to give the Petitioners Relief.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, is committed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Morpeth*, Mr. *Newland:*	165.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Lowther:*	143.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they do provide in the Bill, That a Proportion of the net Produce of the forfeited Eſtates be reſerved to his Majeſty, to be diſpoſed of to the Wives or Children of ſuch forfeiting Perſons as his Majeſty ſhall judge to be proper Objects of his Royal Compaſſion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Drake*, Sir *John Brownlow:*	116.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Tufnell*, Mr. *Honeywood:*	119.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter* for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*;

A Petition of the Merchants, Clothiers, Weavers, Fullers, and Dyers, in the Pariſhes of *Rachdale*, *Bury*, *Middleton*, *Radcliffe*, *Oldham*, and *Bolton*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands concerned in the Woollen Manufacture within the ſaid Pariſhes, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That if the Bill for making *Exeter* a free Port, for the Importation of Wool, be paſſed, the Petitioners, from the near Situation of that Place to the Coaſts of *France*, have juſt Grounds to apprehend, that the ſeveral Laws, formerly made againſt the Exportation of Wool and Yarn from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* into *France*, will be wholly eluded; which inevitably muſt be the Ruin of the Woollen Manufactures of theſe Northern Parts: And praying, That,

That, before the ſaid Bill be paſſed, the Matter aforeſaid may be duly conſidered.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was committed; be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only; was committed; be taken into Conſideration upon *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 17° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Sherborne*, in the County of *Dorſet*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade of *Great Britain*: That a good Statute was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Statute is now become of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of *Blandford*, in the County of *Dorſet*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: That a Statute was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; but the ſaid Law is now become of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and explained; and the Exportation thereof be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of *Winburne*, in the County of *Dorſet*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: That a Statute was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; but the ſaid Law is now become of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Cumberland*, on behalf of themſelves, and many others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade will be utterly loſt, and our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*: That, by the Statute by King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again, or fell any oaken Trees but between the Firſt of *April* and the laſt of *June*; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Borough of *Andover*, in the County of *Southampton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade of *Great Britain*: That a Statute was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which ſaid Statute is now become of little Force: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of *Warrington*, *Preſteet*, and *Ormskirke*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and ſeveral Places adjacent thereto, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is of ſo great Damage and Prejudice to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade, and all ſuch as depend thereon, muſt inevitably be ruined; for if the principal Ingredient for Tanning of Leather be exported into Countries, where no Duty is paid for Leather, the Trade here muſt be utterly loſt, and our Hides and Skins not worth the Tanning in *England*: That a Law was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and more effectually put in Force; and that the Exportation of Bark may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in and near the Borough of *Pontefract*, in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will moſt certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the City of *Durham*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and if Oak-bark, which is the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade in ſuch Manufactures muſt be wholly loſt; to the Ruin of many Thouſand poor Families: And praying ſuch Relief as to this Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors for Debt in his Majeſty's Gaol kept at *Horſam*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth,

That

That the Petitioners having lain a long time in a ſtarving Condition; and it is their Deſire, that they may obtain their Liberty upon no other Terms than giving their All, upon Oath, for ſatisfying their Debts: And praying, That a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the exonerating and diſcharging the Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, of *Francis Cornwall* Eſquire; and likewiſe the ſaid *Francis Cornwall* of and from certain Articles of Agreement made before the Marriage of the ſaid *Francis Cornwall*; was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *Joſeph Thurſton* Eſquire, deceaſed, lying in the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his infant Children, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſſe*, and others, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate of *John* late Earl of *Kildare* deceaſed, towards Payment of his Debts; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Brudenell*, Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Grove*, Lord *Newport*, Mr. *Offley*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Lord *Middleton*, Mr. *Ingram*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Colonel *Morgan*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Craggs*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Guidott*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Bridges*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Norris*, Mr. *Banks*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Onſlow*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Oxon* and *Berks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the Fifty new Churches, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That, when the Pariſh-Church ſhall be rebuilt, a South Gallery ſhall be built out of the Money directed to be applied for the rebuilding the ſaid Church, inſtead of the Gallery erected by *William Baynbrig* Eſquire; and a certain Sum of Money ſufficient for Building thereof ſhall be ſet apart for that Purpoſe; and the Profits ariſing by the ſaid Gallery ſhall be applied to ſuch and the ſame Uſes only as the Profits of the ſaid South Gallery are now applicable:

And the ſaid Rider was thrice read; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Giles in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the Fifty new Churches.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Thurſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions, which were ordered to lie upon the Table till the ſaid Bill was read a Second time, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Mr. *Craggs* preſented to the Houſe, by his Majeſty's Command, Demands of foreign Princes on the Crown of *Great Britain* for Arrears of Subſidy, purſuant to Treaties: And alſo,

Demands of ſeveral foreign Princes on the Crown of *Great Britain* for Arrears of Pay to the Day of Separation:

And the ſaid Demands were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

A STATE of Demands made by ſeveral foreign Princes, not yet ſatisfied by the Crown of *Great Britain*, for Arrears of Subſidies, purſuant to the Treaties or Conventions made for carrying on the late War againſt *France*; *viz.*

	To the Day of Separation.	To the End of the War.
By the King of *Denmark*, for an Arrear of Subſidy — —	48,437 10	75,000
By the King of *Pruſſia*, for Arrears of Subſidy for the 8,000 Men which ſerved in *Italy*; for the Maintenance of which Corps, it was agreed, by Treaty, That his *Pruſſian* Majeſty ſhould receive a Subſidy of 50,000 *l.* *per Annum*, in lieu of all Pay and Extraordinaries — —	— — —	25,000
By the Landgrave of *Heſſe*, for Arrears of the Firſt Subſidy — —	7,440 0	12,000
For additional Subſidy for the Two Regiments of Horſe which ſerved in *Italy*, about — — — — — —	3,000 0	15,000
In all, to the Day of Separation — — — —	58,877 10	
In all, to the End of the War — — — —	— — —	127,000

Memorandum: In the Sum of 127,000 *l.* is included the 58,877 *l.* 10 *s.*

There are Demands for Arrears from the King of *Portugal*, and Demands of another Nature from the States-General; the Particulars of which ſhall be ready in a few Days.

Thomas More, Accomptant.

A STATE of Demands made by ſeveral foreign Princes, not yet ſatisfied by the Crown of *Great Britain*, for Arrears of Pay to the Day of Separation, purſuant to Treaties, or Conventions, made for carrying on the late War againſt *France*; *viz.*

By the King of *Pruſſia*, for his Body of 5,000 Men.

For Arrears of Pay to the Day of Separation, and March-money — —	12,883	13	5		
For his Troops of Augmentation, for Arrears of Pay to the Day of Separation, and March-money — — — —	14,095	4	8		
For his Body of 12,000 Men, under Count *Lottum*, for their Agio, Bread, and Forage — — — — — —	24,358	4	0		
				51,337	2	1
By the Landtgrave of *Heſſe*, for an Arrear of Pay to the Day of Separation, March-money, and Notice-money — — — —	—	—	—	37,944	0	0
By the Duke of *Sax-Gotha*, for Arrears of Pay, Extraordinaries, and Notice-money — — — — — —	—	—	—	12,253	11	4
				101,534	13	5

The *Griſons* have likewiſe a Demand for an Arrear of Pay to a Regiment which ſerved in *Spain*; but the Particulars thereof have not been lodged in the Pay-Office.

There are alſo Demands made by the King of *Pruſſia*, and ſome other Princes, for Extraordinaries of ſeveral Natures; but, in regard the proper Certificates to vouch them, ſigned by Mr. *Slingerlandt*, are not lodged in the Pay-Office, and that many of them are not ſtipulated for by any Treaties, they are not inſerted.

Thomas More, Accomptant.

Ordered, That the ſaid Demands do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, payable half-yearly, commencing from *Chriſtmas* laſt, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, payable half-yearly at the Bank of *England*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morice* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply granted to his Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered the Petition of *Richard Perry*, of *London*, Merchant, in behalf of *John Offley*, late of *Bloomsbury*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and that the Committee had directed him to move, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco: And that Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Morice*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Methods for preventing the Waſte of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for taking off the Obligation and Encouragement for coining Guineas, for a certain time therein mentioned.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of Sir *Bazill Dixwell*, Baronet, Lieutenant of *Dover* Caſtle, and Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Sir *Thomas Hales*, Sir *William Honeywood*, and Sir *Thomas D'Aeth*, Baronets, *Matthew Aylmer*, and *William Brockman*, Eſquires, on behalf of themſelves, and other Aſſiſtants, incorporated for the Preſervation of the Harbour of *Dover*; as alſo of the Mayor, Jurats, and principal Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Dover*; be now taken into Conſideration;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Gibbon*: } 97.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Bradyll*: } 43.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative:

And the ſaid Report was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee have, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions; and find the ſame as followeth; *viz.*

Samuel Walton, of *Dover*, Carpenter, ſaid, That, ſince the Act of Parliament, of the Eleventh and Twelfth of King *William*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, a new Croſs-wall has been built, and other Works done, for penning in the Water, and deepening the Harbour, which, at Niep-tides, is 14 or 15 Foot deep, and, at Spring-tides, 20 Foot from the Pier-head to the ſaid Croſs-wall; ſo that a Ship of Three hundred Tons, loaden, may come into the Harbour; and there is ſcarce a Storm but ſome Ship or other comes into the Harbour for Shelter:

And further ſaid, That, in ſtormy Weather, the Harbour hath been ſtopped up, but very rarely, with Beach; ſo that a Ship could not then enter; but that the ſame has been cleared by the Back-water the next Tide, or in 48 Hours after.

Captain *Saunders* ſaid, That many Ships have been ſaved in *Dover* Harbour ſince the ſaid Act of Parliament; and knows, that Ships of 300 or 400 Tons have entered in Streſs of Weather; but cannot ſay the Harbour is now better than it was 40 Years ſince; becauſe then Men of War uſed frequently to ride there; and the Harbour is now ſometimes choaked with Beach, which the Back-water clears very often the next Tide; yet if the Piers be not kept up, and the new Works carried on, the Harbour, and Two-thirds of the Town of *Dover*, will be utterly loſt, in a ſhort time, by Streſs of Weather.

Thomas Paſcall, of *Dover*, and Warden of Pilots, ſaid, That he has been a Pilot 37 Years, and carried many Ships into *Dover* Harbour, without Anchors or Cables, in great Storms, the Wind at N. N. E. where they have been ſaved; and that he carries in as large Ships now as formerly, the Water being deepened by the new Works; ſo that a Ship of 300 Tons may enter the ſaid Harbour, and ride in the Baſon; and Hundreds of Ships have been

ſaved ſince the Baſon was made; and ſaid, That the *Solebay*, *Deal-Caſtle*, and *Maidſtone*, Men of War, have careened in the Baſon; and may do it in Winter or Summer; and the Harbour will be loſt, if the new Works be not continued.

John Huggett, Pilot of *Dover*, ſaid, That, on *Monday* laſt, he came from *Dover*, when there was in the Harbour 20 Ships from *Ireland*, from 100 Tons to a leſſer Burden; and alſo Two Ships for *Hamburgh*, of above 200 Tons each; and believes, that if more Money were laid out, and the Pier-heads further carried out into the Sea, it would be more uſeful for Navigation, though the Harbour is much better now than before the new Works made by the Acts of Parliament; there being 12 or 14 Foot Water in the Baſon, at Low-water: 50 Years ago, Men of War frequently uſed the ſaid Harbour.

Cuthbert Hodgſon, of *Dover*, Captain, ſaid, That about Ten Years ſince, in the time of the hard Froſt, above 40 Sail of Ships, from 20 to 160 or 200 Tons Burden, were ſaved in *Dover* Harbour; and ſeveral other Ships in Diſtreſs have been there ſaved, without Rudders; and ſaid, That the Harbour is much better now than Eleven Years ago, when he firſt came to *Dover*; and, if the new Works be not continued, the Harbour will be choaked up, and intirely loſt.

Sir *Peter Eyton*, of *London*, Merchant, ſaid, That he has known *Dover* Harbour 50 Years; and formerly there was no Beach there: That, in the *Dutch* Wars, 2 or 300 Ships were there ſaved; and many Ships have been ſaved by the ſaid Harbour, in great Storms, the *Downes* being no Place of Safety; and if a Mould, or Head, were carried out to the Weſtward of the South Head, it would very much prevent the Beach from ſtopping the Mouth of the Harbour; and that the Harbour will be utterly loſt, if nothing more be done.

Thomas Thompſon, of *Yarmouth:* That he was twice in *Dover* Harbour; once in the *Solebay* Man of War, where ſhe careened in King *William*'s Reign; and the other time, being about Two Years ſince, in the *Betty* Gally, of 250 Tons, whereof he was Chief Mate: She put into *Dover* Harbour without Anchors or Cables, laden with Lead and Red-herrings, and drew between 14 and 15 Foot Water; and believes it is a very good Harbour for the Safety of Shipping.

Mr. *Ogburne:* That being recommended by Sir *Henry Sheers* to the Commiſſioners of *Dover*, to have the Direction of the Works, purſuant to Sir *Henry Sheers*' Project, he directed the Performance of the Traverſe-wall, projected by Sir *Henry Sheers*, in order to pen up the Water, that Ships might be afloat in the Baſon; and alſo by the Diſcharge of Four Sluices, to carry off the Beach, brought thither by South-weſt Winds: That the making a Jetty-head, or Turn-water, Weſtward of the South Pier-head, to Low-water-mark, was neceſſary to prevent the Beach from choaking the Mouth of the Harbour: That he thinks it neceſſary to keep the Works in Repair: That he was there about Two Years ſince, when the South Pier-head was repairing; believes the Methods then uſed to be very neceſſary; and that the Works already begun will want a conſiderable Sum of Money to complete them.

Alexander Kenton, of *London*, Captain, ſaith, That, about Eight-and-twenty Years ſince, being Maſter of the Ship *Ruby*, Burden 200 Tons and upwards, and being in the *Downes*, there happening a violent Storm, which drove ſeveral Ships from their Anchors; ſome being loſt on the *Goodwyn Sands*, and others drove on the Coaſt of *France*, where they were loſt; he ſaved his Ship in *Dover* Pier; where he refitted her, and proceeded on his Voyage to *Italy:*

And ſaith, That, about a Year ago, being at *Dover*, he viewed the Works there; and was of Opinion, if the ſame were carried on, and completed, it would make a good Harbour for One hundred and Fifty Ships; and believes it would coſt Ten or Twelve thouſand Pounds to finiſh it: That, in the late War, he ſaw 10 or 12 Ships, from 200 to 300 Tons, drawing from 13 to 14 Foot Water, loaden in the Harbour; and if the Jetty-head, or Break-water, which is begun, was carried out to Low-water-mark, it would greatly prevent the Beach from choaking the Harbour.

Peter Omer, of *London*, Captain, ſays, That the Harbour of *Dover* is for a publick Benefit, if the Works begun were completed; and knows, that, laſt Winter, 10 or 12 Sail of Ships, of 140 Tons, and under, came in at one Tide.

Thomas Rooth, Haven-maſter of *Dover*, produced to the Committee an Account of Merchant-Ships and Veſſels, excluſive of the Packets and Ships belonging to the Town of *Dover*, which daily came in, and ſailed out of that Harbour, in the Month of *January* laſt; *viz.* Came in 81; ſailed out 77: And alſo, another Liſt of Merchant-Ships, not belonging to *Dover*, but in the Harbour, the 31ſt of *January* laſt, in N° 17, from 20 to 150 Tons Burden.

Cornelius Smith, of *Dover*, Pilot: That *Dover* Harbour is a good Tide-harbour, and very uſeful for the Safety of Shipping; there being no other Harbour between *Sheerneſs* and the Iſle of *Wight*; and the Packet-boats can go out of the Pier and Harbour in the ſame Tide, as at *Calais*; which cannot be done from any other Harbour in *Great Britain:* The Victualing-Hoys alſo, which carry Proviſion to his Majeſty's Navy, when in the *Downes*, at any time, if the Weather permit to lay the Ships on board, can go out of *Dover*, and deliver, come back the next Tide, take in more, and go out again the ſame Tide:

That he ſaved a Ship, of above 500 Tons, loaden with Maſts and Deal, when the Water was up to her lower Deck, and nobody on board, and conducted her into the Pier of *Dover*; ſhe drawing 17 Foot Water:

That he alſo carried a Ship, of 150 Tons, bound to the *Eaſt-Indies*, Captain *Peirſon* Commander, to the upper Part of the Harbour:

In the Year 1708, ſeveral Tranſport-Ships, from 160 to 300 Tons, came into *Dover* Pier, to take in Horſes and Soldiers, to make a Deſcent in *France:*

That his Majeſty's Ship the *Solebay* was carried in there, and careened; and his Majeſty's Ship the *Swift* came very often in there to careen:

That, about Two Years ſince, an *Eaſt-India* Ship, of Two hundred Tons, *John Scarlet*, of *Deal*, being Pilot, parted from his Anchors and Cables, and ſaved the Ship, by coming into *Dover* Pier:

That a Ship, of about Two hundred Tons, Captain *Ingle* Commander, bound for the *Streights*, loſt his Maſts, and ſaved his Ship and Cargo, by coming into *Dover* Pier:

That the Harbour of *Dover* has ſaved many Ships of great Value, in the late War, from the Enemy; there being, on the Spring-Tide, 20 Foot Water; on the Niep, as the Wind is, 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. *Samuel Walton*, Overſeer of the Work, delivered to the Committee an Eſtimate, by which it appears, that there is ſtill wanting, to complete Sir *Henry Sheers*' Projection, 14,700 *l.*; and that he conceives there are ſeveral other Works very neceſſary to be added to the ſaid Scheme, for the Security of the ſaid Harbour; the Doing whereof will amount to 5,610 *l.* more.

Then the Merchants of *London* brought ſeveral Perſons, in Oppoſition to the aforeſaid Evidence.

Mr. *Tobias Bowles*, of *London*, Merchant, ſaid, That he has known *Dover* Harbour above 30 Years; and thinks it no better now than 20 or 30 Years ſince; for that when a ſtormy Wind at South-weſt happens, it raiſes ſuch a Bar of Beach, that Ships of ſmall Burden cannot get in or out of the Harbour; but there is a Back-water, which, in ſome time, clears the Beach again: That, about Ten Years ago, the Ship *Jenny*, of about 160 Tons, came, with the Wind at South-weſt, and beat on the Bar, could not get over: The Ship *Recovery* alſo, of 160 Tons Burden, ſtruck on the Bar, and was like to be loſt, becauſe there was not ſufficient Water to carry her over; and this was ſince the Baſon, and other new Works, have been made in the ſaid Harbour.

Captain

Captain *Hide* ſaid, That, when the Wind is at W. S. W. it throws ſuch a Bar of Beach into *Dover* Harbour, that it can never be made a good Harbour for Ships of any Burden in bad Weather; and, when the Wind is at Nore, no Ships can get in: That he has had an Intereſt in above 20 Ships uſing the Southern Trade; yet none of thoſe Ships ever entered *Dover* Harbour: And ſaith, That he had been at *Dover* about Forty times.

William Moverley ſaid, That he was at *Dover* Three Years ago; and that it is a good * [Tide] Harbour at Spring-tides, but at Low-water a Boat can hardly get in; and believes he could have walked croſs it; and that a Hoy cannot ſometimes get in at High-water, until the Sluices are opened.

Captain * * That he has uſed the Seas 25 Years; but never made for *Dover* Harbour, becauſe it is ſo dangerous for Veſſels to enter it: That he had rather keep at Sea than run the Hazard of his Ship; and that, about 18 Years ago, he knows many Ships received Damage by going into that Harbour.

Mr. *Micajah Perry*, Merchant, ſaid, That he has been a conſiderable Trader for 50 Years laſt paſt; and yet none of the Ships he was concerned in ever uſed *Dover* Harbour, becauſe 'tis dangerous; and, if he was exempt from the Duty, he would not make uſe of it.

Mr. * *Moor*, Maſter of a Ship, ſaid, That, about Eight Years ſince, he got into *Dover* Harbour by the Help of a Pilot; but, at the ſame time, another Ship, having alſo a Pilot on board, run againſt the Pier-head, and ſunk her; and thinks no Ship can ſafely enter the Harbour in foul Weather.

Captain *Jennings* ſaid, That he has uſed the Seas for 50 Years; and that he had rather lie in the *Downes* than venture into *Dover* Harbour; but believes the Harbour may be of Service to ſmall Ships in time of War.

Matthew Butterwick, of *London*, Ship-maſter, ſaid, That, about 20 Years ſince, he put into *Dover* Harbour, and could not get out, though his Veſſel drew but Nine Foot Water, the Wind blowing into the Harbour; and other Ships then paſſed by into the *Downes*:

And ſaid, He thinks *Dover* the moſt unneceſſary Harbour in *England*.

* *Peirſey*, of *Brighthemſon*, Ship-maſter, ſaid, That, in *January* laſt, he entered *Dover* Harbour at High-water; but another Ship, drawing Seven Foot, run againſt the Pier-head at Falling-water, and was loſt: And *Peircy* ſaid, That, about Four or Five Years ago, he walked croſs the Beach.

Captain *Tyſack* ſaid, That, Four Years ago, he went into *Dover* Harbour with a Ship of 150 Ton Burden, which was hauled into the Baſon, where ſhe lay aground; which is very unfit for that Purpoſe, being a hard Chalk, and uneven; and his Ship received Damage.

Robert Parker, of *Ramſgate*, ſaid, That he had uſed the *Norway* Trade for Four Years paſt; and, when his Ship was aground in *Dover* Harbour, ſhe was twice gulled over, when the Sluices were let out: That, laſt Year, Twelve Sail of Ships under *Dungeneſs* paſſed by *Dover* Harbour at near High-water, Two whereof endeavoured to get in, but could not: And ſaid, The Harbour is not better now than Ten Years ago.

Cheſman Peirſe: That, about Seven Years ſince, he was in a Pink which drew but Ten Foot Water; and never a Pilot would undertake to carry her into *Dover* Harbour.

Captain *Froſt* ſaid, That, about Nine Years ſince, 20 light Tranſport-Ships, from 150 to 300 Tons Burden, were ordered for *Dover*, to take in Horſes and Soldiers for Service of the Government; and they all arrived in the Harbour; but his Ship of 300 Tons lay ſo uneaſy on the Shingles, that the Horſes could not be taken on board.

That, in purſuance of the Inſtruction of this Houſe to the Committee, to examine how the Money raiſed by the former Acts, for the Repairing of the ſaid Harbour, have been applied:

Mr. *Wm. Veele*, Treaſurer for the ſaid Harbour, delivered in an Account of the annual and total Produce of the ſaid Two Acts of Parliament, from 1ſt of *May* 1700 to 1ſt of *May* 1717, incluſive; amounting, in the Whole, to the Sum of 20,896*l.* 5*s.*; and alſo an Account of the annual Diſburſements during the Time aforeſaid, amounting to 20,136*l.* 13*s.* 1; by which it appears there then remained in the ſaid Treaſurer's Hands, the Sum of 759*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*:

And, for a further Proof of the ſaid Receipts and Payments, the ſaid Mr. *Veele* produced to the Committee a Book, containing the Particulars of the ſaid ſeveral annual Receipts and Diſburſements; which Book does appear to the Committee to have been annually examined, and ſigned by the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Harbour; and afterwards a Duplicate of each Year's Account was delivered, at every *Midſummer* Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, by the ſaid Treaſurer, upon Oath; where the ſame was examined by the Juſtices, and by them ſigned; and afterwards tranſmitted, by the Clerk of the Peace, to the Navy-Office, as the ſaid Acts direct.

And it further appeared to the Committee, That the ſaid Acts were granted to raiſe the Sum of 30,100*l.* to complete the Eſtimate of Sir *Henry Sheers*; but that the Money raiſed hath fallen ſhort 9,203*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for Repair of *Dover* Harbour: And that Sir *John Norris*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Mr. *Papillon*, and Sir *Robert Furneſe*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was committed, be received upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Bampfylde*:	68.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *John Bland*, Mr. *Coffin*:	44.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being informed, That there was a Difference, who ſhould take the Chair of the Committee;

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do take the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Yonge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Yonge* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County

(*a*) Supplied from the original Report.

County of *Surrey* . . . . . be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only . . . . . be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

The Houſe being informed, That *George Treby* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, hath received Satisfaction, in reſpect of the Breach of Privilege committed againſt him;

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding upon the Matter of the Complaint of the ſaid Breach of Privilege.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 18° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Worceſter*, in the room of *Samuel Swift* Eſquire, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Town and County of *Haverfordweſt*, in the room of *John Barlow* Eſquire, deceaſed.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Alton*, in the County of *Southampton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather, to the great Diſadvantage of the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: That a Law was made, in King *James* the Firſt's Reign, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which ſaid Law is now become of little Force: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Borough of *Honiton*, *Ottery Saint Mary*, and other adjoining Pariſhes, in the County of *Devon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark out of this Kingdom is of ſo great Damage to the Tanning-trade, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Stop be put thereto, that Trade muſt inevitably be ruined; for, if the principal Ingredient for Tanning be exported into Countries where no Duty is paid for Leather, our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England*: That a Law was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of oaken Bark, and Felling of Timber-trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Law is now made ineffectual: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Eveſham*, in the County of *Worceſter*, and Places adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is ſo prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather, that, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt be utterly loſt, and our *Engliſh* Hides and Skins will not pay Tanning in *England*: That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any oaken Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That ſo much of the ſaid Statute as relates to Bark may be revived, and the Exportation thereof be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners in the Town and County of *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and if Oak-bark, which is one of the chief Ingredients for tanning the ſame, be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade in ſuch Manufactures muſt be wholly loſt; to the Ruin of many Thouſand poor Families: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the Borough of *Haſlemere*, in the County of *Surrey*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Shoemakers, Sadlers, Curriers, and other Traders in Leather, in the Town and Borough of *Honiton*, in the County of *Devon*, on behalf of themſelves, and great Numbers of others of the ſame Profeſſion in the Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, before any Duty was lain on Leather, the Petitioners, and others, bought up great Quantities of Leather ready dreſſed, and wrought up the ſame into Boots, Shoes, Saddles, and other Commodities; and thereby did not only ſupply their own Country, but furniſhed the Merchants therewith, who tranſported the greateſt Part thereof into foreign Parts: That, ſince the Laying on of the ſaid Duty, the Merchants, having a Drawback of a Peny for every Pound Weight of Goods ſo exported, as aforeſaid, inſtead of buying Boots, Shoes, Saddles, and other Commodities, ready made, do now buy up the Leather of the Tanners unwrought, and do tranſport the ſame to foreign Countries; ſo that Foreigners have our *Engliſh* Leather ready dreſſed cheaper than the Petitioners have it here; to the great Impoveriſhment of them, and their Families: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Merchants in *Glaſcow*, for themſelves, and others in *North Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, notwithſtanding the ſeveral Laws made for diſcouraging the Running of *French* Brandy, and other foreign Goods, yet, by the Running of *French* Brandy in our Parts, not only his Majeſty's Revenue is impaired, and the Coin drained out of the Country to purchaſe it, but alſo the *Weſt-India* Trade, which employed ſo many of our Ships, and occaſioned conſiderable Export of Herrings and Manufactories, is ſunk and loſt; the Product of their Country diſcouraged; and fair Traders become conſiderable Loſers: And praying, That ſome effectual Methods may be taken to prevent ſuch Abuſes for the future.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods is committed.

A Petition of the Woolcombers in and about the City of *Briſtol*, in behalf of themſelves, and others in adjacent Parts, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they have been bred up in the Art of combing Wool; and, by their Labour, ſupported themſelves, and Families: That, for ſome time paſt, they have had very little Work; which is occaſioned by great Quantities of Wool ſent out of this Kingdom, as alſo from *Ireland*, unwrought, to foreign Parts: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor Priſoners for Debt in the common Gaol of *Chelmsford*, in the County of *Eſſex*, in behalf of themſelves, and others the Priſoners for Debt in the ſeveral Gaols of this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid Petitioners have been a long time confined in the ſaid Gaol; where they ſuffer a miſerable Life, having no Proſpect of Releaſe or Enlargement from their ſeveral Creditors, and being utterly unable to make them Satisfaction for their reſpective Debts; being willing to ſurrender up their All, ſo they might have their Liberty: And praying, That an Act may be paſſed this Seſſion for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire to raiſe Portions for his younger Children, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Sir *Tho. Croſs*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Fleetwood*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Herbert*, Sir *Fran. Leiceſter*, Mr. *Trenchard*, Mr. *Kynaſton*, Sir *Wm. Pole*, Mr. *Rynell*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Vernon*, Mr. *Hillyar*, Mr. *Morice*, Colonel *Douglas*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *Eden*, Sir *Richard Howe*, Sir *Wm. Courtenay*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Robert Jenkinſon*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Drewe*, Mr. *Hide*, Colonel *Lambert*, Mr. *Bampfylde*, Mr. *Lade*, Mr. *Halſey*, Mr. *Fletewode*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Cater*, Mr. *Anſtis*, Mr. *Bracebridge*, Mr. *Harvey*, Mr. *Rolle*, Mr. *Wyld*, Sir *John Packington*, Sir *John Trevylyan*, Mr. *Swanton*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Middleſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. *Carteret* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the reſpective Sales of a Fee-farm Rent, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Bedford*, lately made by the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Carteret*, and *William Hillerſdon* Eſquire, to each other; and to diſcharge the ſame from divers Eſtates, Terms, and Truſts, to which they are reſpectively liable by ſeveral Settlements made thereof; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Sir *John Norris* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto, by the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Booth*:	141.
Tellers for the Noes,	Colonel *Morton*, Sir *Mount. Blundell*:	104.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſeveral of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for making Proviſion for the amending the Highways between *Nonſuch* Park and *Worceſter* Park; and from that End of *Nonſuch* Park, next *Ewell*, to the *White Poſt* now at the End of the Lane leading from thence to *Mordon*:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And ſeveral Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Call of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further of the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe to extinguiſh a Penſion of Five thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, granted by her late Majeſty, out of the Revenue of *Ireland*, to the late Duke of *Ormond*, after all juſt Claims and Demands thereupon are ſatisfied.—

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Lovibond* and Mr. *Bennet*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* to make Leaſes of a Piece of Ground beyond *Burlington-houſe*: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

—The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 19° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Rumſey*, in the County of *Southampton*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Tanning-trade of this Kingdom; which, if... timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade: That a Statute was made, in the Reign of King *James* the Firſt, againſt the Engroſſing of Oak-bark, and Felling of oaken Trees at unſeaſonable times of the Year; which Statute is now become of little Force: And praying, That the ſaid Statute may be revived, and the Exportation of Bark prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* to make Leaſes of a Piece of Ground behind *Burlington-houſe*, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. *Treby*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to inquire into the forfeited Eſtates, preſented to the Houſe Abſtract of Claims on the forfeited Eſtates in *England* and *Ireland*, continued from N° 805. to N° 1307. both inclusive:

And the Title of the ſaid Abſtract was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Abſtract do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Abſtract is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Sir *Charles Turner* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoſkins*, Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoſkins* Eſquire, deceaſed, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 10. Line 33. After "the," inſert "then:"

Preſs 17. Line 33. Before "*Longſtone*," inſert "*Little*:"

Preſs 21. Line 12. After "Tythes," leave out "in," and inſert "of:"

Preſs 25. Line 6. After "Hundred," add "Pounds:"

Preſs 44. Line 14. After "Eſquire," inſert "commonly:"

Preſs 46. Line 27. Before "Marquis," inſert "*William Cavendiſh*, commonly called:"

Preſs 47. Line 1. After "Temporal," inſert "and Commons:"

Preſs 49. Line 20. Leave out from "Appurtenances" to the Word "to," in Line 28.:

Preſs 52. Line 19. After "limited," inſert theſe Words, "and as to, for, and concerning, all thoſe Two "Parts of the Tythe, Tenth Parts, Cuſtomary Duties, "or Portions of Lead-ore, in Three Parts to be divided, "ariſing, coming, growing, or renewing, in the Towns, "Pariſhes, Precincts, or Territories, of *Bakewell*, *Tidſ-* "*well*, and *Hope*, or any of them, in the ſaid County "of *Derby*, with all Profits, Commodities, Advantages, "and Things, unto the ſaid Two Parts belonging, im "mediately from and after the Solemnization of the "ſaid intended Marriage:"

Preſs 53. Line 40. After "Body," inſert "of:"

Preſs 61. Line 32. After "limited," add "in "Uſe:"

Preſs 62. Line 7. After "Wife," add "begotten:"

Preſs 81. Line 21. Before "Saving," inſert "Provided nevertheleſs, and it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That the ſaid *William* Duke of *Devonſhire* ſhall "not be enabled, by virtue of any of the Powers herein "before recited, or any other Power or Powers whatſoever, "to charge, incumber, leſſen, or defeat, the Eſtate herein "before limited to the ſaid *William* Marquis of *Hartington*, for and during the joint Lives of the ſaid *William* "Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William* Marquis of *Hartington*, or the ſaid Term of Sixty Years herein before "limited to the ſaid *William Hoſkins* and *Robert Sherard*, "in any of the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, lying and being in the ſaid "County of *Huntington*, or any Part thereof; any thing "herein contained to the contrary thereof in any-wiſe "notwithſtanding."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 6. L. laſt, After "ſame," leave out all to the Word "Provided," in Preſs 10. Line 19.; and, inſtead thereof, inſert "That the ſaid Clauſe, or Proviſo, in the "ſaid recited Act of Parliament contained, which re"ſtrains the barring or defeating the Eſtates Tail therein "mentioned of and in the Premiſes in the ſaid recited Act "of Parliament, and Indenture Quadrupartite, contained, "ſhall be, and is hereby, repealed, annulled, and made "void, to all Intents and Purpoſes:

"And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and ſingular the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, "Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the ſaid "Indenture Quadrupartite, and Act of Parliament, com"priſed or mentioned (except the Meſſuages, Lands, "and Hereditaments, in the County of *Surrey*), with "their and every of their Rights, Members, and Appur"tenances, be, and are hereby, veſted in, and ſettled in "and upon, the ſaid *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and his Aſſigns, "for and during the Term of his natural Life, without "Impeachment of or for any manner of Waſte; and, "immediately from and after the Deceaſe of the ſaid "*Henry* Duke of *Kent*, in and upon the ſaid *Antony* Earl "of

" of *Harrold*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, freed " and diſcharged of and from all and every the " Uſes, Truſts, Proviſoes, Limitations, Eſtates, and " Entails, in the ſame Indenture Quadrupartite, and Act " of Parliament, contained; to the Intent they the ſaid " *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony* Earl of *Harrold*, or " the ſaid *Antony* Earl of *Harrold* alone, after the Deceaſe " of the ſaid Duke, in caſe he ſhall happen to ſurvive " him, may be thereby enabled to make ſuch Jointure or " Jointures, by way of Rent-charge, or otherwiſe, Set- " tlement or Settlements, Conveyance or Conveyances, " and to make ſuch Diſpoſitions, and declare, limit, or " create, ſuch Uſe or Uſes, Eſtate or Eſtates, of the ſame " Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Here- " ditaments, or any Part thereof, except the Premiſes " before excepted, upon the Marriage of the ſaid *Antony* " Earl of *Harrold*, or upon any other Occaſion, as to " them the ſaid *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony* Earl of " *Harrold*, or to the ſaid *Antony* Earl of *Harrold* alone, " after the Deceaſe of the ſaid Duke, in caſe he ſhall ſur- " vive the ſaid Duke, ſhall ſeem meet; ſo as ſuch Set- " tlement or Settlements, Conveyance or Conveyances, " do not affect, charge, or incumber, any of the Pre- " miſes compriſed in the joint Eſtate of the ſaid *Jemima* " Ducheſs of *Kent*, during her Life only:

" And be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore- " ſaid, That the ſaid *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony* " Earl of *Harrold* his Son, during their joint Lives, or " the ſaid *Antony* Earl of *Harrold* alone, after the ſaid " Duke's Deceaſe, in caſe he ſhall happen to ſurvive the " ſaid Duke, ſhall have full Power and Authority, by " any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, under his or " their reſpective Hand or Hands, Seal or Seals, atteſted " by Two or more credible Witneſſes, to grant, limit, or " appoint, any of the ſaid Manors or Lordſhips, Meſ- " ſuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and " Premiſes, in the ſaid Indenture Quinquepartite, made " in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *William* the " Third, compriſed, or any Part or Parts thereof, and of " ſuch yearly Value as to them ſhall ſeem meet, to any " Perſon or Perſons, for any Term or Terms, or Num- " ber of Years, without Impeachment of Waſte; ſub- " ject to ſuch Proviſoes and Limitations as the ſaid *Henry* " Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony* Earl of *Harrold*, ſhall, by " ſuch Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, declare, " limit, or appoint, in Truſt, by Sale or Mortgage of " the Premiſes ſo to be granted, limited, or appointed, or " of any Part thereof, for all or any Part of the Term " or Terms ſo granted, limited, or appointed, or out of " the Rents or Profits thereof, or otherwiſe, as to the " Truſtees, in whom ſuch Term or Terms ſhall be veſted, " ſhall ſeem meet, for raiſing ſuch Sum or Sums of Mo- " ney for the Portion or Portions, Maintenance or Main- " tenances, of ſuch Daughter and Daughters of the ſaid " *Antony* Earl of *Harrold*, by his Firſt Marriage, in caſe " of Failure of Iſſue Male thereof, and for the Daughter " and Daughters, younger Son and younger Sons, of the " ſaid *Antony* Earl of *Harrold*, by ſuch Marriage, in caſe " there ſhall be Iſſue Male thereof; and to be paid to " them reſpectively in ſuch Manner, in ſuch Proportions, " and at ſuch Times, as to the ſaid *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, " and *Antony* Earl of *Harrold*, during their joint Lives, " or to the ſaid *Antony* Earl of *Harrold* alone, after the " Duke's Deceaſe, in caſe he ſhall ſurvive the ſaid Duke, " ſhall, by ſuch Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, as " aforeſaid, direct, limit, or appoint:

" And it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That ſuch " Rent-charge and Rent-charges, Jointure or Jointures, " Settlement or Settlements, to be made of the Premiſes " contained in the ſaid recited Indenture Quadrupartite, " and Act of Parliament, and alſo all and every the " Term and Terms for Years ſo to be granted, limited, " or appointed, of and in the Premiſes contained in the " ſaid recited Indenture Quinquepartite, for any the " Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, aforeſaid, ſhall be good " and available in the Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes " whatſoever; any thing in the ſaid Indenture Quadru- " partite, Act of Parliament, and Indenture Quinquepar- " tite, or any of them, contained, notwithſtanding:"

Preſs 11. Line 8. After " *Surrey*," leave out all to " Be," in Line 15. Preſs 12.:

Preſs 12. Line 22. Leave out the Word " ſhall."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Mr. *Herne* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the Diſpoſition of the perſonal Eſtate of Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, deceaſed, and the Settlements on his Three Sons under his Will; and exchanging Ground-rents in *Wapping*, in *Middleſex*, for another Rent of like Value; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal an Act, of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only; was committed:

And the Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to prevent Waggons and Carts carrying Bricks with Wheels ſhod or bound with Iron, Streaks, or Tire:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhould not extend to regulate the Dimenſions of the Tires, or Streaks, for Wheels of Carts drawn by Horſes only:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And then the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand Seven hundred and Eighteen; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets, and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Shipping, in behalf of themſelves, and others trading to and from *Sweden*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, of the laſt Seſſion, intituled, An Act to enable his Majeſty effectually to prohibit or reſtrain Commerce with *Sweeden*; and by Proclamation,

tion dated 13th *March* 1716; all Commerce between the Subjects of *Great Britain* and thoſe of *Sweeden* has been, and yet ſtands, prohibited, till after the Twentieth Day of *March* next enſuing: That the Petitioners acquieſced under the ſaid Prohibition, in Expectation that their trading Neighbours would have come into the ſame Meaſures; but the *Dutch*, and others, have carried on a very great Trade to and from the Ports of *Sweeden*, whilſt the Subjects of *Great Britain* have been deprived not only of the Benefit of employing their Shipping in that Trade, and vending their own Product and Manufactures, but alſo diſabled from furniſhing other Markets with great Quantities of *Sweediſh* Commodities, as formerly they have done: And praying, That the preſent Circumſtances of the Trade to *Sweden* may be taken into Conſideration; and grant them ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, take the Matter of the ſaid Petition into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be then heard, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jackſon* do then attend this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be pleaſed to give Directions, That the Inſtructions given to his Majeſty's Miniſters in *Holland*, to make Inſtances to the States-General, in reſpect to their prohibiting Commerce with *Sweden*; with the Date of thoſe Inſtructions; and the Anſwer of the States-General thereupon; may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the Governor of the *Ruſſia* Company do lay before this Houſe an Account of what Ships belonging to his Majeſty's Subjects have been taken by the *Swedes* for Six Years laſt paſt; diſtinguiſhing the Times when ſuch Ships were taken, and to what Ports they were bound.

Ordered, That the Governor of the *Ruſſia* Company do lay before this Houſe an Account of the ſeveral Petitions preſented to her late Majeſty, and his preſent Majeſty, and the Memorials delivered in to the Secretary of State's Office thereupon, in relation to their Grievances occaſioned by the Interruption of their Commerce by *Sweeden*.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army..... be received upon *Friday* Morning next.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 20 die Februarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Nicolas Toepken, *John Abraham Korten*, *Arnold Lang*, *John Botefeur*, *Iſaac Jervois*, and *John Cartier*, took the Oaths appointed, in order to their Naturalization.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſe*, and others, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Herne*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Calmady*, Colonel *Morton*, Colonel *Long*, Mr. *England*, Mr. *Ayre*, Admiral *Aylmer*, Sir *John Norris*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Booth*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Clayton*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Gibbon*, Mr. *Carteret*, Mr. *Hutcheſon*, Mr. *Wrightſon*, Mr. *Cunningham*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Rogers*, Mr. *Trelawny*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Diſton*, General *Carpenter*, Mr. *Guidott*, Mr. *Peirſe*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Windſor*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

A Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Bill for inlarging the Time of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Ships, within the City of *London*, on behalf of themſelves, and others concerned in Navigation, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by an Act, made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, a Duty of Three Pence *per* Ton is laid on all Ships or Veſſels, from Twenty to Three hundred Tons, within this Realm, that ſhall paſs or repaſs by *Dover*; excepting Ships loaden with Coals, Grindſtones, *Purbeck* or *Portland* Stones, which are to pay only Three Halfpence *per* Ton; no Coaſter or Fiſherman is, by the Act, obliged to pay the ſaid Duty above once in One Year; all Ships and Veſſels belonging to *Weymouth*, Port of *Ramſgate*, *Melcomb Regis*, *Lyme Regis*, and *Great Yarmouth*, are excepted from paying any Duty: That above Twenty thouſand Pounds hath been collected towards repairing *Dover* Pier, by Ships paſſing and repaſſing, that have not received any Benefit thereby; the Entrance into the Pier being narrow, and ſo choaked up with looſe Gravel-ſtones when the Wind blows hard, that no Veſſel of Fifty Tons can go in or out: And praying, That they may be heard, by their Counſel, or otherwiſe, againſt the Bill now depending; or exempted from paying this Duty any longer, except upon ſuch Ships as enter the Pier.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlargeing the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for Repair of *Dover* Harbour, is committed: And that the Petitioners be heard before the Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Counſel be heard for the ſaid Bill, if the Petitioners for the ſaid Bill think fit.

A Petition of the Owners and Maſters of Ships belonging to the Port of *Colcheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners always

always have and do bear, and pay, the Charge of maintaining and repairing their own Port of *Colcheſter*: And praying, That they may be exempted from the Duties for the maintaining and repairing the Pier of *Dover*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, is committed.

A Petition of the Proprietors and Owners of Wood in the Townſhips of *Brathey*, *Skelwith*, and *Monk-Coniſtone*, in the moſt Northern Part of *Lancaſhire*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and many other Landholders, and many Families who get their Livelihood by Work about Bark and Wood, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners hearing, that the Tanners of *Kendall* have entered into a Combination with many Shoemakers, to procure an Act to prohibit the Exporting of any Oak-bark to *Ireland*; yea, even what this Country produces yearly more than they, and all the Tanners in this Country, have Occaſion for: And, if the Tanners obtain a Prohibition of exporting Bark from the Northern Parts of *Lancaſhire* to *Ireland*, no Bark will be of any Value but what is near them; to the irreparable Damage, and great Impoveriſhment, of them, and many Hundreds of others, Owners of Bark, and many Hundred Families of labouring People: And praying, That they may not be prohibited exporting Bark to *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Griſdale*, *Satterthwaite*, *Dale-Park*, *Graithwaite*, *Whaithead*, *Ruſland*, *Slot-Parke*, *Plumb-green*, *Finſtead*, and *Haverthwaite*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, Owners of Woods and woody Grounds there, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That that Country now produces great Quantities of Wood, and Four times more Bark than the Tanners there have Occaſion to make uſe of: That the Growth of Wood hath been very much encouraged ſince the Exportation of Bark; inſomuch that there is now greater Quantities of Wood by much than there was before the means of exporting it to *Ireland* was found out: That the Petitioners, and other Proprietors of Woods, will be ruined and undone, by prohibiting the Exportation of Bark; and be of publick Prejudice: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may not be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cartmellfell*, in the Pariſh of *Cartmell*, and County of *Lancaſter*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral others concerned in Wood and Bark, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That being informed, That the Tanners, from ſeveral Parts of this Nation, have, by many Petitions, ſollicited this Honourable Houſe to prohibit the Exportation of Oak-bark to *Ireland*; although the North Part of *Lancaſhire*, and the adjacent Part of *Weſtmorland*, have, and, for time to come, will produce greater Quantities of Oak-bark than the Tanners in this Country have Occaſion for, or can uſe: That the chief Profits of many Hundreds of Landholders Eſtates conſiſts in ſelling yearly ſome Bark and Wood; and, if deprived of exporting their Bark, it will not only be a means to diſable them from paying their Taxes, but be deprived of a comfortable Livelihood: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may not be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Proprietors and Owners of Wood in the Townſhips of *Great Langdale* and *Loughrigg*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Weſtmorland*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and many other Landholders, and very many Families who get their Livelihood by Work about Bark and Wood, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners hearing, that the Tanners of *Kendall*, in this County, have entered into a Combination with ſeveral to join with them, in ſigning Petitions to this Honourable Houſe, to prohibit exporting any Oak-bark to *Ireland*, even for what they have no Occaſion for themſelves: That moſt of their Lands are ſo mountainous, rocky, and barren, as to produce little, beſides Wood; and, if deprived of a Market for their Bark, great Numbers of Families, for want of Employment, will be reduced to Neceſſity: And praying, That they may not be prohibited exporting to *Ireland* the Bark the Tanners will not buy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, Searchers, Aſſiſtants, and Commonalty, of Cutlers in *Hallamſhire*, in the County of *York*, and within Six Miles Compaſs of the ſame, incorporate by Act of Parliament, in behalf of themſelves, and Thouſands more of their Members, and neighbouring Tradeſmen, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are a very numerous Company of Trading-people, moſt of which are obliged to maintain themſelves, and Families, with very hard Labour, in making Knives, and ſeveral other Sorts of Edge-tools; and ſerve many foreign Parts therewith: That, before the Prohibition of the Trade with *Sweden*, a great Part of the beſt of the Petitioners Wares were ſent thither, and exchanged for the Iron of that Country: That the Stocks of *Swediſh* Iron are now wrought up; ſo that, without ſome ſpeedy Supply, their ſeveral Trades muſt ſink; and Thouſands of Families concerned therein ſtarved, for want of Employment: And praying ſuch Relief therein as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of the Merchants, and Maſters of the Ships, of the ancient Borough and Town of *Stockton upon Teaſe*, in the County of *Durham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Prohibition of Trade with *Sweden* hath been, and yet is, a very great Detriment to them, and all the reſt of the Merchants, and Mariners, of this Port; who, for ſome Years laſt paſt, before the ſaid Prohibition, imported from thence great Quantities of Iron, and other Merchandizes, at very moderate Rates, which we cannot now have from any other Place to ſupply our Country with: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet, in order to procure his Majeſty's Proclamation for taking off the ſaid Prohibition.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, Merchants, and other Traders in the Woollen Manufactury, at *Leeds*, and Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That an Act was paſſed to prohibit Trade with *Sweden*, from the 20th of *March* laſt, for a Year; and is further impowered to continue the ſaid Prohibition to the End of the next Seſſions of Parliament: That the ſaid Prohibition hath not only prevented the Exportation of large Quantities of the Woollen Manufactures from theſe Parts; but likewiſe hath occaſioned a great Scarcity and Dearneſs of Iron, which hath uſually been imported in Return thereof: And praying, That the ſaid Prohibition may ceaſe.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of ſeveral Ironmongers, Dealers, Artificers, and Manufacturers of Iron and Steel, inhabiting in and about *Birmingham*, in the County of *Warwick*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, on behalf of themſelves, and many other Dealers, and Manufacturers of Iron and Steel, in and about *Birmingham* aforeſaid, was preſented to the

Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for more than Twelve Months laſt paſt, there hath been a very great Scarcity of Iron, occaſioned chiefly by the Want of foreign Iron: That the Making of Steel here depends upon our being ſupplied with foreign Iron; and that a very conſiderable Branch of their Trade now ſuffers, for want of a Supply of Iron fit to be converted into Steel: And praying, That their Caſe may be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of the Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Traders in Iron-ware, in the Town of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and the Parts adjacent, in behalf of themſelves, and ſeveral Hundreds dealing in Iron-ware, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners lie under great Hardſhips, by reaſon of the great Scarcity of Iron, and the exceſſive Price they are obliged to pay for their Goods; by which they will be in Danger of loſing their Subſiſtence, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Relief be given them: That the Iron which is made in *England* is in no Proportion ſufficient to ſupply the ſeveral Workmen in that Manufacture: And praying, That the Prohibition laid upon Iron imported from *Sweden* may be taken off.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Saturday* Morning next.

A Petition of the Bailiffs, Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Commonalty, of the Trade, Art, and Myſtery, of Weavers, *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of Manufacturers in Silks and Stuffs, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, notwithſtanding the Laws againſt Running of Goods, great Quantities of foreign-wrought Silks and Stuffs are clandeſtinely imported into this Kingdom; and Goods prohibited to be worn here are frequently relanded, after they have been ſhipped for Exportation, and are then uſed; to the great Damage of the Manufacturers of this Kingdom; which fraudulent Practices are of late much increaſed; and like to continue, if ſome further Remedy be not ſpeedily provided; and there being a Bill brought into this Honourable Houſe for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods; which, if paſſed into a Law, will relieve them; or, at leaſt, put ſome Stop to theſe pernicious Ways of Trading: And praying, That the ſaid Bill may paſs this Seſſion of Parliament.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods is committed.

An ingroſſed Bill for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs * Line * To inſert "*John Crew*, *Henry Meriton*, *Richard Ducane*, *Thomas Burrow*, *William Piggott*, *Thomas Wyatt*:"

Preſs * Line * After "unladen," to inſert "and for every Chaiſe, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, drawn by One Horſe only:"

Preſs 8. Line * To leave out "Truſtees," and inſert "Juſtices:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*.

Ordered, That Sir *Nicolas Carew* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Trade to the Plantations; and to conſider of proper Methods for ſuppreſſing Piracies in the *Weſt-Indies*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions, That the ſeveral Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, that have been ſent, or delivered, to the Lords of the Admiralty, Secretaries of State, or Lords Commiſſioners of Trade, by the Governors of, and Traders to, the Colonies and Plantations in *America*, with reſpect to the Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies* ſince the laſt Peace; with an Account of the Orders given thereupon; may be laid before this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before this Houſe an Account of what Number of his Majeſty's Ships are in the *Weſt-Indies*; and at what time they were ſent thither; and what Inſtructions were given to the Commanders of the ſaid Ships, in relation to the ſuppreſſing the Pirates.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Bill; and had directed him to move, That they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, ... itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 21° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in and near the Borough of *Rippon*, in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid to his Majeſty for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and to all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the exonerating and diſcharging the Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, of *Francis Cornwall* Eſquire; and likewiſe the ſaid *Francis Cornwall* of and from certain Articles of Agreement made before the Marriage of the ſaid *Francis Cornwall*; was read a Second time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Herne*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Mr. *Haldane*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Morice*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Craggs*, General *Roſſe*, Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Hen. Hoghton*, Mr. *Reynell*, Colonel *Townſend*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. Serjeant *Reynolds*, Mr. *Offley*, Sir *Nic. Carew*, Sir *Tho. Read*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Mr. *Meyrick*, Sir *Arth. Owen*, Sir *Tho. Wheate*, Mr. *Northey*, Mr. *Bankes*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Buckingham*, Mr. *Evelyn*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Brodrick*, Mr. *Ingram*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Sir *Wm. Lowther*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Sir *Wm. Humfryes*; and all that ſerve for the Counties of *Salop*, *Worceſter*, and *Hereford*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *Joſeph Thurſton* Eſquire, deceaſed, lying in the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, for Payment of his Debts; and making Proviſion for his infant Children; was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Stephens*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Tuſtnell*, Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Sir *Wm. Daines*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Sir *Hen. Houghton*, Mr. *Smith*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Booth*, Sir *John Eyles*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Mr. *Lade*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Ingram*, Sir *James Campbell*, Mr. *Shuttleworth*, General *Webb*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Rudge*, Colonel *Townſend*, Lord *Harry Powlett*, Colonel *Bladen*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Ducane*, Mr. *Lowther*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Bellamy*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Wm. Johnſtone*, Mr. *Eyles*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Rowney*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Sir *Richard Steel*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That the Addreſs, of the Nineteenth Inſtant, That the Inſtructions given to his Majeſty's Miniſters in *Holland*, to make Inſtances to the States-General, in reſpect to their prohibiting Commerce with *Sweden*; with the Date of thoſe Inſtructions; and the Anſwer of the States-General thereupon; might be laid before this Houſe; had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That they ſhould be laid before the Houſe accordingly.

A Petition of *Martin Ludolph* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are Perſons born out of his Majeſty's Allegiance; but profeſs the true Proteſtant Religion; having given Teſtimony of their humble, dutiful, and loyal, Affections to his Majeſty: And praying, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that Mr. *London* and Mr. *Heyſham* do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

A Petition of divers Cheeſemongers of *London*, on behalf of themſelves, and others trading to *Liverpoole* and *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That by the Act, of the Eleventh and Twelfth of King *William* the Third, for Repair of *Dover* Harbour, there is a Clauſe exempting all Coaſters from paying thereto more than once a Year; yet ſeveral of the Petitioners Ships loading to *Dublin*, in their Return back to *Liverpoole* or *Cheſter*, have been deemed as foreign Ships, and paid three or four times in one Year; and for the full Tonage of the Ships, although not fully loaden: That greateſt Part of the ſaid Ships trading to *Liverpoole* pay a conſiderable Duty; and have been, and are, at a great Charge towards repairing and maintaining the Dock and Harbour there: And praying, That a Clauſe may be received for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, was committed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioners be heard before the ſaid Committee, by their Counſel, if they think fit.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Merchants, Owners and Maſters of Ships, of the Borough and Port of *Liverpoole*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, trading to *London* with Cheeſe, and elſewhere, Coaſtwiſe, and to *Holland*, and thence to *Ireland*, and this Place, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That being informed a Bill is brought in to inlarge and continue the Time and Duty for *Dover* Pier; which will oblige all Ships that paſs by that Port to pay a great Duty thereto, whether they receive any Benefit thereby or not: That they th . . . . . and ſtill are, at a very great Charge to make their Harbour commodious and ſafe, without charging any Ships whatſoever towards the ſame, but thoſe that come into their Port: And praying, That their Ships may be exempted from paying the ſaid Duties to the Pier of *Dover*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, is committed.

A Petition of the Ironmongers, Smiths, and others, of the Town of *Birmingham*, and Parts adjacent, in the behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more employed in the Trade and Manufactures of Iron and Braſs, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners now labouring under great Difficulties, through the Scarcity of Iron and Braſs, in carrying on thoſe Manufactures, upon which the Livelihoods of many Thouſands do there wholly depend: And praying, That ſome Encouragement may be given to ſuch as ſhall erect Works for Making of Iron and Copper in the Plantations in *America*, in order to ſupply from thence the growing Wants of thoſe Materials.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and others concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, is referred.

An ingroſſed Bill to repeal an Act of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to impower them to draw with Six Horſes only; was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs 7. Line * To inſert the Word "Liberty" twice:

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to repeal an Act of the Firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, which reſtrains all Waggoners, Carriers, and others, from drawing any Carriage with more than Five Horſes in Length; and to reſtrain them from drawing with more than Six Horſes; and for obliging all new Tires or Streaks for Wheels of travelling Waggons, Wains, or Carts, to be made flat, and Three Inches broad, and for the better preſerving the Highways in Repair.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Sir *Thomas Wheat* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of ſeveral Ironmongers, Anchorſmiths, and other Manufacturers of Iron, in and about the City of *London*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, by an Act, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, to enable his Majeſty effectually to prohibit or reſtrain Commerce with *Sweden*; that all Commerce between the Subjects of *Great Britain* and thoſe of *Sweden* has been, and yet ſtands, prohibited to the End of the Seſſion of Parliament, that ſhall happen to meet after the Twentieth Day of *March* next enſuing: That the Petitioners acquieſced under the ſaid Prohibition, in Expectation it would determine the Twentieth of *March* next; the ſaid Prohibition being greatly to the Prejudice of, and very diſcouraging to, the Trade of this Kingdom: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

An ingroſſed Bill for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn, was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 1. Line 26. After "made," inſert "of:"

Preſs 2. Line 9, and 10. Leave out "thereof:"

Preſs 4. Line 5. Leave out "to:"

Line 26. Leave out "made:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Colonel *Strangeways*, Mr. *Booth*: } 136.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Campbell*, Sir *Robert Chaplin*: } 98.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title be, An Act for making more effectual an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of Raw Silk, and Mohair Yarn.

Ordered, That Mr. *Booth* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Craggs*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was committed, the Amendments they had made to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, to impower the Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Demands made by ſeveral foreign Princes and States, by virtue of Treaties or Conventions, for Arrears of Pay, and Subſidies, incurred before his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown; and report the ſame to the King, and to the Lords and Commons, ſeverally, the next Seſſion of Parliament:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up; and the Clauſe amended:

And then the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick;

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Cadogan*, Mr. *Bradyll*: } 103.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Calmady*: } 100.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Tueſday* Morning next.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Heathcott*, Sir *Richard Steele*, Sir *Samuel Lennard*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Smelt*, Lord *Milton*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Plumptre*, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Sir *Wilfred Lawſon*, be added to the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt for the Poor of the ſaid Town; is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 22° die Februarii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners in *Shipſton upon Stower*, in the County of *Worceſter*, and Parts adjacent, in the behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That great Quantities of *Engliſh* Bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into other Places, where no Duty is paid for Hides and Skins; which, if not timely prevented, will ſoon deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *London* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill to naturalize *Martin Ludolph* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg*: And the ſame was received; and read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr.

Mr. *Gregory* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the great Tythes, and Glebe-lands, belonging to the Rectory of *Saxby*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in the Right Honourable *Bennett* Lord *Harborough*, and his Heirs, in lieu of other Lands; and an Annuity to be ſettled on the Rector of the ſaid Church, and his Succeſſors for ever; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Lord *William Powlett* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill .... the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt for the Poor of the ſaid Town; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, the Extracts of ſeveral Letters from the Secretaries of State here to his Majeſty's Reſidents in *Holland*; and of ſeveral Letters from the ſaid Reſidents to the Secretaries of State; together with a Memorial delivered to the States-General by Mr. *Leathes*, in *March* 1717:

And alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Addreſſes, of the Twentieth Inſtant, for the Memorials, Petitions, Repreſentations, Orders, Accounts, and Inſtructions, therein mentioned, relating to the Piracies in the *Weſt-Indies*, might be laid before this Houſe, had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to give Directions, That they ſhould be laid before the Houſe accordingly.

The Titles of the Extracts of the ſaid Letters were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Extracts do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Extracts are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jackſon* do lay before this Houſe any Memorials that he has preſented to the Regency of *Sweden*, in relation to the Captures of *Britiſh* Ships by the *Swediſh* Privateers; with the Anſwers of the Regency of *Sweden* thereupon.

The Houſe being informed, That Sir *Benjamin Ailoffe*, Governor of the *Ruſſia* Company, attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an Account of the ſeveral Petitions preſented by the *Muſcovia* Company to her late Majeſty, and his preſent Majeſty; and the Memorials delivered into the Secretaries of State's Office thereupon, in relation to their Grievances, occaſioned by the Interruption of their Commerce by *Sweden*; in which is included an Account of what Ships, belonging to his Majeſty's Subjects, have been taken by the *Swedes* for Six Years laſt paſt, ſo far as is come to their Knowlege.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the ſaid Account was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Account is bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *M. Morfeild*, and * *Etzard*, of *Covent-Garden*, have made a Diſtreſs of ſome Goods of *Edward Carterett* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoskins* Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoskins* Eſquire, deceaſed, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs 53. Line 6. After "Marquis," to inſert "of:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *Charles Turner* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

A Petition of ſeveral Merchants, Shipwrights, Ironmongers, Smiths, and Dealers in Iron, and Iron Manufactury, in the City of *Briſtol*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Hundreds more, concerned in the ſaid Manufacturies, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Trade to *Sweedland* being prohibited, hath intirely prevented the Importation of Iron from thence; which obligeth the Traders therein to import it at Second-hand; to the great Diſcouragement of that Manufactury: That there are, in his Majeſty's own Plantations, great Quantities of Iron-ore, Wood, and other Materials for Making of Iron; by which the Poor there may be employed, and paid for by the Manufacturies of *Great Britain*, and theſe Kingdoms greatly ſupplied with Iron from thence: And praying, That Encouragement may be given to thoſe that are willing to engage in erecting Iron-works in his Majeſty's Colonies.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Petition of the ſeveral Merchants, Ironmongers, Smiths, and other Dealers in Iron, in and about the City of *London*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more concerned in the ſaid Manufacture in this Kingdom, is referred.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to conſider of the Matter of the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Shipping, in behalf of themſelves, and others trading to and from *Sweden*, praying, That the preſent Circumſtances of the Trade to *Sweden* might be taken into the Conſideration of this Houſe:

And the Petitioners were called in:

And the Petition was read:

And the Petitioners was heard thereupon:

And ſome of the Traders to *Sweden*, who had not ſigned the Petition, were likewiſe heard.

And then the Petitioners, and other Traders, withdrew.

And Mr. *Jackſon* attending, according to Order;

He was called in; and laid before the Houſe a Tranſlation, from the *Swediſh*, of the Memorial preſented by Reſident *Jackſon* to the *Swediſh* Chancery, *July* 16th, 1714:

And the Title thereof was read.

The Tranſlation of the ſaid Memorial is as follows; *viz.*

Tranſlation, from the *Swediſh*, of the Memorial preſented by Reſident *Jackſon* to the *Swediſh* Chancery, *July* the 16th, 1714.

WHEREAS the many ſerious Repreſentations, which the underwritten Reſident of her Majeſty the Queen of *Great Britain* hath already, from time to time, made both to her Royal Highneſs herſelf, as well as to your Excellencies, and the Royal Chancery, in order to obtain the Releaſement of the ſeveral *Britiſh* Ships this Year brought up by the *Swediſh* Ships of War, and Capers, have not hitherto had the expected Effect; but, on the contrary, more and more of her Majeſty's Subjects Ships are daily ſeized, and ſent up to ſundry Ports, and confiſcated, without the leaſt Regard had to the Paſſports, which, conform to the Treaties between the Two Crowns, they are all provided with; the Underwritten does therefore find himſelf obliged, in Obedience to the expreſs Commands he has lately received from the Queen his moſt gracious Miſtreſs, hereby to addreſs himſelf again to your Excellencies, and the Royal Chancery; and earneſtly preſs, that you will be pleaſed ſo to remonſtrate this Affair again to her Royal Highneſs, and the Senate, that all the ſaid detained Ships, together with their Ladeings, according to the annexed Liſt, may not only, without Delay, be given free, and ſet at Liberty to proceed .. their intended Voyages; eſpecially ſeeing moſt of them are freighted to fetch naval Stores for her Majeſty's immediate Service; but that likewiſe the neceſſary Orders may be given to the proper Officers to forbear, hereafter, the like violent Proceedings; they being directly contrary to the plain Tenor of the ſubſiſting Treaties, which is the eſtabliſhed Law between the Two Kingdoms; that all ſuch Ground of Complaint, as can wound the Friendſhip between the Two Nations, may thereby be removed; as alſo the ill Conſequences prevented, which otherwiſe may probably reſult from the Continuance of ſuch unjuſt Treatment; whereto the Underwritten does further deſire and expect of your Excellencies, and the Royal Chancery, ſuch an Anſwer as may ſerve for his moſt gracious Queen's further Regulation herein.

Stockholm, the 16th *July*, 1714. *R. Jackſon.*

Liſt of *Britiſh* Ships brought up in the *Swediſh* Ports, to the 16th *July* 1714; a Copy whereof Reſident *Jackſon* annexed to his Memorial of that Date.

Brought up at *Stockholm*; at *Carlſcrone*; These Eight Ships are to load Naval Stores for the Queen's Service.

- The *Cheſwick*, *Edward Philps* Maſter:
- The *Elizabeth*, *George Errington* Maſter:
- The *John and Elizabeth*, *John Cobb* Maſter:
- The *Bleſſing*, *Thomas Clark* Maſter:
- The *Stephen*, *Benjamin French* Maſter:
- The *Proſperous Anne*, *John Pine* Maſter:
- The *Nicholſon*, *Robert Hewet* Maſter.
- The *Riga Merchant*, *Stephen Marſh* Maſter.

at *Stockholm*;

- The *Robert and Jane*, *John Caſton* Maſter:
- The *John*, *John Wood* Maſter:
- The *Adventure*, *William Scot* Maſter:
- The *Carteen*, *James Alexander* Maſter:
- The *Fiſher*, *Andrew Fowler* Maſter:
- The *Elizabeth*, *Richard Norman* Maſter:
- The *Globe*, *Michael King* Maſter:
- The *Nightingale*, *Ralph Wilſon* Maſter.

at *Gottenberg*;

- The *John's Good-will*, *Thomas Thompſon* Maſter:
- The *Anne Dogger*, *John Milburn* Maſter.

at *Stockholm.*

- The *Experiment*, *William Maſon* Maſter.

Ordered, That the ſaid Tranſlation do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Matters of the ſaid Petition be adjourned until *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Petitioners do then attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jackſon* do then attend this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 24° *die Februarii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Martin Ludolph, *John Ludolph Spellerberg*, and *Urick Janſen*, took the Oaths appointed, in order to their Naturalization.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Kingſton upon Hull*, concerned in the Trade to *Sweden*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners are ſenſibly touched with the Inconveniencies they lie under, in reſpect of the preſent Prohibition of the ſaid Trade; and humbly conceive, that the Importation of the Goods of that Country from neutral Ports will be attended with ſo great an Expence, as, in a great meaſure, will render the ſame ineffectual: And praying, That ſuch Means may be uſed, as may be proper for opening again the Trade directly between this Kingdom and *Sweeden*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions relating to the Trade with *Sweden*, which were ordered to be conſidered upon *Saturday* laſt, be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

Mr. *Whitmore* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual certain Articles of Agreement between Sir *George Downing* Baronet, and Dame *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Foreſter* Knight, and her Truſtees, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Admiral *Aylmer* preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, by the Governors and Traders to the Plantations, with reſpect to the Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies*; with the Orders given thereupon:

And the General Title to the ſaid Papers was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

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The ſaid Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* to make Leaſes of a Piece of Ground behind *Burlington-houſe*, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hitch*, Mr. *Guidot*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Gwyn*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, General *Roſs*, Mr. *Inge*, Mr. *Naylor*, Mr. *Milner*, Sir *Robert Davers*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Honywood*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Monro*, Sir *Geo. Beaumont*, Mr. *York*, Lord *Montrath*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Colonel *Rolle*, Mr. *Aſhe*, Mr. *Darcie*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Strickland*, Lord *Morpeth*, Sir *Tho. Hales*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Chulmley*, Lord *Shelburn*, Mr. *Norris*, Brigadier *Sutton*, Mr. *Frankland*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Ingram*, Sir *Richard Sandford*, Mr. *Offley*, Sir *John Rogers*, Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Methuen*, Mr. *Jeſſop*, Mr. *Earl*, Colonel *Fane*, Sir *Cha. Cook*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Mr. *Doddington*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Halſey*, Sir *John Tirwhyt*, Mr. *Pitt*, Mr. *Windſor*, Lord *Finch*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Tho. Hanmer*, Mr. *Hampden*, Mr. *Lade*; and all the Members that ſerve for the County of *Middleſex:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting divers Lands and Tenements, in the County of *Suſſex*, Part of the Eſtate of *Charles Eversfeild* Eſquire, in Truſtees, for a preſent Proviſion for his Son; and for the Payment of the Debts of the ſaid *Charles Eversfeild*; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Conyers* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Ralph Shipperdſon* Eſquire to make Sale of his Eſtate in *Studley-Roger*, in the County of *York*, freed from the Uſes and Truſts in the ſaid *Ralph Shepperdſon*'s Marriage-Settlement; and to ſettle his Eſtate at *Eaſt-Murton*, in the County of *Durham*, to the ſame Uſes; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Eden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Petition of Tanners of Hides and Skins in *Malton*, and Towns adjacent, on behalf of themſelves, and others, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That Leather is one of the principal Manufactures of this Kingdom; and if the chief Ingredient for tanning the ſame, which is Oak-bark, be ſuffered to be exported into *Ireland*, where his Majeſty receives no Duty for Leather, the *Engliſh* Trade muſt come to Ruin, and that Branch of Trade be utterly loſt: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Sir *Charles Cooke*, from the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Papers relating to the Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies*; with a Liſt of the ſaid Papers:

And the Title of the ſaid Liſt was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Mr. *Francis Melmouth*, Mr. *Thomas Mitchell*, Mr. *Richard Baſnett*, and Captain *Greenhill*, do attend the Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, who are to conſider of the State of the Trade to the Plantations; and to conſider of Methods for ſuppreſſing Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies*.

A Bill to naturalize *Martin Ludolph* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg* was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *London*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Lord *Midleton*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Betts*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Barington*, Mr. *Sloper*, Mr. *Hutchenſon*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Sir *Robert Corbet*, Mr. *Gregory*, Sir *Cha. Turner*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Lewis*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Mr. * *Sutton*, Colonel *Oughton*, Mr. *Windſor*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Thompſon*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Sir *Robert Corbett*, Mr. *Farrer*, Mr. *Earl*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Cadogan*, Sir *Rich. Farington*, Mr. *Carterett*, Sir *Tho. Johnſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Haldane*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Colonel *Stephens*, Mr. *Chiſwell*, Mr. *Hitch*, Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Hampden:* And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

An ingroſſed Bill to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army; and to examine and ſtate the Demands of ſeveral foreign Princes and States for Subſidies during the late War.

Ordered, That Mr. *Craggs* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Hearing the Matter of the Petition of *Thomas Gage* and *Samuel Edwin* Eſquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*;

The Counſel for the Petitioners, and the Sitting Members, were called in:

And the Petition was read.

The Counſel for the Petitioners acquainted the Houſe, That the Petitioner Mr. *Edwin* waved the Matter of his Petition; and that the Petitioner Mr. *Gage* did not conteſt Mr. *Milner*'s Election; but ſhould proceed to diſqualify ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting Member Sir *John Trevelyan*, and to add ſeveral to the Poll for Mr. *Gage*; and thereby ſhould make a Majority for Mr. *Gage*; and examined ſeveral Witneſſes on the Petitioner's Part, touching the Right of the Election; and alſo the Sitting Member's Counſel were heard, and ſeveral Witneſſes examined, on their Part, touching the ſame.

And then the Counſel withdrew.

A Motion being made, That the Right of Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, is in the Pariſhioners of *Minehead* and *Dunſter*, being Houſekeepers in the Borough of *Minehead*, and not receiving Alms;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Queſtion, by leaving out the Word "Houſekeepers:"

And the Queſtion being put, ... the Word "Houſekeepers" ſtand Part of the Queſtion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *Wm. Windham*, Mr. *Drewe:*	122.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Brudenell:*	99.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Queſtion being put, That the Right of Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*, is in the Pariſhioners of *Minehead* and *Dunſter*, being Houſekeepers in the Borough of *Minehead*, and not receiving Alms;

It was reſolved in the Affirmative:

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded, and examined Wit-

Witneſſes, in order to qualify ſeveral Perſons who offered to vote for the Petitioners, but were refuſed; and alſo to diſqualify ſeveral Perſons who voted for the Sitting Members; ſome as not being Houſekeepers, and others upon account of Bribery.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Weſtphaling*, Mr. *Yonge*: } 54.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Pugh*: } 80.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And the Counſel were called in:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded, and examined a Witneſs, one *John Viccary*, upon the Head of Bribery; who gave Evidence, That *Thomas Wickland* had confeſſed to him, that he had received Half a Guinea for his Vote:

Upon which, the Sitting Member's Counſel inſiſted, That the ſaid *Thomas Wickland* ſhould be called in to confront the ſaid *Viccary*:

And he was called in; and the ſaid *Viccary* gave his Evidence before the ſaid *Wickland*:

Upon which, the Sitting Member's Counſel inſiſted, That the ſaid *Wickland* ſhould be examined in relation to the Diſcourſe that the ſaid *Viccary* alleged to have paſſed between them:

Which the Petitioner's Counſel oppoſed.

The Counſel on both Sides were heard thereupon.

And then they withdrew.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *Thomas Wickland* be examined in the Preſence of *John Viccary*, in relation to the Diſcourſe that the ſaid *Viccary* alleged paſſed between them Two, relating to the Money ſaid to be confeſſed to be given to the ſaid *Wickland* by the Sitting Member for his Vote;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Wm. Carew*, Mr. *Liſter*: } 97.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Maynard*, Sir *Hen. Aſhhurſt*: } 77.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution:

And the ſaid *Viccary* and *Wickland* were called in:

And *Wickland* was examined accordingly:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded; and other Witneſſes were examined upon the Head of Bribery.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Minſhull*, Mr. *Cadogan*: } 63.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Rolt*: } 86.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

And the Counſel were called in again:

And the Petitioner's Counſel proceeded in their Evidence, and went through the Head of Bribery.

Then the Petitioner's Counſel inſiſted, That ſeveral of the Voters for the Sitting Member were treated before the Election.

Upon which the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Burridge*, General *Pepper*: } 56.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowney*, Mr. *Wrightſon*: } 87.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

The Counſel were called in:

And the Counſel for the Petitioners proceeded, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes touching Treating:

And the Petitioner's Counſel ſummed up their Evidence.

And then the Counſel were directed to withdraw.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the further Conſideration of the Merits of the Election for the Borough of *Minehead* be adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Butler*, Sir *Tho. Palmer*: } 71.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Roger Bradſhaigh*, Mr. *Nicholas*: } 93.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Counſel for the Sitting Member opened their Evidence; and produced *Joſeph Alloway* to be examined as a Witneſs.

The Petitioner's Counſel objected againſt his being examined as a Witneſs, as having diſtributed Bribes at the Election:

Whereupon the Counſel on both Sides were heard.

And then they withdrew.

A Motion being made, That *Joſeph Alloway*, having been proved to have been a Diſtributer of Bribes, be examined as a Witneſs in this Cauſe;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Queſtion, by leaving out the Word "proved," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert the Word "charged:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Word "proved" ſtand Part of the Queſtion;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Colonel *Morton*, Mr. *Monro*: } 73.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Conyers*: } 94.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That *Joſeph Alloway*, having been charged to have been a Diſtributer of Bribes, be examined as a Witneſs in this Cauſe.

And the Counſel were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution.

And the ſaid *Joſeph Alloway* was examined, and other Witneſſes were examined, on the Sitting Member's behalf, in order to invalidate the Petitioner's Evidence; and to prove, that ſeveral of the Petitioner's Voters were treated before the Election.

Then the Counſel for the Sitting Member ſummed up their Evidence:

And the Petitioner's Counſel replied.

And then the Counſel on both Sides withdrew.

Reſolved, That Sir *John Trevelyan* Baronet is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerſet*.

Reſolved, That *James Milner* Eſquire is duly elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Minehead*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 25° *die Februarii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Community, of the Shoemakers, within the Borough of *Lancaſter*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to

the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Duty upon Leather is of pernicious Conſequence to poor Workmen, who are in a deplorable Condition for want of Employment; and chiefly for want of Leather, it being bought up by the Merchants to ſend away; and, by reaſon of the Drawback which is allowed to them, have great Encouragement to ſend away great Quantities of Leather; and foreign Countries are ſupplied with our beſt Leather at cheaper Rates than we are: And praying, That the Drawback upon Leather exported may be taken off.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral Ironmongers, Dealers, Artificers, and Manufacturers, of Iron, inhabiting in and about *Stowerbridge*, in the County of *Worceſter*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, on the behalf of themſelves, and many other Dealers and Manufacturers of Iron in and about *Stowerbridge* aforeſaid, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, for more than Twelve Months laſt paſt, there hath been ſo great a Scarcity of Iron, that the Petitioners, and many Thouſand poor Artificers in Iron, have been in great Want of Work and Employment; to the great Impoveriſhment of themſelves, and Families; chiefly occaſioned by the Want of foreign Iron: And praying Relief therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration upon *Thurſday* Morning next.

A Petition of the poor inſolvent Debtors in his Majeſty's Priſon for the Manor of *Stepney* and *Hackney*, commonly called *White-Chapel* Priſon, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, through Sickneſs, Dulneſs of Trade, and other Misfortunes, are become obnoxious to their ſeveral Creditors, by reaſon they could not make them preſent Satisfaction; being willing to ſurrender their All into their Creditors Hands: And praying, That an Act may paſs for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the poor Inſolvents in the *Fleet* Priſon, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſand others under the like deplorable Circumſtances throughout this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have, by reaſon of the late long Wars, Badneſs of Trade, Sickneſs, Loſſes, and other Viciſſitudes, contracted ſeveral Debts, for which they lie in cloſe Confinement: That they are willing to diſcover and ſurrender all their Effects to their Creditors, for their Releaſement: And praying, That a Bill may paſs for their Relief.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Lowther* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate of *John* late Earl of *Kildare*, deceaſed, towards Payment of his Debts; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was committed; That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming the reſpective Sales of a Fee-farm Rent, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the County of *Bedford*, lately made by the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Carterett*, and *William Hillerſdon* Eſquire, to each other; and to diſcharge the ſame from divers Eſtates, Terms, and Truſts, to which they are reſpectively liable by ſeveral Settlements made thereof; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carterett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion; and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters; without Amendment: And alſo,

To the Bill, intituled, An Act for finiſhing the Tower of the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Michael, Cornhill, London*, out of the Duties ariſing purſuant to the Act, of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to naturalize *Martin Ludolph* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg* was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. Comptroller preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, from Mr. Secretary *Addiſon*'s Office, Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, with reſpect to the Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies*; and the Orders given thereupon:

And the General Title to the ſaid Papers was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Memorials, Petitions, and Repreſentations, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

The Orders of the Day being read;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Farrer* reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe E; and the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe E being read a Second time, to enable his Majeſty to make a Grant of Three hundred Pounds *per Annum* to the Lady *Lovat* out of the Profits of forfeited Eſtates in *Scotland*;

An Amendment was propoſed to be made thereunto, by adding, at the End thereof, theſe Words, "Provided "always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be "conſtrued to extend to ſtrengthen or confirm the afore-

" ſaid Grant of the Life-rent of *Alexander Mackenzy* to " and in favour of *Simon* Lord *Lovat*:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be added to the ſaid Clauſe;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſes F and G, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then Clauſe H being read a Second time, for impowering any Two of the Commiſſioners and Truſtees reſiding in *Ireland* to execute, within that Kingdom, all the Powers which the Commiſſioners and Truſtees, or any Four or more of them, reſiding in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, are impowered, by this or the former Act, to execute;

The ſaid Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, diſagreed unto by the Houſe.

The reſt of the ſaid Clauſes, Clauſe I and K, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with an Amendment to Clauſe I, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That, where any Grant ſhall be made by his Majeſty, for the Benefit of any Child of any forfeiting Perſon, every ſuch Child ſhall be educated in the Proteſtant Religion; and ſhall continue to be of the Proteſtant Religion; and that, in every ſuch Grant, an expreſs Condition ſhall be inſerted for that Purpoſe:

. . . . . .

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the ſaid Clauſe, by inſerting, after the Word " Religion," theſe Words, " as the ſame is profeſſed in the Churches of " *England* or *Scotland*, as by Law eſtabliſhed, reſpec- " tively:"

And the Queſtion being put, That thoſe Words be inſerted;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Peyto*, / Mr. *Stephens*: } 89.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Tho. D'Ath*, / Colonel *Oughton*: } 183.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

The Houſe being moved, That ſome Clauſes in the former Act might be read;

They were read accordingly: After which,

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Forfeitures of real and perſonal Eſtates ſhall have the ſame Commencement; *viz.* from the time of Conviction only:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Herne*, / Mr. *Campbell*: } 94.

Tellers for the Noes, { Colonel *Bladen*, / Mr. *Gibbon*: } 162.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for making Proviſion for the Widows of forfeiting Perſons:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord *Wm. Powlett*, / Mr. *Chetwynd*: } 161.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Hen. Bunbury*, / Mr. *Corrance*: } 98.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourned till this Day Sevennight.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour; and nothing to intervene.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of the Trade to the Plantations; and to conſider of proper Methods for ſuppreſſing Piracies in the *Weſt-Indies*.

Ordered, That all ſuch Perſons as were ordered to attend the ſaid Committee this Day, do attend the ſame upon *Saturday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 26° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Maſter Coopers and Workmen of the Town of *Plymouth* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the great Quantities of empty Caſks, and Caſks filled with Water, imported from *Holland*, and other Places, is of great Prejudice to their Trade; and tends to the Impoveriſhment of them, and their Families: And praying, That the Importation of empty Caſks, and Caſks filled with Water, may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods is committed.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the Diſpoſition of the perſonal Eſtate of Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, deceaſed, and the Settlements on his Three Sons under his Will; and exchanging Ground-rents in *Wapping*, in *Middleſex*, for another Rent of like Value; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Herne* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

The Houſe being informed, That Mr. *Jackſon* attended;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, ſeveral Memorials, by him preſented to the Regency of *Sweden*, in relation to the Captures of *Britiſh* Ships by the *Swediſh* Privateers; with the Anſwers of the Regency of *Sweden* thereupon.

And then he withdrew.

And the Titles of the ſaid Memorials, and Anſwers, were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorials, and Anſwers, do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Memorials, and Anſwers, are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the great Tythes, and Glebe-lands, belonging to the Rectory of *Saxby*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, in the

the Right Honourable *Bennet* Lord *Harborough*, and his Heirs, in lieu of other Lands; and an Annuity, to be ſettled on the Rector of the ſaid Church, and his Succeſſors, for ever; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gregory* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Sir *Thomas Croſſe* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire to raiſe Portions for his younger Children, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

And another Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Vernon* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants, Importers, and Traders in Coffee, and other Goods, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of the *Muſcovia* Company, in behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, trading to the *Baltick*, and *Ruſſia*, have had many of their Ships and Effects taken by the *Swedes*, and confiſcated, although they were provided with uſual Paſſes: That, notwithſtanding his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to direct his Miniſters in *Sweeden* to make earneſt and repeated Demands for the Reparation of paſt, and the preventing future, Captures, yet have they not had the leaſt Succeſs: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*;

A Petition of the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Citizens, and other Proteſtant Inhabitants, of the City of *Limerick*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the ſaid City is commodiouſly ſeated for Traffick with the City of *Exeter*, and other Ports in the Weſt Part of *Great Britain:* That, by reaſon its Port is ſhut up by Act of Parliament from receiving Wool to be exported, the Merchants of *Great Britain*, and their Factors, are obliged, by Land-carriage, to convey their Wool from *Conaught* and *Munſter* to the Cities of *Dublin*, *Cork*, and *Waterford*; to the great Diſcouragement of the Buyers of the ſaid Commodity: That the Trade of this City having ſuffered great Diminution and Decay for many Years paſt, many Proteſtant Inhabitants have withdrawn, and daily do withdraw, themſelves, and Families; to the great Inſecurity of the moſt important Gariſon of that Kingdom; which would, in a great meaſure, be remedied, if the Port of that City were opened for Exportation of Wool to *Great Britain:* And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, is committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they have Power to receive a Clauſe for the Petitioners Relief.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Yonge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Yonge* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon *Saturday* Morning next.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 27° die Februarii;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County of *Suffolk*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent the growing Evil, it will certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, Coopers, and Workmen, of the City of *Exon*, and Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the great Quantities of empty Caſks brought in for Sale, and Caſks filled with Water, Sand, and Ballaſt, or concealing unentered Goods imported from *Holland*, and other Places, is of great Prejudice to the Trade, and a Hindrance to the Sale, of *Engliſh* Timber: And praying, That the Importation of empty Caſks may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods is committed.

An ingroſſed Bill to naturalize *Martin Ludolph* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg* was read the Third time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to naturalize *Martin Ludolph*, *Ulrick Janſen*, and *John Ludolph Spellerberg*.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt, for the Poor of the ſaid Town; was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That the Act ſhall not extend to charge the Manor of *Eſher*, purchaſed, by the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, of *John Latton* Eſquire, or any Part thereof, except the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, purchaſed, by the ſaid Duke, of Sir *John Vanbrugg*, *Robert Moor*, *John Cheeſman*, *John Rolles*, and *Nicolas Sherman*, with the Rent-charges therein mentioned:

And the ſaid Clauſe was thrice read; and amended; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, for obliging the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to pay the Bailiffs and Freemen of *Kingſton upon Thames*, and their Succeſſors, the ſeveral Rent-charges of Eighty Pounds, and Ninety-five Pounds, *per Annum*:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was read the Third time; and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Then the ſeveral Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 12. Line 17. After "*Newcaſtle*," to inſert "or "wherein he hath any Eſtate or Intereſt:"

Line 32. After "Succeſſors," to inſert "at "the Town-hall in *Kingſton* aforeſaid:"

Line 38. After the Word "is," to inſert "herein before, and:"

Preſs 13. Line 39. After the Word "ever," to inſert "as aforeſaid:"

Preſs 18. Line 2. After the Word "Reprizes," to inſert "and free from Incumbrances:"

Line 8. After "Reprizes," the ſame Amendment:

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe:

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for making more effectual certain Articles of Agreement between Sir *George Downing* Baronet, and Dame *Mary*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Foreſter* Knight, and her Truſtees, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitmore* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Mr. *Chetwynde*, from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, preſented to the Houſe, purſuant to their Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſeveral Papers relating to the Pirates in the *Weſt-Indies*; with a Liſt of them.

And then he withdrew.

And the General Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The ſaid Papers are bound up with the other Papers of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; with One Amendment: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe: And,

Have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bonelace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars, with an Amendment: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtate, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hertford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into further Conſideration the Matter of the Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Shipping, in behalf of themſelves, and others; and the other Petitions which have been preſented to the Houſe, in relation to the Trade to and from *Sweeden*:

And the Extracts of the Letters between the Secretaries of State and his Majeſty's Reſidents in *Holland*; and alſo the Memorials which Mr. *Jackſon* preſented to the Regency of *Sweden*; and the Anſwers thereunto; which have been laid before the Houſe; were read:

After which Mr. *Jackſon* was called in; and heard.

And then he withdrew.

And the Petitioners, and ſome other Merchants, were called in; and further heard.

And then they withdrew.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he will be graciouſly pleaſed to take into his Royal Conſideration the State of the Trade with *Sweden*; and that ſuch Meaſures may be taken, that his Majeſty's Subjects, and thoſe of his Allies, may carry on the ſaid Trade in the ſame manner;

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Debate be adjourned;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Chetwynd*, Lord *Hilleſborough*:	201.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Guernſey*, Mr. *Drake*:	111.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this Day Month.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 28° *die Februarii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

THE Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Lords, to One of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, and *Antony Grey* Eſquire, commonly called Earl of *Harrold*, to make Jointures for the Wife or Wives of the ſaid Earl of *Harrold*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:

And the ſaid Amendment was read; and is as follows;

To Clauſe A, 43 Line, inſtead of "Joint," to inſert "Jointure:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendment, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Relief of the Wholeſale Traders and Dealers in *Engliſh* Bone-lace, by obviating ſeveral Doubts in the Act, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of the late King *William*, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars:

And the ſame was read; and is as follows;

In the Firſt Line of the Title of the Bill, after the Word "Whole," to inſert "ſale:"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hampden* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſe*, and others, was committed, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 1. Line 11. After "*France*," add "*John Jochim* "*Boetefeur*, Son of *Jochim Boetefeur*, by *Sarah* his Wife, "born at *Hamburgh*, in *Germany*; *Iſaac Gervais*, Son of "*David Gervais*, and *Suſanna* his Wife, born at *Montpel*-"*lier* in *France*; *John Cartier*, Son of *Peter Cartier*, by "*Frances* his Wife, born at *Neuueville*, in *Swiſſerland*; "*Arnold Lang*, Son of *Henry Lang*, by *Adelheit* his "Wife, born in *Bremen*, in *Germany*; *John Abraham* "*Korton*, Son of *Jaſper Korten*, by *Mary* his Wife, born "at *Elberfeldt*, in *Germany*; *Nicolas Toepken*, Son of "*John Toepken*, by *Anne* his Wife, born at *Bremen*, in "*Germany*:"

Line 25. After "*Capon*," add "*John Jo*-"*chim Boetefeur*, *Iſaac Gervais*, *John Cartier*, *Arnold* "*Lang*, *John Abraham Korten*, *Nicolas Toepken*:"

Preſs 2. Line 2. After "*Capon*," the ſame Amendment:

Line 30. After "*Capon*," the ſame Amendment.

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtate, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hereford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement, was read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher Watervile*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt, for the Poor of the ſaid Town; with ſome Amendments to One of the ſaid Amendments: To which Amendments the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill for Sale of the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Publick, was read the Third time.

An ingroſſed Clauſe was offered, as a Rider, to be added to the Bill, That the Manor of *Coxho*, in the County Palatine of *Durham*; and alſo the Manor and Lands of *Elden*; and alſo a Meſſuage and Farm called *Cornforth Farm*, held by Leaſe of the Biſhop of *Durham*; all which Manors and Lands were late the Eſtate of *Nicolas Kennett*, of *Coxho*, Eſquire; ſhould be veſted in Truſtees, to be ſold, to pay off the juſt Debts and Incumbrances affecting the ſame; and the Charges of the Truſtees, and Overplus-money ariſing by ſuch Sale, ſhall be paid *Mary Mackenzie*, Wife of the late Earl of *Seaforth*, and ſole Daughter and Heir of the ſaid *Nicolas Kennett*, for her Support and Maintenance:

Whereupon Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That he had received his Majeſty's Commands, as in former Caſes, That his Majeſty has no Objection to what this Houſe ſhall think fit to do in this Caſe:

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Clauſe be brought up;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Baker*:	86.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Tufnell*:	111.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 9. Line * After "*Gazette*," inſert "reſpec-"tively:"

Preſs 16. Line 36. To leave out "or demand any "greater Debt, or Sum of Money, affecting the for-"feited Eſtates, than is really due, or any other larger "or better Eſtate than really, or *bona fide*, he hath, or is "intitled unto:"

Preſs 17. Line 4. After "Perſons," to inſert "being "thereof convicted by due Courſe of Law:"

Preſs 17. Line 5. To leave out "double:"

Preſs 44. Line * After "Borough," to inſert "or "Pariſh:"

And the ſaid Amendments were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for veſting the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Truſtees, to be ſold, for the Uſe of the Publick; and for giving Relief to lawful Creditors, by determining the Claims; and for the more effectual bring-

ing into the reſpective Exchequers the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Eſtates, till ſold.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour;

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes, Merchants, Owners and Maſters of Ships, and other Traders and Inhabitants, of the Town and Port of *Poole*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Chanels, Creeks, Quays, and Wharfs, of, and belonging to, their Harbour of *Poole*, being very much choaked up, and obſtructed, by means of the very great Bar of moveable Sand lying at the Entring into their ſaid Chanel and Harbour; which will require very great Sums of Money to cleanſe, and make commodious for the Shipping uſing their Port; having been at great Expences for ſeveral Years paſt on that Account: And praying, That they may be exempted from the Duties chargeable on Shipping towards the Repair of *Dover* Pier.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, is committed

A Petition of the Pier-wardens, Maſters of Ships and Veſſels, and other Inhabitants, belonging to *Margate*, in the Iſle of *Thanet*, in the County of *Kent*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That, there being a Bill depending for continuing a further Term for Repairing of *Dover* Harbour; That the Petitioners, by way of Contribution, have expended very great Sums of Money for repairing the Pier and Harbour of *Margate*, over and above the Income thereof; and muſt, every Year, on account of the Sea's lying harder on it than uſual, lay out more than the Revenue thereof will amount unto; without which the ſaid Pier or Harbour of *Margate* muſt fall to Decay; to the great Prejudice of the Eſtates and Inhabitants of that Iſland: And praying, That the Ships and Veſſels belonging to *Margate* may be exempted from Payment of any Duties towards the Repair of *Dover* Harbour.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, is committed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Monday* Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Sabbati, 1° *die Martii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for amending the Roads from the City of *London* to the Town of *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*; and to the Towns of *Sutton* and *Kingſton*, in the County of *Surrey*; without Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate of *John* late Earl of *Kildare*, deceaſed, towards Payment of his Debts; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cadogan* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire to raiſe Portions for his younger Children, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Sir *Thomas Croſſe* do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Appleby*, in the County of *Weſtmorland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That they find there are ſeveral Petitions by Tanners, &c. againſt the Exportation of Bark for *Ireland*; and, ſhould that be made a Law, the Tanners in *England* will have Bark at their own Price, and ſell their Leather at what Rate they think fit; and will be a great Diſcouragement to the Planting of Oak: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark from *England* into *Ireland* may not be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the principal Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Windermere* and *Undermilbeck*, in the County of *Weſtmorland*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, in behalf of themſelves, and many others, Owners and Workers in Wood and Bark, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That hearing the Tanners of *Kendall* have, by much ſolliciting, got many to join with them in ſigning Petitions to this Honourable Houſe, to prohibit the Exportation of Oak-bark to *Ireland*; though the North End of *Lancaſhire*, and the Parts of *Weſtmorland* bordering thereupon, produce greater Quantities of Oak-bark than the Tanners of *Kendall*, and all the Tanners in the Country, have Occaſion for: That the chief Profits of ſeveral Hundreds of Landholders Eſtates conſiſts in ſelling yearly ſome Bark: That, if deprived of ſelling their Bark, they will loſe half the Profits of their Eſtates: And praying, That Bark may not be prohibited being exported to *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Cordwainers or Shoemakers in the Town of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, on behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands exerciſing the ſaid Trade in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying, That the Drawback of One Peny in the Pound, aſſeſſed on Leather, may be taken off; and that there be no Bark permitted to be tranſported to *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amend-

Amendments, made by the Lords, to One of the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for veſting the Manor of *Eſher-Waterville*, and other Lands therein mentioned, in the moſt Noble *Thomas Holles* Duke of *Newcaſtle*, and his Heirs, in Conſideration of Rent-charges to be iſſuing out of the ſame; and other Lands, in lieu thereof, to the Uſe of the Corporation of *Kingſton upon Thames*, in the County of *Surrey*, in Truſt, for the Poor of the ſaid Town:

And the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

To Clauſe A, added by the Houſe of Commons,

Line 6. After "the," inſert "Copyhold:"

Line 7. After "Hereditaments," to inſert "holden "of the ſaid Manor, and."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlet* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſe*, and others, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

Mr. *Joſeph Erle* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for the exonerating and diſcharging the Manors, Lands, and Hereditaments, of *Francis Cornwall* Eſquire, and likewiſe the ſaid *Francis Cornwall*, of and from certain Articles of Agreement made before the Marriage of the ſaid *Francis Cornwall*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Erle* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Mr. *London* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *Joſeph Thurſton* Eſquire, deceaſed, lying in the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his Infant Children, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 15. Line 27. After "them," inſert "or the "Rent-charge or Annuity given unto *Mary Thurſton*, "Grandmother of the ſaid Infants, by the laſt Will of "Doctor *Thomas Thurſton*, Brother of the ſaid *Joſeph* "*Thurſton*:"

Line 29. After "them," add "and the ſaid "Rent-charge or Annuity."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire their Lordſhips Concurrence.

A Petition of *William Glanville*, formerly called *William Evelyn*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That *William Glanville*, late of the *Middle-Temple*, *London*, Eſquire, deceaſed, by his laſt Will, in Writing, bearing Date the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* 1717, deviſed his real Eſtate, and the Surplus of his perſonal Eſtate, to Truſtees therein named, to the Uſe of his only Daughter *Frances Glanville*, and her Iſſue; and thereby provided, and declared his Intent to be, That in caſe the Perſon, to whom his ſaid Daughter ſhould be married, ſhould, after ſuch Marriage, take upon him the Name of *Glanville*, and bear the Arms of the Family of *Glanville*, and uſe his utmoſt Endeavours to eſtabliſh the Name and Arms of *Glanville* in himſelf, and Poſterity by his ſaid Daughter, inſtead of his own Name and Arms: That the Petitioner hath intermarried with the ſaid *Frances Glanville*, purſuant to the Approbation of the ſaid *William Glanville* in his Life-time: And praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to eſtabliſh the Name of *Glanville* in the Petitioner, and his Poſterity by the ſaid *Frances* his now Wife.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition: And that the Lord *William Powlett*, and Mr. *Clayton*, do prepare, and bring in, the ſame.

Mr. *Yonge*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, was committed, the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That the Port of *Limerick*, in *Ireland*, ſhall be an open and free Port for the Exportation of Wool:

And the ſame was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That Denizens might import Wool upon the ſame Terms as Freemen of the Ports do import:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Then a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Drew*, Mr. *Yonge:*	77.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Coffin*, Sir *John Trevylyan:*	46.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ,

Lunæ, 3° die Martii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners and Curriers of Hides and Skins in the City of *Peterborough*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark to *Ireland* may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Hungerford* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act to enable *Richard* Earl of *Burlington* to make Leaſes of a Piece of Ground behind *Burlington-houſe*, was committed, That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hungerford* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without Amendment.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for inlargeing the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *John Norris* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Sir *John Norris* reported from the Committee, That they had heard Counſel upon the Petitions of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Ships, within the City of *London*, on behalf of themſelves, and others concerned in the Navigation; and upon the Petition of divers Cheeſemongers, on behalf of themſelves, and others trading to *Liverpoole*, and other Places; and had alſo heard Counſel for the Bill; and had examined ſeveral Witneſſes againſt, and for, the Bill; and that, afterwards, the Committee proceeded upon the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the ingroſſed Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, be read the Third time To-morrow Morning.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or ſome of them, do attend the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 4° die Martii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins in the County of *Surrey*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That vaſt Quantities of Oak-bark hath been exported out of this Kingdom into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid for Leather; to the great Diſadvantage of the Petitioners, and all other Dealers in *Engliſh* Leather; which, if not timely prevented, muſt, in a little time, deſtroy the Leather-trade of this Kingdom: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark to *Ireland* may be prevented; and their Grievance relating to Pates and Tails may be removed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtate, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hertford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement, was read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Farrer*, Lord *Wm. Powlet*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Carterett*, Mr. *Monſon*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Hucks*, Mr. *Offley*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Wild*, Mr. *Bigg*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Hillerſden*, Mr. *Conyers*, Mr. *Pitt*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Briſtow*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *Weſtern*, Mr. *Hopkins*, Mr. *Hitch*, Sir *John Rogers*, Mr. *Chaffin*, Mr. *Diſton*, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Reynell*, Sir *John Trevelyan*, Colonel *Fane*, Mr. *Clayton*, Sir *Geo. Warburton*, Mr. *Lewis*, Sir *Richard Gough*, Mr. *Tufnell*, Colonel *Cadogan*, Mr. *Benſon*, Mr. *Drewe*, General *Lumley*, Mr. *Bramſton*, Colonel *Stephens*, General *Wroth*, Mr. *Chetwynd*, Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Phil. Parker*, Mr. *Pawlett*, Mr. *Milner*, Mr. *Haldane*, Sir *John Ruſhout*, Mr. *Evelyn*; and all the Members that ſerve for the Counties of *Bedford*, *Hertford*, and *Bucks*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Sir *John Norris*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole ..... to whom the Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill for opening the Port of *Exeter*, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*, was read the Third time.

An Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill;

Preſs 1. Line * To inſert the Word "*Briſtol:*"

And the ſame was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Yeas go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Herne*: } 64.

Tellers

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Walcott*, / Mr. *Smith*: } 57.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title be, An Act for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures in *Great Britain*, by opening the Port of *Exeter*, and other Ports therein mentioned, for the Importation of Wool from *Ireland*; and by opening the Port of *Limerick*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Exportation of Wool from thence into *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Hiccocks* and Mr. *Fellows*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips, having under their Conſideration the Bill for veſting the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Truſtees, to be ſold, for the Uſe of the Publick, do deſire, That this Houſe will give Leave, that ſuch of the Commiſſioners of Inquiry, who are Members of this Houſe, as alſo Sir *David Dalrymple*, his Majeſty's Advocate-General of *Scotland*, may attend their Houſe on *Thurſday* Morning next. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making more effectual an Act, paſſed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Conſumption of raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for ſettling the Eſtates of the moſt Noble *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, and *William Cavendiſh* Eſquire, commonly called Marquis of *Hartington*, Son and Heir apparent of the ſaid Duke, on the Marriage of the ſaid Marquis of *Hartington* with *Catharine Hoſkins*, Spinſter, only Child of *John Hoſkins* Eſquire, deceaſed: And alſo,

To the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways leading from the Stones End of *Kent-ſtreet*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, to the Lime-kilns in *Eaſt-Greenwich*, near *Blackheath*, and to *Lewiſham* Church, being the *Tunbridge* Road, in the County of *Kent*, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for Sale of Part of the Eſtate late of *Joſeph Thurſton* Eſquire, deceaſed, lying in the Counties of *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, for Payment of his Debts, and making Proviſion for his Infant Children.

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The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Meſſage, from the Lords, relating to the Commiſſioners of Inquiry, and Sir *David Dalrymple*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſaid Meſſage into further Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 5° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

A Petition of the poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt in the County-Gaol at *Salop*, in behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands more in this Kingdom, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Petitioners, by great Loſſes in Trade, and other Misfortunes, together with their long Impriſonment, are rendered uncapable of making Satisfaction to their Creditors; but are ready and willing to make their Creditors the utmoſt Satisfaction they are capable of, to have their Liberty: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs: And that the Title be, An Act for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and the Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour.

Ordered, That Sir *John Norris* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Farrer*, according to Order, reported, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods was committed, the Amendments they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one, as far as Clauſe A; and, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, with Amendments to ſome of them, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe A being read a Second time, for prohibiting the Importation of empty Caſks;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Committee in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, for ſettling what the Securities required by the ſeveral Acts, 9° and 10° *Annæ Reginæ*, for laying Duties upon Hides and Skins, for any Drawbacks on Hides and Skins, ſhall be; and directing, that proper Certificates of the landing the Goods in foreign Parts ſhall be produced; and that then the Securities ſhall be delivered up, and cancelled, without Fee or Reward:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with a Blank; which was filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That all Clocks and Watches beautified, ornamented, or incloſed, with Gold or Silver, may be entered and exported, upon paying the Cuſtoms, according to the Duties charged thereon, without the Maker or Exporter thereof being obliged to take any Oath as to Fineneſs of the Gold or Silver uſed thereabouts:

And the ſaid Clauſe was twice read, with Blanks; which were filled up:

And then the Clauſe was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe to be made Part of the Bill.

Another Clauſe was offered, to be added to the Bill, That if any of the Number of Seamen required by the Act of Navigation ſhall be impreſſed, inveigled away, or ſhall deſert, the ſame may be ſupplied by foreign Seamen:

And the Queſtion being put, That the Clauſe be brought up;

It paſſed in the Negative.

And ſeveral other Amendments were made by the Houſe to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, to take into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords Yeſterday, relating to the Commiſſioners of Inquiry of the forfeited Eſtates, and to Sir *David Dalrymple*, Members of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Meſſage was read.

Reſolved, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch Precedents, with relation to the ſaid Meſſage:

And it is referred to Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. Serjeant *Pengelly*, Lord *William Powlett*, Sir *David Dalrymple*, Lord *Middleton*, Lord *Moleſworth*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Mr. *Herne*, Mr. *Treby*, Mr. *London*, Sir *Richard Farington*, Mr. Serjeant *Birch*, Mr. *Cartwright*, Mr. *Neville*, Colonel *Bladen*, Mr. *Bailie*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Mr. *Coventry*, Mr. *Whitmore*, Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. *Carteret*, Sir *Richard Steel*, Mr. *Gybbon*, Mr. *Jeſſop*: And they are to withdraw immediately into the Speaker's Chamber; and make their Report with all convenient Speed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 6° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

AN ingroſſed Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Running of Goods was read the Third time.

The Amendments following were ſeverally propoſed to be made to the Bill; *viz.*

Preſs 4. Line 7. To leave out "ſaid:"

Preſs 6. Line 29. After "Seas," to inſert "who:"

Preſs 14. Line laſt but one, To leave out "aforeſaid," and inſert "forfeited:"

Preſs 24. Line 21. After "Tenth," to inſert "Years:"

And the ſame were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe: And the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

Another Amendment was propoſed to be made to the Bill; Preſs laſt, Line 38. To leave out the Word "Three," and, inſtead thereof, to inſert "Two:"

And the Queſtion being put, That the Word "Three" do ſtand Part of the Bill;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Roberts*, Colonel *Bladen*:	112.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Gould*:	65.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Bill do paſs;

The Houſe divided.

The Noes go forth.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Coventry*, Sir *Orlando Bridgman*:	108.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Morice*, Mr. *Sawbridge*:	69.

So it was reſolved in the Affirmative: And that the Title be, An Act againſt the clandeſtine Running of uncuſtomed and prohibited Goods; and for the more effectual Preventing of Frauds relating to the Cuſtoms and Exciſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy reported from the Committee appointed to ſearch Precedents, with relation to the Meſſage from the Lords, the Fourth Inſtant, touching the Commiſſioners of Inquiry, and Sir *David Dalrymple*, Members of this Houſe, That they had ſearched the Journals of the Houſe, and had directed him to report what they have found therein; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 7° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Tanners in the County-Borough of *Brecon*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of *Engliſh* Bark is prejudicial to the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: That, unleſs a ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent it, our Hides and Skins will not be worth the Tanning in *England:* That, by the Statute of King *James* the Firſt, it was Enacted, That no Perſon ſhould engroſs any Bark to ſell again; which ſaid Statute is now of little Uſe: And praying, That the Exportation of Bark may be prevented.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 10° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Sir *Tho. Croſſe*, Mr. *Bertie*, Mr. *Cha. Bertie*, Mr. *Hedworth*, Mr. *Sawbridge*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Grantham*, Mr. *Earl*, Mr. *Winſtanley*, Mr. *Treſuſis*, be added to the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtate, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hertford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement, is committed.

Ordered, That the late Commiſſioners for examining and determining the Debts due to the Army do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Returns made to their Orders, publiſhed in the *London Gazettes*, in *September* and *October* laſt; ſpecifying the Times when the ſaid Returns were made, and the Names of ſuch Agents as have yet made no Return.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That one *John Wallis* hath aſſaulted, and otherwiſe affronted, the Honourable *James Bertie* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Wallis*, by aſſaulting and affronting the ſaid Mr. *Bertie*, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Wallis* be, for his ſaid Breach of Privilege, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Meller* and Mr. *Orlebar*:

Mr.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways from *Maidenhead* Bridge to *Sunning-lane* End, next to *Twiford*, in the Road to *Reading*; and from the ſaid Bridge to *Henley* Bridge, in the County of *Berks*; without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for repairing the Highways from *Crown-Corner*, in the Town of *Reading*, leading by and through the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Shinfeild* and *Heckfeild*, in the ſeveral Counties of *Berks*, *Wilts*, and *Southampton*, to *Baſingſtoke*, in the ſaid County of *Southampton*, without any Amendment. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or Lord High Treaſurer, for the Time being, to compound with Mr. *John Offley* for the Debt he ſtands engaged for to the Crown for the Duties on Tobacco, without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to impower the Commiſſioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts, of the Ninth and Tenth Years of her late Majeſty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Pariſh-Church of *Saint Gyles's in the Feilds*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to be rebuilt, inſtead of One of the ſaid Fifty new Churches, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe being moved, That ſome Clauſes in the Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, &c. relating to the Redeeming of the Annuity payable to the Bank for circulating and exchanging Exchequer-Bills, might be read;

The ſame were read accordingly.

Reſolved, That Notice be given to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, That this Houſe will, at *Lady-day* 1719, redeem the Annuity of Seventy-ſix thouſand Eight hundred Thirty Pounds Fifteen Shillings, payable to them for circulating and exchanging Exchequer-Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do, on or before *Lady-day* 1718, ſignify the ſaid Reſolution, in Writing, to the ſaid Governor and Company.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtate, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hertford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement, is committed, have Leave to ſit To-morrow Morning, notwithſtanding any Adjournment of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do adjourn till *Friday* Morning next.

And the Houſe accordingly adjourned till *Friday* Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 14° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Tregony*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in the room of *James Craggs* junior, Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

A Petition of the Tanners of Hides and Skins, in the County of *Norfolk*, on behalf of themſelves, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, That the Exportation of Oak-bark into *Ireland*, where no Duty is paid, is ſo detrimental to the Petitioners, and all others of the ſame Trade, that, unleſs ſome ſpeedy Courſe be taken to prevent this growing Evil, it will moſt certainly deſtroy the *Engliſh* Trade in Leather: And praying ſuch Relief as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Orlebar* and Mr. *Lovibond*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for enforcing, and making perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Preſerveing of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions, with ſome Amendments: To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for veſting the forfeited Eſtates in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Truſtees, to be ſold, for the Uſe of the Publick; and for giving Relief to lawful Creditors, by determining the Claims; and for the more effectual bringing into the reſpective Exchequers the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Eſtates, till ſold; without any Amendment.

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Mr. *Farrer* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingroſſed Bill, from the Lords, intituled, An Act for confirming an Agreement between Dame *Elizabeth Napier*, Sir *Theophilus Napier* Baronet, *Archibald Napier*, and *Edward Napier*, the Relict and Sons of Sir *John Napier*, deceaſed, touching his real and perſonal Eſtates, for veſting his Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of *Bedford* and *Hertford*, in Truſtees, for the better Performance of the ſaid Agreement, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Conſents to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Bill was read the Third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Farrer* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Tewkesbury*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, in the room of *Nicolas Lechmere* Eſquire, Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaſter*; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of his Majeſty's Attorney-General.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, That *Benjamin Wade*, of *New-Grange* Eſquire, *Matthew Smith*, and *Andrew Hoope*, have made a forcible Entry upon the Moors or Waſtes of *Carleton*, in the Weſt Riding in the County of *York*, belonging to *Robert Hitch* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe; in Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe;

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint: And that they do report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool:

And the ſame were once read; and are as follow;

2 Preſs, 1 Line, After "Authority," inſert "if they "think fit:"

2 Preſs, 16 Line, Leave out from "convicted" to "and," in the 41 Line of the ſame Preſs; and inſert "or do now ſtand attainted of any Offences whatſoever, "for which Death by Law ought to be inflicted; or "where any Offenders ſhall hereafter be convicted of any "Crimes whatſoever, for which they are by Law to be "excluded the Benefit of the Clergy;" and, in the ſame 41 Line, after the Word "and," leave out "where:"

3 Preſs, 3 Line, Leave out "in caſe," and inſert "and:"

4 Preſs, Line 38. Leave out from "Aſſigns" to "and," in the 10 Line of the 5 Preſs:

5 Preſs, Line 21. After "Money," inſert "or Re-"ward:"

Line 23. Leave out "ſo as," and inſert "and cauſe;" and, after the Words "ſuch Felon," inſert "to:"

Line 24. After "ſame," inſert "and give "Evidence againſt him:"

6 Preſs, Line 2. After "more," inſert "and under "the Age of Twenty-one:"

Line 37. Leave out "left againſt him," and inſert "delivered to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or to the "Gaoler, Keeper, or Turnkey, of the Priſon:"

Line 41. After "Default," leave out "or a:"

Line 42. After "Verdict," inſert "or other-"wiſe;" and, in the ſame Line, leave out "againſt him "or them:"

7 Preſs, Line 12. Before "And," add Clauſes marked A, B, and C:

A: "And be it hereby Declared, That all and every Per-"ſon and Perſons, who have committed, or ſhall commit, "any Offence or Offences, for which they ought to be "adjudged, deemed, and taken, to be Pirates, Felons, or "Robbers, by an Act made, in the Parliament holden in "the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of his "late Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An "Act for the more effectual Suppreſſion of Piracy, may "be tried and adjudged for every ſuch Offence, in ſuch "Manner and Form as in and by an Act, made in the "Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the "Eighth, is directed and appointed for the Tryal of Pi-"rates; and ſhall and ought to be utterly debarred and "excluded from the Benefit of Clergy for the ſaid Of-"fences; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in "any-wiſe notwithſtanding:"

B: "And be it further Enacted, by the Authority "aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons, qualified "to keep a Dog or Gun, having been before convicted "of any of the Offences herein after-mentioned, or "any Perſon or Perſons not being qualified by Law "to keep a Dog or Gun, ſhall, from and after the Five-"and-twentieth Day of *March* One thouſand Seven hun-"dred and Eighteen, unlawfully courſe, hunt, take "in Toils, kill, wound, or take away, any Red or "Fallow Deer, in any Foreſt, Chace, Purlieu, Paddock, "Wood, Park, or other Ground incloſed, where Deer are, "have, or ſhall be uſually kept within the Realm of "*England*, or Dominion of *Wales*, without the Conſent "of the Owner or Perſon chiefly entruſted with the Cu-"ſtody thereof, or ſhall be aiding or aſſiſting therein, "that then it ſhall and may be lawful to proſecute every "ſuch Offender according to the Laws now in being, or "to prefer an Indictment againſt ſuch Offender in his "Majeſty's Court of King's-Bench, or at the Aſſizes, or "General Gaol-delivery, for the County where ſuch Of-"fence ſhall be committed, or at the Quarter-Seſſions of "the Peace, to be holden for the ſaid County; and any "ſuch Perſon or Perſons, being ſo indicted, and lawfully "convicted of ſuch Offence, ſhall be tranſported, by the "Judgment of the ſaid Court before whom ſuch Offender "ſhall be convicted, for the Term of Seven Years, in "the ſame manner as the Felons afore-mentioned in this "Act are directed to be tranſported; and be liable to the "ſame Penalties, Orders, and Directions, as ſuch Fe-"lons are ſubject to by this Act; any Law or Statute re-"lating to ſuch Offences notwithſtanding:"

C: "Provided always, That nothing in this Act con-"tained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to ſuch "Perſons as ſhall be convicted or attainted in that Part of "*Great Britain* called *Scotland*:"

In the Title of the Bill, Line 2. After the Second "and," inſert "for:"

Line 4. After "Felons," inſert "Deer-ſtealers:

At the End of the Title, inſert "and for declaring the "Law upon ſome Points relating to Pirates."

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned till *Monday* Morning next.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for enforcing, and making perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions:

And the ſame were once read; and are as follow;

Line 22d. Before "and," inſert a Proviſo, marked A:

"Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted, "That the ſaid Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall "not be conſtrued to extend to, or any-ways affect, the "ancient Juriſdiction and Uſage of the Admiralty-Court "of the Cinque-Ports, or the Officers thereto belonging; "but the proper Officers of the ſaid Admiralty-Court "ſhall be, and are hereby, authorized and impowered to "put the ſaid Act in Execution within the Juriſdiction of "the ſaid Cinque-Ports, in as full and ample manner, to "all Intents and Purpoſes, as any other Perſon or Perſons "are by the ſaid Act appointed to do in any other Ports "of this Kingdom:"

At the End of the Title of the Bill add "and for in-"flicting the Puniſhment of Death on ſuch as ſhall wil-"fully burn or deſtroy Ships."

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be adjourned till *Monday* Morning next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, Nine of the Clock.

Lunæ, 17° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That, purſuant to their Order of the Tenth Inſtant, he did, on *Saturday* laſt, ſignify, in Writing, to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, the Reſolution of the Houſe of the ſame Tenth Inſtant, That the Houſe intended, at *Lady-day* 1719, to redeem the Annuity of Seventy-ſix thouſand Eight hundred Thirty Pounds Fifteen Shillings, payable to the ſaid Governor and Company for circulating and exchanging Exchequer-Bills; and that the ſaid Notice was delivered, on *Saturday* laſt, to the ſaid Governor and Company, at their publick Office:

And the ſaid Notice is as follows; *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IN Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe of Commons, I am to acquaint you, That the ſaid Houſe did, on the Tenth of this inſtant *March*, come to the following Reſolution; *viz.*

"*Reſolved*, That Notice be given to the Governor and "Company of the Bank of *England*, That this Houſe "will, at *Lady-day* 1719, redeem the Annuity of Seventy-"ſix thouſand Eight hundred Thirty Pounds Fifteen Shil-"lings, payable to them for circulating and exchanging "Exchequer-Bills:"

And

And this Reſolution, thus ſignified by me, is to be ſufficient Notice to you of the ſaid intended Redemption, purſuant to the Act of Parliament, made in the Third Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for redeeming ſeveral Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, purſuant to former Proviſoes of Redemption; and for ſecuring to them ſeveral new Funds and Allowances, redeemable by Parliament; and for obliging them to advance further Sums, not exceeding Two millions Five hundred thouſand Pounds, at Five Pounds *per Centum*, as ſhall be found neceſſary, to be employed in leſſening the National Debts and Incumbrances; and for continuing certain Proviſions, formerly made, for the Expences of his Majeſty's Civil Government; and for Payment of Annuities, formerly purchaſed, at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*; and for other Purpoſes in this Act mentioned.

I am, with great Reſpect,
Gentlemen,
Your moſt humble Servant,
Sp. Compton, Speaker.

15th *March* 1717.

To the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool:

And the ſaid Amendments, as far as the Amendment, Clauſe B, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Clauſe B being read the Second and Third time;

And the Queſtion being put, ... the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Amendment, Clauſe C, being read the Second and Third time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Amendment in the Second Line in the Title of the Bill, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The Amendment, Line 4. in the Title of the Bill, being read a Second time;

And the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree with the Lords in the ſaid Amendment;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The laſt of the ſaid Amendments, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, for diſagreeing to ſuch of the ſaid Amendments as this Houſe hath not agreed unto:

And it is referred to Mr. Sollicitor-General, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Cartaret*, Mr. *Hern*, Sir *Wm. Strickland*, Mr. *Hungerford*, Sir *Iſaac Rebow*, Mr. *Cowper*, Mr. *Gwidot*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Heyſham*, Mr. *Papillon*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Boteler*, Mr. *Stanhope*, Sir *Cha. Hotham*, Colonel *Bladen*, Lord *Wm. Powlett*, Mr. *Rudge*, Mr. *Yonge*, Mr. *Lawſon*, Maſter of the Rolls, Mr. *London*, Mr. *Aiſlabie*, Mr. *Allanſon*, Sir *Wm. Robinſon*, Mr. *Feilding*, Sir *Arthur Owen*: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for enforcing, and making perpetual, an Act, of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the Preſerving of all ſuch Ships, and Goods thereof, which ſhall happen to be forced on ſhore, or ſtranded, upon the Coaſts of this Kingdom, or any other of her Majeſty's Dominions.

The Proviſo, marked A, being read the Second and Third time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

The laſt Amendment, being read a Second time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Heyſham* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Yonge*, from the Commiſſioners appointed to examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, an Account of what Returns have been made to the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners, publiſhed in the *London Gazettes*, of *September* and *October*; with the Names of ſuch Agents as have not yet made any Return thereto:

And the Title thereof was read.

The ſaid Account is as follows; *viz.*

[*AN] Account of what Returns have been made to the Orders [of the] Commiſſioners appointed to examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army, publiſhed in the *London Gazettes*, of *September* [and *O*]*ctober*; with the Names of ſuch Agents as have not yet [made] any Return thereto.

[Regim]ents Names [mentio]ned in the [Or]ders.	Agents Names.	Times appointed for the Officers Accounts to be brought in.	Times when the Agents made their Returns.
[Major-General *Ev*]*ans*'s — — [Earl of *Orre*]*ry*'s — — [Major-General *Prim*]*roſe*'s — — Foot. [Colonel *Windre*]*ſſe*'s — — [Brigadier *Stea*]*rn*'s — —	Mr. *John Wilks*. Mr. *Robert Mitchener*. Mr. *Theophilus Parſon*. Mr. *John Wilks*.	20 *November*.	18, 20 *November* 1717. 29 *November* 1717.
[Lieutenant-General] *Roſs* — — Dragoons.	Mr. *Tho. Fairman* for Mr. *Leaths*. Colonel *Robert Gardner*.		2, 3 *December*.
[Lieutenant-General] *Webb*'s — [Major-General] *Wynn*'s — [Lieutenant-General] *Wood*'s — Foot. [Brigadier *Hans*] *Hamilton*'s — [Lord *North and*] *Grey*'s —	Mr. *Jona. Watſon*. Mr. *Robert Mitchener* for Mr. *Cockſedge*. Major *Marmaduke Sowl*.	20 *December*.	5, 20 *December*. 3 *January*.
[Earl of *Stai*]*r*'s — — — Dragoons.	Mr. *Theophilus Parſon*. Mr. *George Read*. Captain *Tho. Agnew*.	20 *November*.	9, 14, 16, 18 *January*.
[Colonel *Pocock*]'s — — [Major-General *Sib*]*ourg*'s — Brigadier *Sutton*'s — Colonel *Cbudleigh*'s — Earl of *Orkney*'s — — Foot. Lord *Forfar*'s — — Brigadier *Preſton*'s — Brigadier *Grant*'s — Colonel *Kane*'s — —	Mr. *Phil. Chameau* for Captain *David Roſs*. Mr. *Philip Chameau*. Colonel *Robert Gardener*. Major *Marmaduke Sowl*. Captain *Alexander Gordon*. Colonel *Robert Gardener*. Mr. *Thomas Paterſon* for Mr. *James Lauſone*. Mr. *Thomas Paterſon*. Colonel *Gardner*.	20 *December*. 20 *November*. 20 *December*. 20 *November*.	1 *February*. An imperfect Return. 21 *February*. 1, 3 *March*. No Return.
Lieutenant-General *Lumley*'s — Major-General *Kellum*'s — Lieutenant-General *Palmes*'s — Horſe. Marquis of *Harwich*'s — Earl of *Hertford*'s — — Foot.	Mr. *James Strudwick*. Mr. *Joſ. Hancock*. Mr. *Francis Wright* for the Executors of Mr. *Pain*. Mr. *Theophilus Parſon*. Mr. *Levett*.	20 *December*.	

* The Words, and Parts of Words, placed between Brackets, are ſupplied from the Account which was preſented to the Houſe; ſo much of the Leaf of the Journal being cut off in the Binding.

L. Smelt,
Will. Gordon,
John Plumptre,
Robert Briſtow,
Will. Yonge.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Martin Ludolph Vlrick Janſen* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg*, with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, made by the Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Peter Roſe*, and others. Alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for inlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts, of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *William* the Third, and Second and Third Years of Queen *Anne*, for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage to this Houſe, ſigned by his Majeſty: And he preſented the ſame to the Houſe:

And it was read by Mr. Speaker; and is as followeth; *viz.*

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty, being at preſent engaged in ſeveral Negotiations of the uttermoſt Concern to the Welfare of theſe Kingdoms, and the Tranquillity of *Europe*; and having lately received Information from abroad, which makes him judge, that it will give Weight to his Endeavours, if a Naval Force be employed where it ſhall be neceſſary; does think fit to acquaint this Houſe therewith; not doubting but that, in caſe he ſhould be obliged, at this critical Juncture, to exceed the Number of Men granted this Year for the Sea-ſervice, the Houſe will, at their next Meeting, provide for ſuch Exceeding.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return his Majeſty the Thanks of this Houſe, for his unwearied Endeavours to promote the Welfare of his Kingdoms, and to preſerve the Tranquillity of *Europe*; and to aſſure his Majeſty, That this Houſe will make good ſuch Exceedings of Men for the Sea-ſervice of the Year 1718, as his Majeſty, in his Royal Wiſdom, ſhall find neceſſary to obtain thoſe deſirable Ends.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 18° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Lords, to the Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalize *Martin Ludolph Vlrick Janſen* and *John Ludolph Spellerberg*:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 1. Line 8. Leave out "and:"

Line 10. After "*Germany*," inſert "*John* "*Spieker*, Son of *John Spieker*, by *Catherine* his Wife, "born at *Abo*, in the Dukedom of *Finland*; and *Laurence* "*Gundelach*, Son of *Francis Gundelach*, by *Magdalen* "his Wife, born at *Oranie Boom*, in the Dukedom of "*Anhault*, in *Germany*:"

Line 23. Leave out "and:"

Line 24. After "*Spellerberg*," inſert "*Spie*- "*ker*, and *Laurence Gundelach*:"

Line 38. Leave out "and:"

Line laſt, After "*Spellerberg*," inſert the ſame Names:

Preſs 2. Line 29. Leave out "and:"

Line 30. After "*Spellerberg*," inſert the ſame Names:

In the 2d Line of the Title of the Bill, leave out "and;" and, at the End of the ſaid Title, add "*John* "*Spieker*, and *Laurence Gundelach*."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *London* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the better explaining ſeveral Acts therein mentioned for Erecting of Hoſpitals and Work-houſes within the City of *Briſtol*, for the Employing and Maintaining of the Poor thereof; and for making the ſaid Acts more effectual; with ſome Amendments: To which the Lords deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

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The Houſe proceeded to take the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration:

And the ſame were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

Preſs 1. Line 24. Leave out from "Offices" to "for," in the 33 Line of the ſame Preſs:

Preſs 4. Line 5. After "Overſeers, inſert "to do the "ſame:"

Line 15. Leave out "and:"

Line 16. After "it," inſert "therefore:"

Preſs 6. Line 28. After "Poor," inſert "except ſuch "charitable Gifts, Deviſes, or Diſpoſitions, as are ex- "empted from ſuch Account by the afore-mentioned Act, "of the Twelfth Year of her late Majeſty, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual an Act, paſſed in "the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late "Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, An Act "for Erecting of Hoſpitals and Work-houſes within the "City of *Briſtol*, for the better employing and maintain- "ing the Poor thereof:"

Preſs 9. Lines 22 and 23. Leave out "or reputed "Loſſes have happened, and:"

Line 24. Leave out "again:"

Line 25. Leave out "levied, and:"

Lines 29 and 30. Leave out "ſo already, and "ſuch other Monies:"

Line 32. Leave out from "that" to the Second "as," in the 7th Line of the 10th Preſs:"

Preſs 10. Line 18 and 19. Leave out "or adjudged, "as aforeſaid, to be loſt:"

Lines 21, 22, and 23. Leave out "and the "ſame ſhall be judged, as aforeſaid, irrecoverable by any "other Ways:"

Lines 33 and 34. Leave out "hath hap- "pened, or:"

Line 39. Leave out "have already been, "and:"

Preſs 11. Line 37. Leave out "who," and inſert "or:"

Preſs 12. Line 21. Leave out the Firſt "and."

The ſaid Amendments, being ſeverally read a Second time, were, upon the Queſtion ſeverally put thereupon, agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joſeph Erle* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, That this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. Comptroller acquainted the Houſe, That their Addreſs of Yeſterday had been preſented to his Majeſty; and that he was commanded by his Majeſty to return his Majeſty's hearty Thanks to this Houſe; and to aſſure them, That his Majeſty ſhall think himſelf obliged, in Return to the great Confidence they have repoſed in him, not only to uſe the utmoſt Oeconomy, that ſhall be conſiſtent with the real Intereſt of his Subjects, for this enſuing Year,

but

but likewiſe to apply his moſt earneſt Endeavours to prevent future Burdens to his People, by eſtabliſhing a ſettled and laſting Peace and Tranquillity.

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee, who were appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered to the Lords at a Conference, for diſagreeing to ſome of the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; That they had drawn up Reaſons accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table: Where they were read, Paragraph by Paragraph; and, with an Amendment, agreed unto by the Houſe; and are as follow; *viz.*

That the Commons agree to all the Amendments, made by your Lordſhips, to the ſaid Bill, except the Clauſe B, and the Word "Deer-ſtealers," in the Title of the Bill: To which the Commons diſagree;

1ſt, Becauſe they conceive, That unlawful Hunting or Courſing of Deer in Foreſts, Chaces, Purlieus, *&c.* or being aiding or aſſiſting therein, is very uncertain, as well with regard to the Nature of the Offence, as to the Place where it may be ſuppoſed to be committed; whereby innocent Perſons may be liable to Proſecutions upon frivolous Pretences:

2d, The Power of Conviction and Tranſportation being given to a Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, there is too much Reaſon to apprehend, that an ill Uſe may be made of ſuch a Power upon ſome Emergencies, where there are Animoſities and Diviſions in the Country:

3d, They diſagree to the Word "Deer-ſtealers," in the Title of the Bill; it being only the Conſequence of that Amendment, to which the Commons diſagree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carteret* do go to the Lords; and deſire a Conference with their Lordſhips upon the Subject-matter of their Lordſhips Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Sir *Richard Steele* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Colonel *Joſeph Marti* was referred, the Matter, as it appeared to them; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Clerk's Table; Where the ſame was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee, upon the Examination of the Allegations in the ſaid Petition, do find, That Colonel *Marti*, in the Beginning of the Year 1706, N. S. did raiſe, and form, a Regiment of Foot, upon the Promiſe and Encouragement of the Earl of *Peterborough*, to be upon the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment and Pay; and that, upon the like Declarations and Promiſes from my Lord *Galoway*, and General *Richards*, he paid, and maintained, the ſaid Regiment of Foot from the Fourth Day of *February* 1706, N. S. to the Eleventh Day of *January* 1708:

That the Committee cannot but obſerve, as it appeared to them, That the ſaid Colonel *Marti* uſed ſo much Induſtry, that he raiſed, and completely formed, this Regiment of Foot in the Space of Ten Days; and immediately marched againſt the Enemy:

That the Committee find, by Teſtimonials, Certificates, and Letters, from the *Engliſh* Generals, and the Magiſtrates and Inhabitants of *Catalonia* and *Valentia*, That the ſaid *Marti* behaved himſelf, on all Occaſions, with great Zeal, Fidelity, and Bravery, in the Service:

That Colonel *Marti* laid before the Committee an Account, and Demand, for his Regiment of Foot, conſiſting of Two hundred Men; whereof he was conſtituted Colonel, as his Petition ſets forth; and which, upon his own Credit, he has paid and ſatisfied for Two Years, amounting to the Sum of 15,096 *l.* 18 *s.* 10 *d.*; in Part whereof he has received 1,257 *l.*; ſo that, upon the Balance, there remains due to him, according to this Account, 13,839 *l.* 18 *s.* 10 *d.*:

And, to make out this Account, having loſt his original Receipts and Vouchers when he was taken Priſoner by the Enemy, he produced to the Committee the Receipts of the ſeveral Captains in his Regiment, atteſting and acknowleging their Receipt of the full Pay for themſelves, and their reſpective Companies, from the Fourth of *February* 1706 to the Eleventh of *January* 1708.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to take the Services and Sufferings of Colonel *Joſeph Marti* into his Royal Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Mr. *Carteret* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a Conference with their Lordſhips, their Lordſhips do agree to a Conference; and appoint the ſame immediately, in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee, who were appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference, do manage the ſaid Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported, That the Managers had attended the Conference; and given the Reaſons directed by the Houſe; and left the Bill, and Amendments, with their Lordſhips.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Mercurii, 19° *die Martii*;
Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Litchfeild*, in the room of *Walter Chetwynd* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid City, hath accepted the Office of Paymaſter of divers annual Bounties and Penſions.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Wareham*, in the County of *Dorſet*, in the room of the Right Honourable *Thomas Erle* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted of a Penſion from the Crown during Pleaſure.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning*:

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords do deſire a Conference with this Houſe this Day, at Two of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to meet the Lords at a Conference, as is deſired by their Lordſhips.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the laſt Conference do manage this Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported, That they had met the Lords at a Conference; and that it was managed on the Part of the Lords by the Earl of *Stamford*; who acquainted the Managers, That the Lords do inſiſt upon the Amendments to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and

and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; which this Houſe had diſagreed unto; for which the Lords gave their Reaſons; which Mr. Sollicitor-General read in his Place; and afterwards delivered the ſame, with the Bill, and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſaid Reaſons were read; and are as follow; *viz.*

The Lords having taken into Conſideration the Reaſons given by the Commons, at the laſt Conference, for their diſagreeing with the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips to the Bill for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; which relate to Deer-ſtealers; their Lordſhips do inſiſt on thoſe Amendments:

Becauſe the Crime of Deer-ſtealing is, of late, very greatly increaſed, and carried on by Force and Numbers, in divers Parts of the Kingdom; to the great Terror of private Families, and of thoſe entruſted in the Keeping of Deer; and to the apparent Hazard of the Lives of many of his Majeſty's Subjects; for the Preventing of which, the Laws already in being are found to be ineffectual: The Lords cannot but obſerve, That, though the Commons diſagree to the whole Clauſe; yet their Objection ſeems only to relate to Part thereof; *viz.* to the Uncertainty of the Words Foreſts, Chaces, and Purlieus; which Words their Lordſhips find uſed in the Act, of the Third and Fourth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of Deer-ſtealers; although the Conviction, by that Act, is much eaſier, being to be before One or more Juſtices of Peace; whereas, by the Clauſe now in queſtion, ſuch Conviction muſt be by Indictment, which neceſſarily requires Two Juries: And therefore, as well for that the Boundaries are, as their Lordſhips conceive, ſufficiently certain, as for that theſe Words have ſtood ſo long in the afore-mentioned Act, their Lordſhips conceive it proper to uſe the ſame Words, they relating to the ſame Offence; though the Clauſe in queſtion is to enact a further Puniſhment.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth inſiſt upon their Diſagreement with the Lords to the ſaid Amendments.

Reſolved, That a free Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yonge* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid free Conference.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Browning:*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1718; and for making forth Duplicates for Exchequer-Bills, Lottery-Tickets, and Orders, loſt, burnt, or deſtroyed; and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament; without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for making the Dividend of ſubſcribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities, eſtabliſhed by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, payable half-yearly, at the Bank of *England*, without any Amendment. And alſo,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to take, examine, ſtate, and determine, the Debts due to the Army; and to examine and ſtate the Demands of ſeveral foreign Princes and States for Subſidies during the late War; without any Amendment.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Mr. *Yonge* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a free Conference, the Lords do agree to a free Conference; and appoint the ſame to be To-morrow, at Two of the Clock, in the Painted Chamber.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 20° die Martii;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

ORdered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Rocheſter*, in the County of *Kent*, in the room of Sir *John Jennings* Knight; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid City, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Eaſt-Retford*, in the County of *Nottingham*, in the room of *Thomas White* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Clerk of his Majeſty's Ordnance.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Portſmouth*, in the County of *Southampton*, in the room of Sir *Charles Wager* Knight; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Baron to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Port of *Dover*, in the room of *Matthew Aylmer* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Port, hath accepted the Office of Maſter of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, for his Life.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Baron to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Port of *Rye*, in the room of Sir *John Norris* Knight; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Port, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Knight of the Shire to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the County of *Bucks*, in the room of *Richard Hampden* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Treaſurer of the Navy.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Arundell*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the room of *Thomas Micklethwaite* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Lieutenant-General of his Majeſty's Ordnance.

Ordered, That the Members who managed the laſt Conference do manage the free Conference with the Lords this Day upon the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; to which this Houſe diſagreed.

And the Managers went to the ſaid free Conference.

And, being returned;

Mr. Sollicitor-General reported, That the Managers had been at the ſaid free Conference; and had acquainted the Lords, That this Houſe had inſiſted on their diſ-

agreeing with their Lordſhips in the ſaid Amendments; and had left the Bill, and Amendments, with their Lordſhips.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Veneris, 21° *die Martii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1717.

PRAYERS.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Dormer* and Mr. *Lovibond:*

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords do not inſiſt on the Amendments, made by their Lordſhips, to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies; and the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; to which the Commons diſagreed.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Ripon*, in the County of *York*, in the room of the Right Honourable *John Aiſlabie* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Offices of Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer, and of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *New Woodſtock*, in the County of *Oxon*, in the room of *William Clayton* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of One of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Scarborough*, in the County of *York*, in the room of *William Thompſon* Eſquire; who, ſince his Election for the ſaid Borough, hath accepted the Office of Warden of his Majeſty's Mint.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee appointed to ſearch Precedents in relation to the Meſſage from the Lords, of the Fourth Inſtant, concerning ſuch Members of this Houſe who are Commiſſioners of Inquiry, and alſo Sir *David Dalrymple*, be entered in the Journals of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Report is as follows; *viz.*

That the Committee appointed to ſearch Precedents, with relation to the Meſſage ſent from the Lords, have met, according to the Order of the Houſe; and, having ſearched the Journals of the Houſe, do find,

That, upon the 2d *March*, 1° *Edward* VIth, the Maſter of the Rolls, Serjeant *Molyneux*, Serjeant *Hales*, and the King's Sollicitors, ſent from the Lords, to know the Pleaſure of the Houſe, if it be reſolved there to paſs upon the Attainder of the Admiral in ſuch Order as was paſſed in the Higher Houſe. Whereupon,

It is *Ordered*, That the Advertiſement thereof ſhall be ſent to the Lords by ſome of the Houſe.

It is *Reſolved*, That the Evidence ſhall be heard orderly, as it was before the Lords; and alſo to require, That the Lords, which affirm that Evidence, may come hither, and declare it *viva voce*; and this to be delivered to the Lord Protector by Mr. Speaker, and other the King's Privy-Council, of the Houſe.

Lunæ, 4° *Martii*.

The Maſter of the Rolls, *&c.* declared the King's Majeſty's Pleaſure to be, That the Admiral's Preſence was not neceſſary in this Court; and therefore not to be here: And further declared, That, if the Houſe would require to have the Lords to come to ſatisfy the Houſe for the Evidence againſt the Admiral, the Lords would come down.

It is *Ordered*, That Mr. Comptroller of the King's Privy-Council ſhall hear, *&c.* require the Lords, That if Neceſſity require to have the Lords come down, that, upon a further Suit, they may come down to the Houſe.

Upon the 20th *March*, 18 *Jac.* I^mi, Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Dr. *Bird* brought from the Lords a Meſſage, That they have conſidered of the Matters in the laſt Conference: They deſire to proceed with all Care and Expedition; deſire to examine, upon Oath, divers Gentlemen of Quality, particularly Sir *George Haſtings* and Sir *Richard Young:* That they have no Intention to violate the Privileges of this Houſe; but deſire theſe, and any other, though of this Houſe, whoſe Teſtimony ſhall be needful, may, by private Motion to them, without further Meſſage.

This to be done as private Men, voluntary.

Sir *George Haſtings* and Sir *Richard Yonge* offer voluntary to do this.

Leave for Sir *George Haſtings* and Sir *Richard Young* to go as private Men, and voluntarily, of themſelves.

Upon *Tueſday* 31 *July* 1660, a Meſſage from the Lords, by Two Maſters in Chancery: "Mr. Speaker, "Their Lordſhips deſire, That Mr. *Henry Seymour*, a "Member of this Houſe, will appear To-morrow Morn- "ing, at the Bar of the Lords Houſe, to anſwer ſome "Queſtions that ſhall be demanded of him touching Co- "lonel *Thomplinſon:* And they deſire, That this Houſe "will give Mr. *Henry Seymour* Leave to appear accord- "ingly."

Reſolved, That, at the Deſire of the Lords, the Houſe do give Leave to Mr. *Henry Seymour*, a Member of this Houſe, to attend the Lords, if he pleaſe, to anſwer ſome Queſtions concerning Colonel *Thomplinſon*.

The Meſſengers were called in; and Mr. Speaker gave them that Anſwer.

Upon 15th *Jan.* 1° *Willielmi & Mariæ: Ordered*, That Sir *John Kay*, and Mr. *Edward Mountague*, have Leave to attend the Houſe of Lords as Witneſſes upon the Bill for ſettling a Maintenance upon the Children of *Sidney Wortley*, alias *Mountague*, Eſquire, in caſe his Wife ſurvive.

Upon the 26 *Feb.* 1° *Will. & Mariæ*, Sir *Chriſtopher Muſgrave* informing the Houſe, That he was, by Order from the Lords, ſummoned to be ſworn at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords; and that their Lordſhips deſired, That this Houſe would give him Leave ſo to be; deſired to have the Direction of the Houſe therein;

Reſolved, That Sir *Chriſtopher Muſgrave* have Leave to go and be ſworn accordingly.

Upon the 13° of *November*, 1° K. *Wm. & Q. Mary*, A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Sir *Miles Cook*, and Mr. *Keck*; That, a Committee being appointed to examine who were the Adviſers and Proſecutors of the Murders of the Lord *Ruſſell*, Colonel *Sidney*, Sir *Thomas Armſtrong*, Mr. *Corniſh*, and others; and who were the Adviſers of Iſſuing out of Writs of *Quo Warranto*'s againſt Corporations; and who were the Regulators; and alſo who were the publick Aſſertors of the diſpenſing Power; That this Houſe be deſired, That Mr. Serjeant *Trenchard*, and *John Hampden* Eſquire, and ſuch other Members of this Houſe as can inform the Lords of the ſaid Committee about thoſe Matters, may have Leave to appear, when deſired, to declare their Knowlege therein.

Reſolved, That Leave be given to Mr. Serjeant *Trenchard*, and Mr. *Hampden* junior, to attend the Lords.

16th *November*, 1° *Wm. & Mar.*

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords by Sir *Miles Cook*, and Mr. *Methwin*; That *John Wildman* Eſquire may

may have Leave to come to the Lords Committees, who are appointed to conſider who were the Adviſers and Proſecutors of the ſaid Murders, to declare his Knowlege concerning thoſe Matters.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Wildman* may have Leave to go, as is deſired.

Upon the 21° *Nov.* 1° *Wm. & Mar.* A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Sir *Adam Oatley*, and Mr. *Meredith*; That the Lords did deſire, That Colonel *Godfrey*, and *Antony Row* Eſquire, might have Leave to come to the Committee, who are appointed to conſider who are the Adviſers and Proſecutors of the ſaid Murders.

Reſolved, That Colonel *Godfry*, and Mr. *Row*, have Leave to attend accordingly.

That, upon the 12th of *May*, 2 *Guliel. & Mariæ*, a Meſſage was ſent by the Lords, deſiring this Houſe to give Leave, That Sir *Robert Clayton* and Sir *George Treby* may attend that Houſe on *Wedneſday* next, to declare their Knowlege concerning the preſent Lieutenancy and Militia of the City of *London*.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That the Meſſengers be called in, and acquainted, That this Houſe will return an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in; and the Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Then the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do now adjourn;

It was, upon a Diviſion of the Houſe, reſolved in the Affirmative.

They do find, That, on the 5° *Februarii*, 3° *Guliel. & Mariæ*, Sir *Joſeph Tredenham* reported a Conference had with the Lords upon the Subject-matter of the Lords Amendments to the Bill, ſent up by the Commons, intituled, An additional Act for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to examine, take, and ſtate, the publick Accounts of the Kingdom: And that the Lords were not ſatisfied with the Reaſons given by the Commons touching the ſaid Amendments: And, amongſt the Reaſons offered by the Lords, it is reported in the Words following; *viz.*

" The Lords do agree, That, in the Act, paſſed in " the Nineteenth of King *Charles* the Second, for taking " Accounts, the Commiſſioners thereby conſtituted were " named by the Commons; and the Lords did agree to " it, both becauſe they approved of the Number and " Quality of the Perſons; and becauſe, they being not " Members of the Houſe of Commons, they might al- " ways be ſent for at the Pleaſure of the Lords, to ex- " plain any Matters relating to thoſe Accounts: But, the " Lords having now had Experience, by the laſt Act, " which conſtituted no Commiſſioners but only ſuch as " were of the Houſe of Commons, That their Lord- " ſhips cannot have thoſe Commiſſioners at any time be- " fore them, to anſwer ſuch Queſtions, or explain ſuch " Doubts, as their Lordſhips may have Occaſion to in- " quire into; or even to intimate ſuch Points as ſeem to " have been omitted either in the Accounts, or the Ob- " ſervations made thereupon; is One very great Reaſon " why the Lords have found it neceſſary to name ſuch in " this Bill as their Lordſhips may, from time to time, " receive Informations from; without which, their Lord- " ſhips examining into the Accounts will prove defective " and dilatory."

And, after Conſideration of the ſaid Report, it was

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth inſiſt upon their Diſagreement with the Lords in the Amendments to the ſaid Bill: And,

Reſolved, That a free Conference ſhould be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That the Members who managed the ſaid Conference, do meet this Afternoon at Four a Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber, and prepare for the ſaid Conference.

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Sabbati, 6° *die Februarii*;
3° *Guliel. & Mariæ.*

Ordered, That Sir *Joſeph Tredenham* do go to the Lords, and deſire a free Conference with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference.

Sir *Joſeph Tredenham* reported, That he having, according to Order, been at the Lords, to deſire a free Conference, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt Conference, the Lords do agree to a free Conference accordingly; and appoint the ſame upon *Monday* Morning next.

Lunæ, 8° *die Februarii*;
3° *Guliel. & Mariæ.*

The Managers appointed went to the aforeſaid free Conference.

And, being returned;

Sir *Joſeph Tredenham* reported, That they had attended the ſaid free Conference, according to the Order of the Houſe; and acquainted the Lords, That this Houſe had inſiſted on their diſagreeing with their Lordſhips in the Amendments to the Bill for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to examine, take, and ſtate, the publick Accounts of the Kingdom.

Mercurii, 10° *die Februarii*;
3° *Guliel. & Mariæ.*

A Meſſage from the Lords, deſiring a free Conference with this Houſe this Day at One a Clock, upon the Subject-matter of the laſt free Conference.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree to a free Conference with the Lords, as they do deſire.

And Mr. Speaker acquainted the Meſſengers therewith.

Then the Managers appointed went to the free Conference with the Lords.

And, being returned;

Sir *Edward Seymour* reported, That the Managers had attended the free Conference; and that the Lord *Rocheſter* managed the ſame on the Part of the Lords; and brought the Bill, and read the Title of it, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to examine, take, and ſtate, the publick Accounts of the Kingdom; and acquainted them, That the Reaſons given at the laſt Conference had been reported to the Lords; and that they had due Conſideration of them; but that, notwithſtanding, they did not depart from their Amendments to the Bill, but did adhere to their Amendments; and delivered the Bill, and Amendments, back again: And the ſame were brought up to the Table.

Reſolved, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch and inſpect the Journals, and Precedents, touching the Methods of Conferences, and free Conferences, between the Two Houſes; and to report the ſame to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Report of the Two laſt free Conferences be made to the Houſe upon *Saturday* Morning next.

13° *Februarii.*

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee appointed to ſearch and inſpect the Journals, touching the Methods of Conferences, and free Conferences, between the Two Houſes, be made upon *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Sabbati, 13 *Feb.* 3° *Wm. & Mary.*

Upon the Report of the free Conferences had upon the Subject-matter, amongſt other Things, it was reported, as delivered by the Lords thereat; *viz.*

" That the Lords had experienced by the laſt Act, " That the Inquiries their Lordſhips are directed to take " by this Act are defective and dilatory, for want of " Commiſſioners that can attend them, and are able to " explain ſuch Things as they may have Occaſion to in- " quire into; and it cannot be imagined that Satisfaction " by writing to them, which they may arrive at by per- " ſonal Examination."

And, in another Part of the ſaid Report, their Lordſhips ſay, " That it is but reaſonable they likewiſe ſhould " name ſuch Commiſſioners as they may have Authority

" to

" to call upon; for the Commons will hardly allow them " Authority to ſend for the Members of the Houſe of " Commons."

Upon the 8th of *December*, 8 *Willielmi*, A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. Juſtice *Eyres* and Mr. Baron *Powis*; That, there being Occaſion to examine the Lord *Cutts*, and Mr. *Vernon*, Members of this Houſe, in relation to the Bill, intituled, An Act to attaint Sir *John Fenwick* Baronet, of High Treaſon, the Lords deſire, That they may appear in the Houſe of Lords, when ſuch Occaſion ſhall require.

Ordered, That the Lord *Cutts*, and Mr. *Vernon*, have Leave to appear at the Houſe of Lords, as their Lordſhips do deſire.

On the 12th *Januarii*, 8° *Gulielmi Tertii*, a Meſſage was ſent from the Lords, in the Words following; *viz.* " Mr. Speaker, The Lords do deſire, That this Houſe " will give Leave to Mr. *Vernon*, a Member of this " Houſe, to attend their Lordſhips, to be examined con- " cerning ſome Informations given to their Lordſhips, " relating to the Diſcovery, in *February* laſt, of the hor- " rid Conſpiracy againſt his Majeſty's Perſon."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

It was reſolved to give Leave to Mr. *Vernon* to attend their Lordſhips, as their Lordſhips deſired.

And the Meſſengers were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

20th *Januarii*.

A Meſſage was brought from the Lords, That the Lords deſired Sir *Edward Abney*, and Mr. *Denzill Onſlow*, Members of this Houſe, might have Leave to attend the Lords Houſe, to be examined in a Matter depending in that Houſe between the Earl of *Huntington*, and his Son the Lord *Haſtings*: And it was

Reſolved, That Sir *Edward Abney*, and Mr. *Onſlow*, might attend the Lords, as their Lordſhips deſired.

On the 20th of *March*, 9° *Gulielmi*, a Meſſage was ſent by the Lords to this Houſe, in the Words following; *viz.* " Mr. Speaker, The Lords do deſire, That ſuch " Members of this Houſe as are Commiſſioners of the " Admiralty may have Leave to attend the Lords Com- " mittees, when deſired, appointed to make an Inquiry " concerning the *Thoulon* Squadron's getting into *Breſt* " without any Oppoſition, in *April* 1696."

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

Upon the 25th, a Second Meſſage from the Lords; *viz.* " The Lords having ſent a Meſſage to this Houſe, " the 20th Inſtant, to deſire, That ſuch Members of " this Houſe as were Commiſſioners of the Admiralty " might have Liberty to attend the Lords Committees " appointed to make Inquiry concerning the *Thoulon* " Squadron's getting into *Breſt*, without any Oppoſition, " in *April* 1696; to which Meſſage this Houſe returned " Anſwer, That they would ſend their Lordſhips an " Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own; and that, their " Lordſhips having received no Anſwer, they do put " this Houſe in mind thereof."

On the 26th of *March* the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the aforeſaid Meſſage from the Lords, of the 20th Inſtant.

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being propoſed, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch Precedents of what hath been done in the like Caſes;

The previous Queſtion was put, That that Queſtion be now put:

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have Leave to attend the Lords Committees, when deſired, appointed to make an Inquiry concerning the *Thoulon* Squadron getting into *Breſt*, without any Oppoſition, in *April* 1696.

Ordered, That Colonel *Granville* do go to the Lords, and acquaint them therewith.

Upon the 9th Day of *April*, 9° *Guliel.* a Meſſage was brought from the Lords, to deſire, That Sir *Joſeph Hern*, a Member of this Houſe, might have Leave to attend the Lord Committees appointed, amongſt other Things, to make Inquiry concerning Letters of Mart.

It was reſolved, That Sir *Joſeph Hern* ſhould have Leave to attend, as the Lords do deſire.

Upon the 21ſt *Mar.* 10° *Guliel. Tertii*, a Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by the Lord Chief Baron *Ward*, and Mr. Juſtice *Nevill*; viz. " Mr. Speaker, " We are commanded by the Lords to acquaint this " Houſe, That whereas a ſcandalous Paper, reflecting on " the Lord Chancellor, and his Proceedings in the Court " of Chancery, hath been complained of, and read, in " the Houſe of Lords; of which their Lordſhips are " informed, upon Oath, That Mr. *Robert Bertie*, a " Member of this Houſe, can give ſome Account; their " Lordſhips do deſire, That, for that Purpoſe, this " Houſe will give Leave for him to appear before the " Lords."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Martis, 22° *die Martii*;
10° *Guliel. Tertii.*

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords, Yeſterday, touching Mr. *Robert Bertie*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up, upon the Debate of the Houſe, an Anſwer to be given to the ſaid Meſſage: And that they do immediately withdraw into the Speaker's Chamber, and draw up the ſame.

Mercurii, 23° *die Martii*;
10 *Gulielmi Tertii.*

The Lord *Spencer* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Anſwer, upon the Debate of the Houſe, to be given to the Meſſage from the Lords, upon *Monday* laſt, touching Mr. *Robert Bertie*, That they had drawn up the ſame accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the ſame was read; and is as followeth; *viz.*

" The Commons having received a Meſſage from " your Lordſhips, wherein your Lordſhips did acquaint " them, That a ſcandalous Paper, reflecting on the Lord " Chancellor, and his Proceedings in the Court of Chan- " cery, has been complained of, and read, in the Houſe " of Lords; of which your Lordſhips are informed, " upon Oath, That Mr. *Robert Bertie*, a Member of the " Houſe of Commons, can give ſome Account; your " Lordſhips do deſire, That, for that Purpoſe, the Com- " mons would give Leave for him to appear before your " Lordſhips; the Commons have commanded us to ac- " quaint your Lordſhips, That, they not being informed, " by the ſaid Meſſage, of the particular Matters con- " tained in the ſaid Paper, or upon what Grounds your " Lordſhips aſk to have their Member appear before you, " they deſire your Lordſhips to let them know what the " Nature of that Account is which is expected from their " Member."

The Anſwer, being read a Second time, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Anſwer be delivered to the Lords at a Conference.

Reſolved, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the Meſſage from their Lordſhips, upon *Monday* laſt, touching Mr. *Robert Bertie*.

Ordered, That the Lord *Spencer* do go to the Lords, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

The Lord *Spencer* reported, That he having, according to Order, been to deſire a Conference with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of their Meſſage, upon *Monday* laſt, touching Mr. *Robert Bertie*, the Lords anſwered, That they will return an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

Jovis,

Jovis, 24° *die Martii*;
10° *Gulielmi Tertii*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Miles Cook*, and Mr. *Meredith*; That the Lords do agree to a Conference deſired by this Houſe, upon the Subject-matter of the Meſſage from their Lordſhips to this Houſe, in relation to Mr. *Robert Bertie*; and do appoint it preſently, in the Painted Chamber.

Ordered, That the Committee who drew the Anſwer touching Mr. *Bertie* do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And, being returned;

The Lord *Spencer* reported, That they had given to the Lords the Anſwer directed by this Houſe.

Upon the 25th *Januarii*, 7° *Annæ Reginæ*, a Meſſage was brought from the Lords by Sir *Richard Holford*, and Mr. *Pitt*; viz. That the Lords deſire this Houſe to give Leave to Sir *Samuel Maclellan*, Mr. *Dugall Stuart*, and Mr. *Cockran Kilmarnock*, to attend the Houſe of Lords To-morrow, at Eleven a Clock, to give their Teſtimony in relation to the Election of the Sixteen Peers of *Scotland* returned to ſerve in this preſent Parliament.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to ſearch Precedents in relation to the ſaid Meſſage.

Jovis, 27 *die Jan.*

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom it was referred to ſearch Precedents in relation to the Meſſage from the Lords, the 25th Inſtant, having not made a Report, be diſcharged from further Proceeding.

Ordered, That Sir *Samuel Macklellan*, Mr. *Dugal Stewart*, and Mr. *Cockran Kilmarnock*, have Leave, if they think fit, to appear at the Houſe of Lords, for the Purpoſes mentioned in their Lordſhips Meſſage to this Houſe the 25th Inſtant.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That the Lord *William Powlett* do carry the ſaid Meſſage.

Upon the 5th *July*, *Anno* 13° *Annæ Reginæ*, a Meſſage was brought from the Lords, by Mr. *Lovibond* and Mr. *Holford*; viz. "We are commanded by the Lords "to acquaint this Houſe, That they, having under their "Conſideration Matters of great Moment relating to the "Trade of this Kingdom, do deſire, That ſuch Mem-"bers of this Houſe who are Commiſſioners for Trade "and Plantations may have Liberty to attend them this "Day."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will return an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, this Day, at One of the Clock, take the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration.

The Houſe, according to Order, took into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe who are Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations have Liberty to go to the Lords, if they think fit.

Ordered, That Mr. *Finch* do go to the Lords, and acquaint them therewith, in Anſwer to the Meſſage received from them.

Jovis, 8° *Julii*;
Anno 13° *Annæ Reginæ*.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Thomas Gery*, and Mr. *Rogers*: "We are commanded by the Lords to "acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords deſire, That ſuch "Members of this Houſe as are of the Committee of the "*South-Sea* Company for the *Aſſiento*, and alſo *Wm.* "*Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, may have "Leave to attend the Houſe of Lords this Day."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That the Meſſengers be called in again, and acquainted, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

The Houſe took the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of the Committee of the *South-Sea* Company for the *Aſſiento*, and alſo *William Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Liberty to go to the Houſe of Lords, if they think fit;

The Houſe divided.

For the Yeas, 57.
For the Noes, 72.

So it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to acquaint them, That this Houſe doth not think fit to give Leave to their Members to go to the Houſe of Lords; their Lordſhips having not, in their Meſſage, ſpecified the Cauſe upon which their Lordſhips deſire their Attendance.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*: "Mr. Speaker, We are commanded by the "Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That they, having this "Day under their Examination Matters relating to the "*South-Sea* Company, which are of great Conſequence "to the Trade of this Kingdom, do deſire, That this "Houſe will give Leave to ſuch Members of this Houſe "as are of the Committee of the *South-Sea* Company for "the *Aſſiento*, and *William Lowndes* Eſquire, may have "Leave to attend the Houſe of Lords this Day."

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth give Leave to ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of the Committee of the *South-Sea* Company for the *Aſſiento*, and to *William Lowndes* Eſquire, another of their Members, to go to the Houſe of Lords, if they think fit.

The Committee alſo find, That, on 30th *July*, 1° *Georgii Regis*, a Meſſage was ſent from the Lords by Mr. *Holford* and Mr. *Lovibond*: "Mr. Speaker, We are "commanded by the Lords to acquaint this Houſe, That "the Lords deſire this Houſe will give Leave, That *Tho-*"*mas Vernon*, of *Twickenham* Park, Eſquire, a Member "of this Houſe, may come to the Lords Committees for "Privileges, to whom the Complaint of a Breach of the "Earl of *Abingdon*'s Privilege is referred, in order to be "examined by the ſaid Committee touching the Matter "of the ſaid Complaint."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Ordered, That *Thomas Vernon* Eſquire have Leave to attend the Lords, at their Committee of Privileges, if he thinks fit.

And the Meſſengers were called in again; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And, upon 3° *September*, 2° *Georgii Regis*, a Meſſage was ſent from the Lords, by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Holford*: "Mr. Speaker, We are commanded by the Lords "to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips deſire "*William Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, "may have Leave to attend the Committee of the Houſe "of Lords, to whom the Bill, intituled, An Act for "Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, "concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on "the ſame, ſtands committed."

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will ſend an Anſwer by Meſſengers of their own.

And the Meſſengers were called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith.

And then the Meſſengers withdrew.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Lords, this Day brought from their Lordſhips, in relation to Mr. *Lowndes*, a Member of this Houſe:

And a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That *William Lowndes* Eſquire, a Member of this Houſe, have Leave to attend a Committee of the Houſe of Lords, to whom the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Merchants, Importers of Tobacco and Wine, concerned

concerned in Bonds given for Part of the Duties on the ſame, is committed;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Lords, upon the Subject-matter of the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons, to be offered to the Lords at the ſaid Conference.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Majeſty, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend his Majeſty, immediately, in the Houſe of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where his Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral publick and private Bills:

After which, his Majeſty was pleaſed to ſay;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I Have commanded my Lord Chancellor to deliver, in my Name and Words, what I think fit ſhould be ſaid to you, on my putting an End to this Seſſion of Parliament.

And thereupon his Lordſhip received, from his Majeſty's Hands, from the Throne, his Majeſty's Speech to both Houſes of Parliament; which he read:

And afterwards the Lord Chancellor, by his Majeſty's Command ſaid;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majeſty's Royal Pleaſure is, That this Parliament be prorogued to *Tueſday* the Twentieth Day of *May* next, to be then here held: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to *Tueſday* the Twentieth Day of *May* next.

Martis, 20° *die Maii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the Twenty-ſecond Day of *July* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Tueſday* the Twenty-ſecond Day of *July* next.

Martis, 22° *die Julii*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the Sixteenth Day of *September* next.

And the Parliament was prorogued accordingly until *Tueſday* the Sixteenth Day of *September* next.

Martis, 16° *die Septembris*;

Anno 4° Georgii Regis, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Mr. *Incledon*, Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, deſire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable Houſe, in the Houſe of Peers, to hear the Commiſſion read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to the Houſe of Peers: Where the ſaid Commiſſion was read, for proroguing the Parliament until *Tueſday* the Eleventh Day of *November* next.

And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until *Tueſday* the Eleventh Day of *November* next.

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